

South Central Federation

Newsletter



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We were honored to have Richard and Linda Jaeger with us at the show in Baton Rouge, this year.

Richard is serving as the AFMS President and Linda serves as the Chair of the AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest.

Together they presented certificates and trophies from the AFMS Contest to the SCFMS Bulletin winners in this year's contest

Richard also helped in judging the Competitive Exhibits.

Thanks Richard and Linda for being there.

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OUR TROOPS
AND THEIR
FAMILIES WHO ARE
SERVING IN THE
MILITARY



SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION OF MINERAL SOCIETIES, INC.

PURPOSE

To promote popular interest and education in the various earth sciences, in particular those hobbies dealing with the art of lapidaries and the science of minerals, fossils, as well as their associated fields.

To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions or other groups engaged in increasing knowledge in the earth sciences.

To cooperate with or become members of similar Federations in the United States and elsewhere.

To assist in the formation of earth sciences societies in localities where public interest justifies their formation.

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION

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NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The DEADLINE for each Newsletter is the 10th of the following months: January - March - May - July - September and November. As a reminder! Shop hints and tips that are

used in this Newsletter, have not been evaluated for safety or reliability by myself. Please use caution and safety when trying out any new idea.

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SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION'S ANNUAL MEETING:

The Federation's next annual meeting will be held on: October 24, 2015.

ANNUAL SHOW

The Austin Gem and Mineral Society, Austin, TX, will host the SCFMS Show in 2015, to be held on October 23-25, 2015. So, mark your calendar and plan to be there for that show. We will be having more information about the festivities as time goes on, which are being planned at this moment.

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

The annual silent auction will be held during the SCFMS Show and convention. Donations are greatly welcomed and needed. Rocks, fossils, minerals, jewelry and hobby related items are among the items needed. Bring or send them items to the show. Proceeds from the silent auction go in the SCFMS Endowment Fund.

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THE NASH RAMBLER

John D. Nash, SCFMS President



The last two months have been eventful for the "Nash Rambler". The AFMS Annual Meeting and Show, held July 9-13, hosted by the RMFMS was our first destination. The Tulsa group did a great job as hosts, and the Hilton Garden Inn made us all feel at home. Attendance at the AFMS meetings has given me a better understanding of how belonging to the AFMS Federation strengthens our individual Federation as well as our local society. The SCFMS was well represented by our officers and garnered our fair share of awards. Be sure to look at the Web site (www.amfed.org) for a full listing of those awards.

On August 8 we made our way to Baton Rouge for the SCFMS Annual Meeting and Show. The Baton Rouge G&MS made the way easy

for a great time. All of the meetings as well as the show, were held in the Marriott Hotel. The two day event was packed with lots of business, information, and fun. The new officers were elected, chairmen appointed, reports and budget approved, and the stage set for a new year to begin November first for the South Central Federation. The [www, SCFMS.net](http://www.scfms.net) Web site, has information that will be helpful to each club in the SCFMS.

If you are computer troglodyte and have trouble with the Web sites, have your child or grandchild print the information you need.

The latest trip was to our own 20th Annual Show in Jasper August 23. We were very pleased with the Show this year and also excited to

see so many of our fellow SCFMS members from other clubs here to support us. We have a strong group of vendors that make our show a success. Jim Marler was with us at our first show, then Keith Harmon joined the group for the third show and they have been a part of each one since then.

On August 14 I had surgery in Houston for detached retina in my right eye. The doctors tell me it will be four to six weeks before my vision is restored if everything progresses the way it should. I lost the vision in my left eye about thirty-four years ago because of a detached retina, so I am trying to follow the doctors orders.

John Nash



A lot of people enjoyed the show, and it seemed like the dealers were enjoying it also. There were a lot of things to see and buy. I was able to add to a new display for our schools. Of course it may take a few days to get it all made. Paul

A ROCK COLLECTION

It has been said, he one who has a rock collection must have:
 A house big enough to hold it,
 A soul big enough b appreciate it,
 A heart big enough b share it,
 A head big enough to hold the surplus.
 from SCFMS Newsletter, July-August 1981 & 2011

BAG YOUR LITTER

Then place it
in your
container.



