

# South Central Federation

## Newsletter



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Let's remember our military troops and their families on this **Veterans Day, November 11, 2015.**

We want to thank them for helping to keep our country safe. May they return home safely soon.



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care for the land!"**



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SUSAN BURCH OF  
ANY CHANGES.  
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### 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.

### E-MAIL ADDRESS CORRECTION AND CHANGES

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### 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.

### ANNUAL SHOW

The Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society, Lubbock, TX will host the SCFMS Annual Show in 2016, to be held on **May 7 and 8**. 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 MEETING:

The Federation's annual meeting will be held on **May 5, 2016**.

### ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

The annual silent auction will be held during the Show. Donations are greatly welcomed and needed. Rocks, fossils, minerals, jewelry and hobby related items are among the items needed.



## LILLIAN TURNER AWARD PRESENTED TO SARA VERSTUYFT

by: Virginia Adian

Sara Verstuyft, 16 year old daughter of Kenneth and Shelly Verstuyft and member of Fredericksburg Rockhounds since 2010, won the Lillian Turner Award for the top junior competition display case at the combined SCFMS and AFMS show in Austin, Texas October 24, 2015. Sara won a blue ribbon in the SCFMS competition and \$100 along with the Lillian Turner Award.

Sara attended the SCFMS show and meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 2014. She was so excited about the show and competitions that she wrote an article about the trip. Program chairman, Karen Anderson, also attended that show where she met Ron Carman, one of the competition judges. Ron was invited to present a program for the Rockhounds in November. This sparked an interest in Fredericksburg Rockhound members to borrow some display cases from the Austin club in order to make some displays for the annual show in January. Sara made an educational display of the saber tooth cat skull she had been given by "Dinosaur George" for the work she did in setting up his traveling museum, which was sponsored by the club and open free to the public. Ron encouraged Sara to enter her display for competition at the show in Austin. This year the Rockhounds have had their own 12 new display cases made for displays at their annual show or other events.

Sara is an energetic young lady who has been home schooled since 3rd grade and is now in the 11th grade. She loves art, reading, writing, and anything involving animals. She volunteers at SPCA, has been in 4-H clubs for 7 years, and is her club president. She and her mother Shelly compiled a Rockhound cookbook and had it printed for a fund raiser for the club. She has recently volunteered to be the Rockhound club historian. This junior is an exemplary member for all adult club members to follow!!

(Editors Note: It is good to see one of our SCFMS members receive the Lillian Turner Award for her display in the Junior Competition. I think we (as parents and members) of the Rock Hobby need to encourage our Juniors to make a display for their clubs annual show. Let's do our best to encourage them to do what Sara has done. Congratulations Sara, keep up the good work.)



**PICTURES FROM THE SHOW -- FRIENDS VISITING WITH FRIENDS**

## ROCK TALK

Walter Beneze, SCFMS President



By now the annual convention is over and we are moving forward with new officers for 2016. My name is Walter Beneze, I live in Lubbock, Texas and have the privilege of serving as the new President of the SCFMS.

I have been a rock hound since the 70's, when my Dad introduced me to the hobby as a boy. We lived in Colorado, and hunted rocks all over the place. My dad's property was a great place for finding petrified wood, and at one time I had a very nice collection of smoky quartz that we collected on Pikes Peak. We traveled on rockhounding trips as well, Wyoming jade, Oregon obsidian, Ohio flint, agates from all over; great memory's... My dad made jewelry with many of his finds, while I was content to stack up mine for another day.

Fast forward to the late 90's when my Dad decided to sell his equipment and stock of rough that was sitting around waiting to be worked. I bought his equipment and stones and a few new pieces of equipment with the intent of carrying on, only problem was, I did not know much about Lapidary work. I was a collector, one of those guys who could not walk thru a field without looking for a rock to pick up. Now, many of you probably know that Lubbock is a great place to go rockhounding, as long as you don't mind driving 5 or 6 hours somewhere else first.

All this to say, in my search for more rocks (to stack on my shelves and in buckets in my workshop and back yard), I found the Lubbock Gem and Mineral society thru their annual show and sale. In the year or two following the first show that I attended, I kept running into a particular member, who encouraged me to join the club. Eventually I did join, and the club has been a great experience for me.

I want to encourage everyone to stay involved in your local club, and encourage new people to join your club. There are lots of collectors out there who can help your club grow, and you can teach how to be a Lapidary, or Silversmith, or whatever. I'm looking forward to a great year and hope to meet many of you along the way.

