

# South Central Federation

## Newsletter



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**COMING  
OCTOBER 23-25!**  
AGMS Presents:  
**GEM CAPERS 2015**  
and

**AFMS & SCFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION**  
54th Annual Gemstones, Mineral & Fossil  
Show Featuring PEGMATITES

Hourly door prizes will be awarded to visitors on Saturday and Sunday (must be present to win), plus a grand prize will be awarded on Sunday to one lucky paying show visitor (the winner need not present). This year's Grand Prize is the floor sized globe with semiprecious stone inlay, shown here.



Plan now to attend. It will be a show to remember and you won't want to miss this one. See you there.

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TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES



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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.

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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 Austin Gem and Mineral Society, Austin, TX will host the AFMS-SCFMS combined Show in 2015, to be held on **October 23-25..**

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 **October 24, 2015..**

### ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

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Your Editor is a member of S.C.R.I.B.E.



*Gem Capers 2015*

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**pegmatites**



This year, the Austin Gem and Mineral Society’s annual show, Gem Capers 2015, will proudly host the American Federation And South Central Federations convention and show. Included in the weekend are meetings, judging, talks, and field trips as well as the annual meeting of A.L.A.A. (American Lands Access Association) and S.C.R.I.B.E. (Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors). These organizations’ activities will begin on Wednesday, October 21. The talks will be open to the public for the price of admission and will include topics such as Central Texas pegmatites, mineral preparation, and North American Diamond mining by Charles Kirkpatrick. Please see the Gem Capers website for a detailed schedule <[www.gemcapers.com](http://www.gemcapers.com)>.

The show will include over 30 vendors selling jewelry, beads, gemstones, mineral specimens, fossils, spheres, meteorites, and lapidary equipment. There will also be a cabochon cutting contest and a SCFMS and AFMS display case competition. The show and many events will be held at the Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. Hours for the show are:

Friday, October 23-- 9 am - 6 pm  
 Saturday, October 24-- 9 am - 6 pm  
 Sunday, October 25-- 10 am - 5 pm

Admission is \$8 per adult (\$7 for seniors 60+) and \$2 for children 13-18. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Multiple day tickets are available when registering in advance. In addition to competitive and non-competitive exhibits, special exhibits will include the popular “touch table” of rocks and fossils and an “illumination station” containing fluorescent minerals.

There will be a silent auction Saturday and Sunday, as well as demonstrations such as stone faceting, wire wrapping, cabbing, fossil cleaning, and polymer clay. There will also be numerous activities for children. Friday, October 23 is Youth Education Day, with field trips to the show from various schools sponsored by Silicon Labs.

The Austin Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Proceeds of the show support the society as well as provide scholarships for students in the Earth Sciences

**-- See You At The Show --**

<b>SCFMS SILENT AUCTION BID SHEET</b>	
Donated by: _____	
Minimum Bid: _____	
Name of Material: _____	
Please Print Bidders Name	Bid

## SUE'S DIGS

Sue Dale Miller, SCFMS President



Almost time for the Austin Gem show. I hope you will be there. I know that the hotels are very expensive and this will keep many people home. If not for my friend Wanda I would be sitting at home. I have attended several AFMS conventions and several SCFMS conventions.

At the Port Townsend, WA AFMS show I borrowed my brothers pop up camper. That is where I met the "Ye Ol Timers Club". My husband and I had a great time.

Last year at the SCFMS meeting in Baton Rouge, LA the Editors Breakfast had a newspaper writer as the guest speaker. She shared a wealth of information about newsletters and their importance in our future.

If you attend for your club be sure to write an article for your club newsletter. Let all the members know what you learned.

In August an old time rockhound told me he thought the hobby was dying. We need to bring in more young members and children. We need to adapt our classes, field trips and meetings to fit in to the new reality of life. I am not saying to change so much that we loose our old members but realize that young people with children can not stay out on a school night till 9:30 pm. Maybe have something child friendly on a Sunday afternoon. Invite the boy/girl scouts or the YMCA. One program I have seen that works for both children and adults was 'Rocks in your breakfast'. This was about iron in cereal and flourite in toothpaste.