GINNA'S GEMS

Virginia Adian, Interim Executive V.P.

I have thought I was writing my last article as an officer for SCFMS newsletter a few times in the past. It has been my pleasure to serve as interim Executive Vice-president over the last 5 months. I am very optimistic about the new leadership elected at the annual meeting in Baton Rouge in August. I want to encourage club officers and members to give the new officers your support and cooperation. There are a lot of jobs to be done in our regional federation. You can hold an office in your club and still accept a responsibility to serve on an SCFMS committee. Let Dale Miller, our incoming president, know that you want to be of service. You will see her as a vendor at many of our gem shows.

A question was brought up that many officers and committee chairmen did not even send in a report for the annual meeting. This has been a problem since I became active in SCFMS. I know it is not possible to always attend the meeting because of distance and expenses, but I also question how much work is being done, if there is nothing to report. I want to encourage all district vice-presidents to contact all the clubs in your district, try to attend a club meeting, and encourage the club presidents to attend the annual meeting, if at all possible. Clubs should help with travel expenses for the president, a member of the SCFMS board of directors, so their club will be represented.

At the annual AFMS meeting in Tulsa in July, I was elected as AFMS 1st vice-president for the coming year. I will be appointed by the AFMS president as a non-voting member of some committee(s). I will be your representative on the Executive Board of AFMS. I will be looking for responsible club members who might be recommended to serve on AFMS committees. Please let me know of members in your clubs who are willing to be more involved.

Virginia Adian
Interim SCFMS Exec. VP



IN MEMORY Paul E. Batterton, Sr.

Paul E. Batterton Sr., age 91, passed away on August 8, 2014, in Cedar Park, TX. He was born on August 16, 1922 in Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Paul is survived by his Son, Paul E. Batterton Jr. and daughter, Debbie Ruckel.

Paul was a life time member of the Southwest Gem & Mineral Society, San Antonio, TX. Paul did a lot of cutting and polishing slabs, and always had a lot of displays for the SWGMS Shows. He has not been able to attend the shows for a few years, because of his health.

I remember the first SWGMS show where I exhibited, Paul's display and my display were close together, and this is where I got to know him better.

If you would like to contact his family, you may contact: Debbie Ruckel, 658 Speed Horse, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. (written by: your Editor, Paul Good)





SAFETY REPORT



by: Owen Martin, SCFMS Safety Coordinator

Lightning Strikes - Facts verses Myths

A couple of summers ago I was enjoying a drive along the west side of Lake Semeca in New York's wine country. It is truly a beautiful area with the deep blue lake surrounded by rolling hills of farmland and vineyards. While I was driving, I encountered a fairly typical summer pop-up shower, but my leisurely drive was about to change. My rental car was struck by lightning! Luckily, the car and I were okay. And then LAST WEEK... The light pole in front of our house was struck by lightning--which also took out our phone system, a cable box, a couple of light fixtures. The bulb above my oven, and the motor in my easy chair!

So this week when I read an article on Yahoo that was written by Ryan Wallace, a Senior Editor for Yahoo Health, I thought I would share it with you. I borrowed the following excerpts from his article to share with our members. He cites information from his interview with John Jensenius, a meteorologist and lightning safety specialist for the National Weather Service. Hopefully this will help keep us safe--especially during the summer months when lightning strikes are at their peak. Be safe out there!

Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Fact: This one has been around so long it's been turned into a popular idiom. Too bad it's simply not true. Lightning can strike multiple times in the same place, especially if that place is really tall and pointy. (Case in point: The Empire State Building is hit nearly 100 times a year.)

Myth: If it's not raining or there aren't clouds overhead, you're safe from lightning.

Fact: The most important thing people should know is that if they hear thunder, they are within striking distance of lightning, according to Jensenius. And most people misjudge how far they are away from a storm. "You can hear thunder from a distance of about 10 miles, and lightning can strike outward from a storm as far as 10 miles," he added. "If you hear thunder, you are likely within striking distance."

Myth: Rubber tires on a car protect you by insulating you from the ground.