Walt Beneze

### **Attention All Clubs Presidents and Secretaries**

Be sure to send in the names of your Officers, Editor and Webmaster Submission Forms for the 2016 year. Forms are available on the SCFMS Website < [www.scfms.net](http://www.scfms.net)>. The forms should be sent as soon as you have elected your news Officers. This form is used to published the information for all SCFMS Clubs, into the SCFMS Directory. Follow the instructions on the form and mail it as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **ROGER'S ROCK RAMBLINGS**

**SCFMS Executive Vice-President  
Roger Burford**

First I would like to thank everyone involved with my nomination for Executive VP. I am very proud and excited to take on this roll at the regional level.

My wife Liz and I became involved with the rock hounding hobby very recently in comparison to many of club and Federation members but dove right in the deep end learned quite a bit over the past year. Nothing in my background could have prepared me for all of the information and skills I have had to learn.

I retired from the US Navy in 1999 as an Aviation Electronics Chief Petty Officer and decided to move back to my home town. I met Liz about six months later and we were married six months after that. All of my background had been in electronics and computers and that is what I did until I had to have back surgery three years ago which caused me to have to stop working. Now I spend most of my days being able to enjoy the hobby we all love and have been learning new things every day.

Little did I know I would be putting my life of computers and electronics behind me at my age and do something fun like playing with rocks or doing rock related things every single day. We are always looking for picking spots for the Baton Rouge Society and I want to build a library of presentations and learning material for our club to use now and into the future.

I feel that we have not spent enough effort in our organization to connect with the younger people in our area. We were asked by the Girl scouts this year to participate in one of their events which was the first time that has happened. We had to scramble to put something together for them but in the end they really enjoyed it, so did we, and we have already been invited to participate next year. We are being contacted more and more to do events where we do demonstrations of cabbng and tumbling. Participating in these events help us reach towns in the surrounding area more so than we can do with just our annual show and lets people know that we do more than just the shows.

We as a society need to contact teachers in all of the primary schools to not only help educate the children in classrooms but also to let them know that there is a club that loves rocks and maybe they will get their parents interested and involved. We need to bring in younger people who share our interests to keep our societies viable. Without the new blood we could just fade away which is a terrible thing when we know kids love to play with rocks.

Now to get out and find more rocks!!!!

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**SAFETY GLASSES: ALL IN FAVOR  
SAY "EYE"!**

## FROM THE SCFMS BULLETIN EDITORS ADVISORY CHAIR

Kimberly J. Brannon



### SCFMS ANNOUNCES THE 2016 AUTHORS AND EDITORS COMPETITION



To the SCFMS Presidents and Editors,

Some important dates and information to remember:

\*Deadline for the 2016 Editor and Author Contest (for Articles, Bulletins, and Special Publications in 2015) is **February 5, 2016**. Entries will be accepted no later than end of day **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5th, 2016**.

\*We will be using the same General Guidelines, Categories and Fillable Scoresheets as AFMS. These can be obtained online at <http://www.amfed.org/editor/BEAC/contest.htm> or <http://www.SCFMS.net>

\*Mail your entries to: KIMBERLY J. BRANNON, SCFMS BEAC, P.O. BOX 836, TENAHA, TX 75974

\*If you find time running out, and need to overnight entries, call for physical address.

\*Beginning 2016, Editors will be required to submit one disk which contains pdf files of all entries. Please see Contest Guidelines on the SCFMS website for more information.

\*I will email updates and reminders to regional Club Presidents and Newsletter Editors as found in the 2015 SCFMS Directory. Please make certain your club's President and Editor's information is current to remain informed of important contest related communications and deadlines.

\***QUESTIONS?** **Kimberly J. Brannon 225 620 5174** or email [kimberlyarts@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberlyarts@hotmail.com)

#### **Note from the SCFMS BEAC:**

It's that time of year again! Editors should begin reviewing their newsletters for the best of what 2015 had to offer. Our deadline is slightly earlier this year to accommodate an earlier SCFMS convention date.

Results of the 2015 Authors Editors Competition for Publications in 2014 have been posted on the SCFMS Website at [http://www.scfms.net/2014-2015\\_SCFMS\\_Contest\\_Winners.pdf](http://www.scfms.net/2014-2015_SCFMS_Contest_Winners.pdf).