I love the rockhounding hobby, but I will get off my soapbox.

See you in Austin,  
Dale Miller

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### TELL ME ABOUT APATITE

**APATITE** gets its odd name from the Greek word meaning "to deceive" because its varied forms and colors caused early mineralogists to confuse it with

a half-dozen other minerals. Apatite may be transparent, translucent, or opaque, with a color that varies from white to brown, green, yellow, or violet. Apatite occurs in veins with quartz, feldspar, and iron ores. Hexagonal crystals are common, some similar to gem minerals. Apatite is a phosphate of calcium, usually with some fluorine ( $\text{Ca}_5(\text{Cl},\text{F})-(\text{PO}_4)_3$ ). H. 5; sP. GR. 3.2; luster, glassy, streak, white. Outstanding commercial deposits are present in Ontario and Quebec, Canada. Phosphate rock, used for fertilizer, contains minerals related to apatite.

Ref: Rocks and Minerals, by Herbert S. Zim & Paul R. Shaffer



*From Ann's View*  
**SCFMS Executive Vice-President**

Greetings SCFMS Rockhounds

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Seems that a touch of fall is in the air – happened here a few days ago. It made me think of getting my gear together and doing a little collecting. So out to the shed I went. Well, somehow my digging tools were not where I thought I last left them. Now I wonder, is my memory failing OR did some certain person move them and HIS memory is failing? I'm betting on that certain person or hoping any ways (grin). In any case, I still haven't found them but getting a new set of digging tools is not a difficult task. Looking forward to my first "fall" excursion as that is my favorite time of the year.

Time is getting short for the SCFMS/AFMS Annual Meeting in Austin. I am sure that it will be an exciting weekend. For me, the activities begin on Thursday morning with the AFMS Annual Meeting. By the way, all mem-

bers of the Federation are welcome, so if you come on in early and would like to see how the AFMS is conducted, join us on Thursday, October 22, at 9:00 am at the Palmer Event Center.

Of special note to all presidents of SCFMS clubs – I will be reading the names of deceased members of the SCFMS. These are members that have died since July, 2014. Please email me at [earthscache3@yahoo.com](mailto:earthscache3@yahoo.com) with the names of those from respective clubs so that I can honor their memory at the AFMS Annual Meeting.

**ANN JAMES**  
 Executive Vice-President, SCFMS



**Editors note:**  
 Ann, Are these the tools you are missing?

## TID BIT -- GYPSUM

Gypsum ( $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) is a sulfate mineral that crystallized in the monoclinic crystal system with one perfect cleavage plane and two poor cleavage planes and readily replaces anhydrite due to the presence of water. Its color ranges from colorless, white, and gray, with various shades of yellow and red and brown from impurities. Gypsum has a hardness of 2 on the Mohs Hardness Scale. It exhibits a nonmetallic vitreous luster (can be pearly or silky) and no streak. When moderately heated to a temperature of 200 degrees Fahrenheit gypsum loses some water and becomes plaster-of-paris. In Louisiana gypsum is found associated with cap rock development on salt domes.

(from the Northeast Louisiana Gem & Min. Soc., Nov. 2013)

## FROM THE SCFMS BULLETIN EDITORS ADVISORY CHAIR

### Kimberly J. Brannon



September 7, 2015



To the SCFMS Presidents and Editors,

It's been an amazing year!! The votes have been tallied, and awards are ready for our regional winners. All that remains is to see your smiling faces at the SCFMS/AFMS Editors' Breakfast.