Fact: You are, in fact, protected in most cars, said Jensenius, but contrary to popular belief, it's the hard metal surrounding that's keeping you safe, not the rubber tires. Tires don't protect you at all, so remember that when you are on a motorcy-

cle, bicycle, or ATV (such as a fourwheeler), or lawnmower during a storm. Convertibles and cars with fiberglass shells offer no protection either. If in the car during a thunderstorm, don't lean on the doors as they contain parts that can draw in electricity from outside the vehicle.

Myth: If you are in a house, you are 100 percent safe from lightning.

Fact: A substantial building offers the best protections, said Jensenius, but there are still a few things to remember. The No. 1 way to avoid getting struck by lightning is to get inside as quickly as possible. But if lightning strikes a house, chances are it's going to find the wiring or plumbing and follow it to the ground, so you don't want to be touching or near anything connected to them. You shouldn't take a shower or be washing your hands or doing the dishes in a lightning storm either. And anything plugged into the wall can be electrified during a strike. Stay away from doors and windows too. Like car doors, they have metal parts that can attract electricity.

Myth: If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, you should flat on the ground.

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FUTURE ROCKHOUSES CORNER



AFMS & SCFMS WINNERS IN THE JUNIOR BULLETIN CONTEST
Jackson and Noelle Skubal and Asis Husain



It was great to receive the results of the AFMS winners in the Junior Bulletin Contest announced at the AFMS Convention this year. Jackson Skubal was the first place winner, and his sister, Noelle, placed 3rd in the Junior Poetry Contest. Also, Asas Husain received first place in the Junior Articles Category. (Asas'



MINING FOR THE ROCKS

by: Jackson Skubal, age 11

Member of the Houston Gem & Min. Soc.

Pick at a rock, dig up a rock
 Searching for gems with eyes like a hawk
 Quartz here, and a bit of marble there
 Rocks, rocks, rocks are everywhere

Suddenly, I dug up a magnificent sapphire
 Its color was that of a dying fire
 The corundum had a star when it saw the light
 The crimson stone was a very pretty sight

I dug up a ruby, bright and red
 It was heavy as a weight of lead
 I found an emerald, clear as glass
 Standing out prettier than a peacock wrasse

I chipped out some mica, flat as paper
 It was rusted as green as a caper
 As I dug, something caught my eye
 A piece of topaz as clear as the sky

I noticed a shiny, black hue
 I had found a spot where diamonds grew
 I located a fossil, on a plate
 Sitting next to a piece of agate

The time came to return to our abode
 When my father said: "You've got quite a load!"
 I just smiled and got in the car
 To start the trip home, it would be very far

I stared at my rocks, I was proud of myself
 I could not wait to put them on the shelf

HOPE

By: Noelle Skubal, age 13

Member of the Houston Gem & Min. Soc.

The hum of the crowd in my ears,
 Drifting in controlled chaos
 Toward a petite glass box.
 Within the glass there lies
 A deep blue gem with snowy eyes.
 Gazing at the stone I see
 A lady not much taller than me.
 Perhaps wishing for a jewel
 Where all the light seems to pool.
 Two children side-by-side
 Gape at it with wonder-filled eyes.
 I turn my gaze to the dazzling star of the show,
 Attended like a queen by sixteen
 Ladies-in-waiting.
 Were kings and queens of old
 Adorned by this treasures of blue?
 Did empires die for the majesty
 Of this diamond of sapphire hue?
 There are none who can say, anymore,
 None but Hope, sitting forever
 Abound with mystery in her beautiful allure.



This picture of Asas Husain was taken at the 2013 Fossil Fest, of the Paleontological Soc. of Austin.

Noelle won 1st place and Jackson took 2nd Place in the SCFMS Poetry Contest. Asas took 1st Place in the Junior Articles Contest.

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FUTURE ROCKOUNDS CORNER

Just a little more about Jackson and Noelle. They are not new at winning in the Junior division of the bulletin contests. Jackson's Junior Article won first place in the 2013 SCFMS Contest. Noelle won the 2011 - Junior Article and in 2010 she took first place in Junior Poem Contest.