#### **Congratulations to all of our contest winners!**

TIP!!! Why not begin reviewing newsletters for the best of what 2015 had to offer NOW? Looking forward to your submissions and a great contest in 2016!



(EDITOR'S NOTE: The contest winners are listed on pages 9 & 10 of this issue.)

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WILL BE JANUARY 10, 2016**

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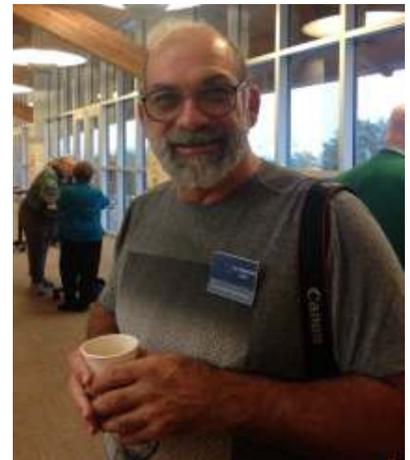
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**A FEW MORE PICTURES**



EMMERSON TUCKER & MARY TRAMMELL



RAY DUPLCHAIN





## FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS CORNER

By: Michelle Talcott



### TUMBLING, TUMBLING.....



Our Junior Club had the opportunity to learn about rock tumbling. Through money raised for the Junior Club, a rock tumbler was purchased for use by the students. Mr. Bill Talcott showed the students the various grits that can be used to polish rocks and they even got to feel the different grits. They all had the opportunity to add a rock to the tumbler and will watch the process of polishing their rock.

I want to also remind clubs that the junior members are the future of your club. Time and resources need to be spent to encourage and promote these students and their interest in the lapidary and geological sciences.



## STUDENTS YOUR LESSON FOR TODAY IS PYRITE

by: Alice Copeland

If you find pyrite and think its gold, you're not alone. The minerals' brassy color has fooled so many people that pyrite is known as 'fools' gold." But one shouldn't be too foolish and overlook this mineral. Once in a while, gold really is found in or associated with pyrite.

Pyrite also has a value of its own. The Olmec people, who lived in Mexico before the Aztecs and Mayan Indians, from about 1000 to 400 B.C., used pyrite for miners. Today, pyrite is used in industry because it contains sulfur, which is used to make sulfuric acid. The acid is important in the production of paper, rubber, chemicals and medicines.

You will find pyrite in the U.S., Germany, Italy, Greece, Spain, Sweden, and South

Africa. It exists in nearly every kind of rock. That's why it's called a "persistent" mineral. You can strike pyrite with a hammer and sparks will fly! In Greek "pry" means fire.

On a freshly broken surface, pyrite is closer in color to "white gold," or electrum-an alloy of gold and silver. But pyrites' beauty is not just in its metallic colors. Pyrite has beautiful shapes also. It forms simple cubic crystals, as well as complex twelve-face crystals prized by collectors!



I'm GETTING MY BAGS PACKED SO I CAN GO HUNT SOME PYRITE. WANT TO GO ALSO?

## 2015 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	Gordon Galliger	Paleontological Soc of Austin	Austin, TX	<a href="http://www.austinpaleo.org/">www.austinpaleo.org/</a>
2	Don Shurtz	Pleasant Oaks G&M Club of Dallas	Dallas, TX	<a href="http://www.pogmc.org">www.pogmc.org</a>
3	Kinney Polve	East Texas G&M Soc	Tyler, TX	<a href="http://etgms.com">etgms.com</a>

## 2015 SCFMS BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS



Kimberly Brannon, SCFMS Chair



### Adult Poetry

1st Place - Edward Clay  
"God's Fire"  
Houston G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Mary Owens  
"A World Full of Gems"  
East TX G&M Soc.

3rd Place - Kinney Polve  
"Rockhounding Colorado"  
East TX G&M Soc.

HM - Kamp Maer  
"Gravity and Ice"  
Houston G&M Soc.

### Drawn Features

1st Place - Susan Burch  
"I Love Rocks Every Month"  
East TX G&M Soc.

### Mini Bulletins

1st Place - Don Shurtz  
Chips and Chatter  
Pleasant Oaks G&M Club of  
Dallas

2nd Place - Colleen Reigh  
Cowtown GM&Glass Club News  
Cowtown GM&Glass Club

### Small Bulletins

1st Place - Chip Burnette  
New Editor - - The Rock Prattle  
Tri-Cities G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Susan Burch  
Rock N Rose  
East TX G&M Soc.