Linda Jaeger, the AFMS Bulletin Editor's Aids Chairperson said about Noelle's article, "An Ode to Back Benders" (which won in 2011) "It's my very favorite poem to be submitted for the Junior Poetry division."

I hope that the parents and clubs will encourage our FUTURE ROCK-HOUNDS to write articles for their club newsletters.

Junior Members, keep up the GOOD work you are doing.



John Nash, Emerson Tucker & Paul Good

PATRON II RECIPIENTS

At the Annual Meeting, John Nash presented a certificate to: Emerson Tucker and Paul Good.

John also had certificates for Pat Tucker, Ed Ries and Margaret Good, who were not at the meeting.

They joined the past Patron II Recipients who are: James Engelking; Else Engelking; Jim Belcher; Ed Immel; Mignon Wagner; Jean Wallace and George Browne.

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Fact: If you're outside and unable to get indoors. There is nothing you can really do to be 100 percent safe, said Jensenius. So what can you do to lower your risk of being struck? Avoid open areas, and do not lie down. Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current. "Lightning doesn't strike the ground and disappear," said Jensenius. "After it hits, it spreads out along the surface. If you are lying down, you are in more danger."

Owen

There sure was plenty of food on those plates. Everyone was filled to the top, and some was left over.



2014 AFMS SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE

At the Banquet, Virginia Adian presented a plaque to Keith Harmon, the 2014 AFMS Scholarship Honoree from the SCFMS.

Keith chose Stephen F. Austin State University for two students to receive a \$4000 Scholarship.

Keith received a degree from SFA State in 1971.

Garrett Harris and Wesley Turner were selected by the SFA Faculty of Geology. These young men are exceptional students and are very deserving of the scholarships. It was good to get to meet them at the banquet. To Garrett and Wesley, we wish you a great year this term.



SCFMS GOLD SPARK PLUG AWARD FOR 2014



by Ike House, Chairman



Virginia Adian has served her former club as President, Vice President, Secretary, Show Chairman, and activities director. She has served the Federation as a variety of roles. She has served as President and Vice President, AFMS Scholarship Fund SCFMS chairman First Vice President, on the SCFMS Long Range Planning Committee, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the Auditing Committee. She is a very skilled and kind teacher, especially of wire wrapping and has been instrumental in bringing many into the joys of rockhounding and wire wrapping. She models a true ambassador for our wonderful hobby!

The Gold Spark Plug Award is presented by the SCFMS for outstanding service to the federation. The recipients are distinguished by their ability to lead and inspire others. Like the spark plug in any engine, he or she provides the necessary spark to cause the engine to run, and run well. The Gold Spark Plug Award is the highest honor presented by the SCFMS. Those of us who have been the beneficiary of the efforts of the current and past recipients salute these wonderful folks and say, "Well done!"

The award is presented when a deserving candidate is identified. Occasionally more than one person may receive the award in the same year. The Gold Spark Plug Award is presented at the Annual Awards Banquet held each year at the SCFMS Federation show. Past recipients and the chairman comprise the selection committee. Receiving this award is a true compliment because it is given by peers who often have stood alongside with the recipient, shoulder-to-shoulder, doing the work that makes the Federation great!.

Those who have received the Gold Spark Plug Award are:

- 1991- Ed Immel (d)
- 1992 - Mignon Wagner (d)
- 1993 - Bill Cox
- 1994 - Ed Ries
- 1994 - Simonne Wood (d)
- 1996 - Gala Ries
- 1998 - Jean Wallace
- 1998 - Emmette Wallace (d)
- 1998 - Bill Jennings (d)
- 2000 - George Browne (d)
- 2001 - William and Lois Patillo
- 2003 - Paul Good
- 2010 - Emerson Tucker
- 2011 - Mary Trammell
- 2012 - Keith Harmon
- 2013 - Don Shurtz
- 2014 - Virginia Adian

(d) deceased



2013 SCFMS BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS



Ray Duplechain, SCFMS Chair

LARGE BULLETINS

1st Place - Phyllis George
"The Backbender's Gazette"
Houston G&M Soc.

SMALL BULLETINS

1st Place - Susan Burch
"Rock n Rose"
East Texas G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Carolyn Perkins
"The Stone Chipper"
Austin G&M Soc.

3rd Place - Sylvia Kernen
"Slabs & Cabs"
Gulf Coast G&M Soc.

4th Place - Cheryl Duplechain
"Red Stick Rockhound News"
The Baton Rouge G&M Soc.

MINI BULLETINS

1st Place - Don Shurtz
"Chips and Chatter"
Pleasant Oaks G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Erich Rose
"Paleo Footnotes"
Paleontological Soc. of Austin

ADULT POETRY

1st Place - Susan Burch
"Are They All Just Rocks?"
East Texas G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Kenny Polve
"Walker Ranch Trip"
East Texas G&M Soc.

3rd Place - Edward Clay
"My Way"
Houston G&M Soc.

4th Place - Marilyn Gilbraith
"Purple Glimpse"
Austin G&M Soc.

JUNIOR POETRY

1st Place - Noelle Skubal
"Hope"
Houston G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Jackson Skubal
"Mining in the Rocks"
Houston G&M Soc.

JUNIOR ARTICLE

1st Place Asas Husain
"Fossil Fest"
Paleontological Soc. of Austin

ORIGINAL ADULT ADVANCED

1st Place - Neal Immega
"The Best T. Rex in the World"
Houston G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Albert J. Robb III
"Some of the First American
Fossils to be figured In
Scientific Literature"
Houston G&M Soc.

3rd Place - John Anderson
"The Miner and Jade"
Houston G&M Soc.

4th Place - Terrell W. Proctor
"Astronomy, Radioactive
Minerals and You"
Houston G&M Soc.

5th Place - Dr. Garth Clark
"The Surprising Richness of
Texas Archeology"
Houston G&M Soc.

HM - Frank Dickson
"Fun With Min. At Papoose Flat"
Houston G&M Soc.

HM - Mark Villanueva
"Organic Jewelry"
Houston G&M Soc.

ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLE

1st Place - Russell Wheeler
"Geologist Corner Alaskan
Yellow Fever"
Gulf Coast G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Don Shurtz
"Iron Pyrite"
Pleasant Oaks G&M Soc.

3rd Place - Josie Middleton
"Mineral Handling Etiquette"
Austin G&M Soc.

4th Place - Ling Shurtz
"Pyrite Cleaning - An
Alternate Cleaner"
Pleasant Oaks G&M Soc.

HM - Gail Spann
"The Art of Display:
Rough and Cut"
Pleasant Oaks G&M Soc.

HM - Lee Elms
"Birthstone for Oct. Opal"
(the last two from)
Pleasant Oaks G&M Soc.

HM - Mark Brackin
"Warfield Fish Quarry,
Kimmerer WY"
Gulf Coast G&M Soc.

HM - Chase Jennings
"Microfossil Collecting: The
Most Fun You Can Have"
Houston G&M Soc.

HM - Mark & Renita Brackin
"To Alaska & Back, Jade City In
British Columbia"
Gulf Coast G&M Soc.

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Original Adult Articles
(Continued)

HM - Carolyn Grady
"Sapphire"
Pleasant Oaks G&M Soc.

FEATURES

1st Place - Garth Clark
Pleasant Oaks G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Chris Peak
60th Annual HGMS Show
Houston G&M Soc.

3rd Neal Immega
"Slab Happy"
Houston G&M Soc.

4th Becky Whiseanant
"May Meeting Minutes"
East Texas G&M Soc.

5th - Susan Burch
"Field Trip To the Perot
Museum"
East Texas G&M Soc.

HM - Jimmy Lapham
"Club Spotlight"
The Baton Rouge G&M Soc.

HM - Ray Duplechain
"Earning My Nerd Badge"
The Baton Rouge G&M Soc.

HM - Don Campbell
"President's Message"
East Texas G&M Soc.

HM - Claire Coco
"Club Spotlight"
The Baton Rouge G&M Soc.

HM - John Anderson
"The Miner: Memorable Dive"
Houston G&M Soc.

HM - Susan Chapman
"April Meeting Minutes"
East Texas G&M Soc.