3rd Place - John D. Nash  
The Pinewoods Rooter  
Pine Country G&M Soc.

### Large Bulletins

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

2nd Place - Raymond Lynch  
The Hot Springs Bulletin  
The Hot Springs Geo. Club

3rd Place - Gerald Pennington  
New Editor - - The Hounds Tail  
Arlington G&M Club

### Adult Articles

1st Place - Call Wells  
"Have You Lost Your Marbles"  
Arlington G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Don Shurtz  
"American Golden Topaz"  
Pleasant Oaks G&M Club of  
Dallas

## 2015 SCFMS BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS - CONTINUED

### Adult Articles Continued

3rd Place - Henry de Linde  
"The Sad But True Story of the  
(Lying Stornes) of Dr. Johanna  
Bartholomew Beringer"  
The Hot Springs Geo. Club

HM - Chase Jennings  
"Preserving Pyritized Fossils"  
Houston G&M Soc.

### Adult Articles Advanced

1st Place - Dr. Nathalie Brandes  
"The Famous Silver Mines of  
Kongsberg Norway  
Houston G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Paul V. Heinrich  
"Lanite and The Blue Quartz  
of Texas"  
Houston G&M Soc.

3rd Place - Neal Immega  
"Tiktaalik - A fish Trying to Get  
out of the Water"  
Houston G&M Soc.

HM - Paul T. Brandes  
"Porcelaneous Datolite of the  
Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan"  
Houston G&M Soc.

### Written Features

1st Place - Neal Immege  
"Canyon Lake George -  
Fabulous Field Trip Destination  
Houston G&M Soc.

2nd Place - Henry de Linde  
"The Quicksilver Spring - Uncle  
Basil's Most Amazing  
Adventure"  
Hot Springs Geology Club

3rd Place - Dr. Garth A.A. Clark  
"Archeology Evolves with  
Genetics"  
Houston G&M Soc.

HM - Steve Shearin  
"Commissioner's Report"  
Cowtown GM&Glass Club

HM - Carolyn Davis  
"July Meeting Minutes"  
East TX G&M Soc.



### A FEW PICTURES FROM THE BREAKFAST



CHIP BURNETTE



DON SHURTZ



LING SHURTZ



KINNEY POLVE



SUSAN BURCH



Visiting with old friends at the show.



## SCFMS GOLD SPARK PLUG AWARD FOR 2015

by Ike House, Chairman



**RON CARMAN 2015**

The Gold Spark Plug Award, presented by the SCFMS for outstanding service to the Federation, is determined by the recommendation of past Spark Plug recipients and peers.

The first was given to Bill Jennings in 1991 and since that time 19 have been handed out to exemplary regional members over the past 24 years. “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.”

This year’s recipient is Ron Carmen of the Austin Gem and Mineral Society. Some years more than one nominee is identified

**Ron Carman** hails originally from Oklahoma and has been married for 45 years with two children. Spending his adult life in the Houston and Austin areas, he has many passions including aviation which became his profession as a flight instructor and air traffic controller. He also is involved with the Boy Scouts, amateur radio, and served as president of the Austin Astronomical Society. With all of that, he managed to find time to serve with the Mineral Special Interest Group of Austin, as an officer in both the Houston and Austin Gem and Mineral Societies, on the SCFMS Uniform Rules Committee for over 35 years, AND as president of both the SCFMS and AFMS. All of the prior winners thought he had already been chosen to receive this award long ago. He obviously is a well-deserving recipient.

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST DOUBLE SPARK PLUG AWARD

by Kimberly J. Brannon

The 2015 SCFMS/AFMS convention in Austin, TX witnessed a new level of recognition unprecedented in the history of the SCFMS Awards Banquets. A prior recipient of the Gold Spark Award, the highest honor awarded in the SCFMS, was nominated and chosen for the distinction yet again. A Double Spark Plug!!

The idea came from the 2010-2015 Spark Plug Award Chairman and SCFMS President in 2009, Ike House, and was presented to our retiring SCFMS bulletin editor Paul W.

Good. Paul earned his original Spark Plug Award in 2003 for, at that time, six years of service as bulletin editor, and has continued in that position faithfully until the close of 2015. That’s 18 AMAZING YEARS for the math impaired, like myself.

There was barely a dry eye at the SCFMS/AFMS Editor’s Breakfast as Paul tearfully announced that the Nov./Dec. will be his final SCFMS Newsletter. No one can argue the

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lasting impression through his contributions to the SCFMS, or the outreach to his community through his mineral displays at libraries and schools. No one denies that he has had tremendous influence and lasting impact in every region that he's served and on every person he's mentored.