HM - Carolyn Davis
"December Meeting Minutes"
East Texas G&M Soc.

HM - David Dobson
"TX Field Trip Nov. 16th"
Pleasant Oaks G&M Soc.

HM - Cheryl Duplechain
"Vacation"
The Baton Rouge G&M Soc.

HM - Laird Fowler
"Cabbing Contest Winners"
Austin G&M Soc.

HM - Kenney Polve
"About Kenney and Vickey
Polve"
East Texas G&M Soc.

HM - Sue Postlethwait
"What A Show"
Austin G&M Soc.

HM - Terry Proctor
"Back To McFaddin Beach"
Houston G&M Soc.

HM Terry Roberts
"Teach A Friend About A Rock,
Make An Addit For Life"
East Texas G&M Soc.

HM Tony Rouchon
"Travel Bars and Smorgasbord"
The Baton Rouge G&M Soc.

HM - Cherie Scholfield
"If I Were A Rock"
The Baton Rouge G&M Soc.

HM Calvin Wiggs
"Club Spotlight"
The Baton Rouge G&M Soc.



2014 SCFMS WEB SITE RESULTS FROM AFMS

By Dan Immel
AFMS Web Site Contest Coordinator

RANK 3RD

Gordon Galligher
Paleontological Soc. Of Austin
Austin, Texas
www.austinpaleo.org

RANK 4TH

Don Shurtz
Pleasant Oaks Gem & Min
Club of Dallas Texas
www.progmc.org

RANK HM

Mike Flannigan
Clear Lake Gem & Min Soc.
Houston, Texas
www.clgms.org

DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER ISSUE WILL BE NOVEMBER 10, 2014



2014 AFMS BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS

Linda Jaeger AFMS Bulletin Editor Chair
WINNERS FROM SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION



I. ORIGINAL ADULT ARTIICLES

2nd. Josie Middleton
"Mineral Handling"
Austin G&M Soc.

10th Don Shurtz
"Iron Pyrite"
Pleasant Oaks G&M Club
Of Dallas

HM Russell Wheeler
"Geologist Corner: Alaskan
Yellow Fever"
Gulf Coast G&M Soc.

II. ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES ADVANCED

8th John Anderson
"The Miner and Jade"
Houston G&M Soc.

HM John Neal Immega
"The Best T. Rex in the world:
Houston G&M Soc.

HM Albert J. Robb, III
"Some of the First American
Fossils to be Figured in
Scientific Literature"
Houston G&M Soc.

V. JUNIOR ARTICLES - Under 12

1st Asas Husain (10)
"Fossil Fest"
Paleontological Soc. Of Austin

VII WRITTEN FEATURES

1st Neal Immega
"Slab Happy"
Houston G&M Soc.

2nd Garth Clark
"Archeology Meeting Minutes"
Houston G&M Soc.

4th Chris Peek
60th Annual HGMS Show
Houston G&M Soc.

X. ADULT POETRY

3rd Kenny Polve
"Walker Ranch Trip"
East Texas G&M Soc.

4th Susan Burch
"Are They All Just Rocks"
East Texas G&M Soc.

8th Edward Clay
"My Way"
Houston G&M Soc.

XI. JUNIOR POETRY

1st Jackson Skubal (11)
"Mining In The Rocks"
Houston G&M Soc.

3rd Noelle Skubal (13)
"Hope"
Houston G&M Soc.

XII. NEW EDITORS

9th Cheryl Duplechain, Editor
The Red Stick Rockhound News
Baton Rouge G&M Soc.
Baton Rouge, LA

XIII. MINI BULLETINS

1st Don Schurtz, Editor
Chips & chatter
Pleasant Oaks G&M Club
Richardson, TX

4th Erich Rose, Editor
Paleo Footnotes
Paleontological Soc. Of
Austin, TX

XIV. SMALL BULLETINS

8th Susan Burch, Editor
Rock-N-Rose
East Texas G&M Soc.
Tyler, TX

7th Carolyn Perkins, Editor
The Stone Chipper
Austin G&M Soc.
Austin, TX

9th Sylvia C. Karmen, Editor
Slabs & Cabs
Gulf Coast G&M Soc.
Corpus Christi, TX

XVI. LARGE BULLETINS

2nd Phyllis George, Editor
The Backbender's Gazette
Houston G&M Soc.
Houston, TX

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL SCFMS WINNERS

I want to send my congratulations to all of our South Central Federation winners in the American Federation Contest. Our Federation had 22 winners total. Keep up the GOOD work.