We were fortunate to call him our own. He, like many others with countless years of experience, has continually endeavored to impart that knowledge for the betterment of others.

Paul Good lives up to his name in ways that many of us newcomers may never fully appreciate. He's gem quality, and priceless! He will be sorely missed as our bulletin editor.

Our Past-President couldn't have selected a more competent replacement, Susan Burch an Editor for the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society. A warm welcome to Susan. Let's give her our support as she starts editing for the 2016 year.

Kimberley J. Brannon, SCFMS Executive Secretary and BEAC.

## **GEM CAPERS 2015 -- AUSTIN, TEXAS - OCT 23-25, 2015 SCF TROPHY WINNERS: SIX SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION TROPHIES WERE AWARDED**

by Ron Carman, SCFMS Uniform Rules Committee Chair



Trophy 1 (Open division) - Julia Allande, Tulsa Rock & Mineral  
Trophy 1 (Open division) - Laird Fowler, Austin Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 3 (Minerals) - Laird Fowler, Austin Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 7 (Miniature Minerals) - Paul Otto, Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 25 (Wire Wrapping) - Chip Burnette, Austin Gem & Mineral



### **AFMS TROPHY WINNERS FROM SCFMS:**



Trophy 1 (Open division) - Laird Fowler, Austin Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 2 (Minerals) - Brent Lockhart, Houston Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 3 (Minerals) - Laird Fowler, Austin Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 7 (Miniature Minerals) - Paul Otto, Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 8 (Thumbnail Minerals) - Stretch & Lynn Young, Austin Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 12 (Personally Collected Minerals) - Ron Carman, Austin Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 22 (Petrified Wood) - Chip Burnette, Austin Gem & Mineral  
Trophy 39 (Fluorescent Minerals) - Alan Cherepon,, Austin Gem & Mineral



Also, the Lillian Turner Junior Award was given to Sara Verstuyft of the Fredericksburg (Texas) Rockhounds for her Educational display.

## THE AFMS BULLETIN HALL OF FAME

The Bulletin Editor's Hall of Fame was established in 1995 as a way to recognize and honor the hard working editors of local gem and mineral clubs throughout the United States and Canada and other areas of the globe where there are organized clubs.

The brainchild of Shirley Lesson, the initial group of inductees included many "old time" editors whose exceptional work over a number of years has fostered interest in the hobby, in local clubs, and at the regional and national federation level. A committee, consisting of one inductee from each regional federation and Canada was formed and it is this committee that recommends future inductees.

Announcement of new honorees is made each year during the AFMS Annual Convention with certificates presented at the Editors' Breakfast. Initially editors from each Federation were inducted into the "Hall" each year, but because so many could not be at the AFMS Convention this policy was changed in 2004 so that, unless unusual circumstances prevailed, only editors from the federation hosting the AFMS Convention would be those inducted. The idea, and it has thus far worked well, is for the new Hall of Fame editors to be recognized before a group of their friends and peers within their own regional federation.

(Editor's Note: The above taken from the AFMS Website)

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## SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION HONOREES FOR 2015

by: Paul W Good

It gives me great pleasure to announce this years' EDITORS' HALL OF FAME. They join with forty six honorees from 1995 to present. Congratulations to all these well deserving Editors.

**Susan Burch**  
East Texas Gem and  
Mineral Soc.  
2006 to present

**Tim Haley**  
Gem Mineral Lapidary Soc.  
Of Central Louisiana  
2001 to present

**Wilford House**  
ARK-LA-TEX Gem &  
Mineral Soc.  
(over nine years - off and on -  
not at present)

**Daniel Jones**  
Midland Gem and  
Mineral Soc.  
2005 to present

**Raymond Lynch**  
Hot Springs Gem and  
Mineral Soc.  
2004 to present

**Mildred Matlock**  
Hi Plins Gem and  
Mineral Soc.  
(off and on from  
1963 to 2014)

**Colleen Reigh**  
Lockheed Gem and Mineral  
Soc. 1991 to present  
(Note: This club changed it's  
name to:  
Cowntown Gem, Mineral and  
Glass Soc. IN 2014  
So she has served under both  
clubs as editor.