Your Editor
Paul W. Good

2013 SCFMS WEB SITE CONTEST
 By Phyllis George
 SCFMS Web Site Contest Coordinator

<u>RANK</u>	<u>WEBMASTER</u>	<u>CLUB NAME</u>	<u>CLUB LOCATION</u>	<u>WEB SITE</u>
1	Don Shurtz	Pleasant Oaks Gem & Min. Club of Dallas	Dallas, TX	www.pogmc.org
2	Gordon Galligher	Paleontological Soc. Of Austin	Austin, TX	www.austinpake.org
3	Mike Flannigan	Clear Lake Gem & Min. Soc.	Houston,, TX	www.clgms.org
4	Ray Duplechain	Baton Rouge, Gem & Min. Soc.	Baton Rouge, LA	Brgemandmineral.org
5	Bill Faulkner	East Texas Gem & Min. Soc.	Tyler, TX	Www.etgms.org

SCFMS 2014 WEB-MASTER AWARDS - PHYLLIS GEORGE



1st Place Award
 Don Shurtz, POG&M Soc.



2nd Place Award
 Gordon Galliger, Palo Soc.
 Josie Middleton, Accepting



4th Place Award
 Ray Duplechain, BRG&M Soc

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCFMS BULLETIN EDITOR'S ADVISORY CHAIR

Kimberly J. Brannon

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Kimberly Brannon and I will attempt to fill Ray Duplechain's (very large!) shoes as Bulletin Editor's Advisory Chairman.

SOME IMPORTANT DATE AND INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

*Deadline for the 2015 Editor and Author Contest (for bulletins, web pages, and newsletters published in 2014) is **February 15, 2015**.

*Contest overview, rules, and entry forms/score sheets will be made available online at www.SCFMS.net

*I will periodically email updates and reminders to regional Club Presidents and Newsletter Editors as found in the 2013-2014 SCFMS Directory. If there is any change in

your contact information, please inform Paul Good as soon as possible to assist in keeping the directory current. Also, if you have delegated another club member to handle this year's contest entries, please send me their contact information so that they can remain informed of important contest related communications and deadlines.

Club newsletters can do much more than relay important dates or club-specific information. Articles in your bulletins, newsletters, and on your web pages will document and disseminate your club's knowledge and unique experiences for locals and visitors alike. Your members are the "experts" of your region! Encourage them to write, to share their methods and discoveries, and

allow them this opportunity to be rewarded for a job well done. Remember, oral tradition can be lost over time, but where committed to writing, the information is preserved to inform and educate future generations.

I'd like to thank all of you in advance, from helpful souls who've offered assistance as I navigate through my new post, to those that will interact directly with your club members to make this year's contest a success! I look forward to working with each and every one of you!!

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SCFMS 2014 BULLETIN AWARDS - RAY DUPLECHAIN CHAIR



1st Place Large Bulletin Award
 Phyllis George, HG&M Soc.



1st Place Small Bulletin Award
 Susan Burch, ETG&M Soc.



1st Place Mini-Bulletin Award
 Don Shurtz, POG&M Soc.



JOSIE MIDDLETON AND RICHARD JAEGER, AND RON CARMAN JUDGING COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS



FIRST PLACE FOR THESE TWO EXHIBITS



Joe Daley presented a program on Fluorescent Minerals at the Banquet. He also showed the various colors in the different minerals. In addition, he had a display all during the show. Thank you Joe.

Joe Samrow demonstrated the Art of Rock Capping to the young and to the old as well. Good Job Joe.



(Editor's Note: Looks like the rockhounds forgot their Rock Tools! Another sad day!

WOODSY THE OWL SENDS THESE GREETINGS TO ALL THE FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS IN THE SCFMS:

"Thanks for helping spread the word."
"Give a Hoot - Don't Pollute"
Lend a Hand - Care for the Land"



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Paul W. Good



The 2014 SCFMS Federation Show had been added into the **History Book**. It was a good show and it seems that many enjoyed it very much. We want to say a big THANK YOU to the Baton Rouge Gem and Min. Soc. for a job well done.

At the **Editor's and Webmaster's Breakfast** about 45 people showed up and enjoyed the breakfast. The food was good, and included eggs, sausage, bacon, grits, fruit, biscuits, water and juice.

There were 64 entries into the Bulletin Contest and five entries in the Webmaster's contest. The results of both are listed on previous pages.

Some of the editors had or should have had a cart to put all of the certificates and trophies in to carry them home to their club.

The **Annual SCFMS Meeting** was started at 1:00 pm and was all over about 2:45. A lot of discussion was held on the various subjects.

At 7:00 pm we gathered for the Annual Banquet--a lot of visiting and getting together with old friends and meeting

new ones as well. The meal was a good one of: pasta, broccoli, chicken, carrots, green beans, cauliflower, rolls, tea and cheese cake.

Various Awards were presented at the Banquet. The Scholarship Recipients were present to receive their Scholarships: Wesley Turner and Garrett Harris. Certificates were presented to the Endowment Fund Patrons. The Gold Spark Award: presented to Virginia Adian. More information is listed elsewhere in the issue.

Joe Daley gave a presentation on Fluorescent Minerals.

SMILE-A-WHILE

One Award that I hadn't mentioned as yet was one that was presented to:

Kimberly Brannon

The new Bulletin Editor's Aid Chair person for the SCFMS.

Kim ate the inside of her cheesecake, leaving the crust. She said she ought to tell the Management she was "cheated" on her cheesecake. So my Son, Edward, went over to a table with an empty seat and asked the people there about the extra piece of cake. They thought

he was wanting it for me. He said, "No it is for Kim. He brought it to our table and put it in front of Kim. Now people from other tables figured out what was going on and started to bring other pieces of the cake to our table. Finally there were five extra pieces of cheesecake on the table.

We now award Kim the **"Cheesecake Queen Award"**.

Thanks to Ken Edds of the Baton Rouge GMS and Wanda Reynolds of the Williamson Co. GMS for the wonderful pictures of the show displayed elsewhere in this newsletter.

As I bring my article to a close, I want to say a Big Thank You to those who sent Articles and other information for the Newsletter: John Nash; Owen Martin; Ike House; Phyllis George; Linda Jaeger; Emerson Tucker; Debbie Ruckel, Virginia Adian, and Mary Trammell.

For my closing words, I will say, **"THAT A GRAND 'OL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL."**

Paul



SCFMS ORGANIZATIONS SHOW DATES FOR 2014

Mary Trammell, SCFMS Show Co-ordinator

October 03-05, 2014
Austin, TX
Austin G&MS
Palmer Events Ctr.

October 11-12, 2014
Temple, TX
Tri-City G&MS
Mayborn Civic Ctr.

October 17-19, 2014
Victoria, TX
Victoria G&MS
Community Ctr.
2905 East North St

November 01-02, 2014
Amarillo, TX
Golden Spread G&MS
Amarillo Civic Center
Exhibition Hall

November 01-02, 2014
Midland, TX
Midland G&MS
Midland Ctr.

November 07-09, 2014
Humble, TX
Houston G&MS
Humble Civic Ctr.
8233 Will Clayton
Parkway

November 15-16, 2014
Round Rock, TX
Paleontological Soc. Of
Austin
Old Settlers Park
Hwy 29 E

November 22-23, 2014
Mesquite, TX
Dallas G&MS
Restio Expo Center

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2014 REGIONAL FEDERATIONS

Midwest Federation
October 18-19, 2014
Des Moines, IA

AUGUST 12-18, 2014



**2015 AFMS/SCFMS SHOW
OCTOBER 23-25
HOSTED BY THE AUSTIN
GEM AND MINERAL SOC.**