**Erich Rose**  
Paleontological Soc.  
of Austin  
2006 to 2014

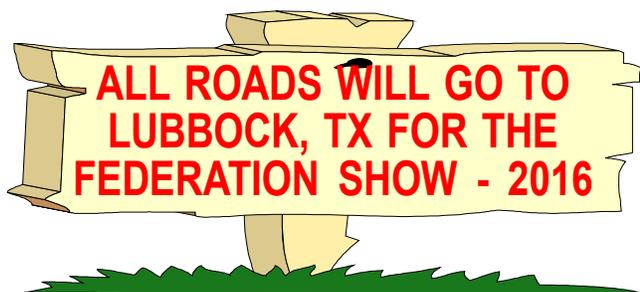


This beautiful display was located as you entered into the show area.

The Austin club did a lot of things to make the show enjoyable. On behalf of the SCFMS Federation, we send our "THANKS" to Susan and Les Postlethwait, the show chairpersons and the rest of the Show committee for a wonderful job "Well Done".



Editor's at the S.C.R.I.B.E meeting at the Show.



## THE "SLICE OF RECOGNITION"

by Kimberly J. Brannon

The "Slice of Recognition" Cheesecake Queen, in the form of a certificate, began as an inside joke at the SCFMS convention in 2014. The tale of the cheesecake and laughter has been greatly exaggerated, at least the cheesecake portion of the story! What's true is that a vast quantity of cheesecake migrated to our table. Paul Good mailed a certificate dubbing me the first Cheesecake Queen.

That lighthearted gesture defined an important quality I hope is NEVER lost in any of our clubs. Conventions can be stressful, but when we remember to laugh and appreciate one another in all our quirky glory, that joy is INFECTIOUS! The Cheesecake Award seeks to recognize a banquet attendee that may or may not be very active in the Federation, but was observed thoroughly enjoying themselves. Please join us again next year! What I hope resonates in the work we do, but a reminder to never neglect a little "Good-hearted" fun. Pun very much intended.

This year's recipient was Mrs. Lynn Young, Advertising Chair of the Austin Gem & Mineral Society. Lynn has been a member of the Austin club for over ten years and has received recognition from both the SCFMS and AFMS for her competitive displays, co-designed with her husband, and in special publications for her adult and junior show guides. Lynn credits her husband, Strech, for being a constant source of amusement. Congratulations, Lynn, your laughter captivated the banquet hall and snagged one more award for your trophy wall!

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Paul W. Good



The History Book for this year was closed at the 2015 SCFMS Convention in Austin, TX. This year's convention was held in connection with the AFMS.

At the Editors and Webmaster Breakfast, the awards were announced and they are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The SCFMS had its annual meeting on Sat. the 24th and the new officers were elected and they are posted on page 7.

At the Banquet the officers were officially installed and they started their new duties on November 1st.

Ann James presented the Past Presidents Plaque and Pin to Sue Dale Miller for her service during the past year.

As this is my final Newsletter to publish for the SCFMS I want to thank every one that has sent in an article for the News over the years.

I want to say a "SPECIAL THANK YOU" to Ann James for helping me out when I had a lot of problems mailing out the Newsletter on the internet.

I want to Thank everyone who sent articles during the 18 years. I could not have been able get the job done, without your help.

For this issue I want to say Thank You to the following, who sent articles for this issue: Virginia Adian; Walter Beneze; Roger Burford; Kimberly Brannon; Michelle Talcott; Phyllis George; and Ron Carman.

(More on the bottom of the next column,)



The above picture was taken when Susan Burch, presented to Margaret and I with the Distinguished Service Award, "In recognition of sustained exemplary service to the Federation SCFMS, for the time we had spent on the Newsletter. This was quite a surprise to both of us and we wish to say, Thank You, Susan.

As was announced at the Editors breakfast, she will become the new SCFMS Editor for the 2016 year. I hope the Officers and the Committee Chairpersons will give her the same kindness that you have given to us.

Susan has served as the Editor for the East Texas Gem & Mineral Society for a number of years and has received various awards for her work on that Newsletter.

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Before I come to a close of this issue, I also Thank Wanda Reynolds for sending me a lot of pictures for this issue.

As an old saying goes, "there is a time for all GOOD things to come to THE END!" Take care. Paul and Margaret Good, SCFMS "have been" editor and proofer.



The **Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society** would like to announce our **58<sup>th</sup> Annual** show and sale! This year we will also host the **South Central Federation of Mineral Society's** Annual Convention.

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center,**  
**1501 Mac Davis Lane Lubbock, Texas.**

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