#### Some important dates and information to remember:

**SCFMS/AFMS EDITORS' &  
WEBMASTERS' BREAKFAST**  
for the 2015 Editor/Author/Webmaster  
Contest will be held  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015**  
**8AM-10AM**

**LOCATION: Palmer Event Center, 900 Barton Spring Road, Austin, TX 78704**

A Registration Form for the Editors' Breakfast and Convention is available at [http://www.austingemandmineral.org/gemcapers/REG\\_2015.doc](http://www.austingemandmineral.org/gemcapers/REG_2015.doc) or contact Josie Middleton, Austin Gem & Mineral Society:  
(512)-458-9546

**PRICE: \$29.00** (Breakfast only, the prices for admission and awards banquet are detailed on the registration form.)

Note the REGISTRATION FORMS MUST be into hands of the Austin Gem and Mineral Society by September 30 or you will be unable to attend the Breakfast or the Banquet.

If your club entered this year's competition, please have an officer or delegate from your club in attendance to pick up awards!

The breakfast is open to all, but I recommend sending advance registration so that the venue can be prepared. I would like to congratulate our winners for a job well done! Our winners' list will be available at the breakfast and published in the next newsletter.

Believe it or not, it's also time for our SCFMS editors to begin thinking about entries for next year's contest. I will revisit our contest guidelines and they should be available on the SCFMS website in the coming months.

Looking forward to seeing you in Austin.



## HINT

Frosted Silver

Sterling Silver can be given a frosted look by roasting the silver in an oven for 20 minutes at 300 degrees F. This changes the surface copper in the sterling silver to copper oxide, which may then be dissolved in sulfuric acid, leaving a pure matte Silver.

from the Rockcollector 6/97.



## SAFETY REPORT

George E. Browne  
BE CAREFUL CLEANING!



It is that time of year when we start going on more field trips or more distant field trips and the amount of material we bring home increases. When we get the material home we often want to clean it. Generally cleaning our newfound treasures is not a problem providing we know what the material is. However there are some specimens that should be left exactly the way they were found because cleaning could destroy them. So we have two concerns, one is the safety of our specimens and the other is our personal safety.

Most of the material we find can be safely cleaned with water and a brush or with a mild detergent. I prefer dishwashing detergents to laundry detergents because laundry detergents often contain bleach that could harm the material. However, again let me emphasize the importance of knowing what your material is. Remember everything we collect is composed of chemicals that may react with our cleaning compounds.

Also be careful of mixing cleaning compounds. Some of our old safety books warned about adding bleach to cleaning solutions. This is still good advice because bleach often contains chlorine which could be released or form other toxic compounds that could kill you. But we shouldn't just limit our warning to chlorine bleach. There are countless numbers of cleaning products available today. Just browse the cleaning products area of your local supermarket, there seems to be a cleaning product for every stain known to man. These products may be beneficial but before you purchase or use any of the compounds **READ THE LABEL**. Some may produce toxic fumes or cause blindness or be caustic and cause burns to the skin. If you do use them, be sure the appropriate respirators, eye protection, gloves or other safety equipment.

**DO NOT MIX CLEANING COMPOUNDS** unless you know precisely what they will do. The cleaning compounds are chemicals, your rocks are chemicals and when you mix the compounds or add them to your specimens you may produce a mixture that is dangerous. Experimentation can be fatal. Knowledge is the key to safety.

If you must clean, clean carefully and be safe.

(From SCFMS Newsletter, Mar. - Apr. 2003)

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LITTLE  
STEPS  
FOR  
SAFETY



## FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS CORNER

By: Michelle Talcott



### BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

It is that time of the year that parents look forward to and students greatly dislike...back to school. For teachers it is back to a normal routine and full steam ahead trying to educate, parent, support, and meet our student's needs. Remember the teachers this school year and say a little prayer for them.

Our junior rock hounds were excited to meet again after a summer break. Many of them brought new additions to their rock collections to show everyone. Pine Country Gem and Mineral Society held their annual show the end of August and it was great to see most of the students visit the show and leave with bags of new specimens. They tested my brain in trying to identify all of the new samples. It is so refreshing to watch the students grow in their knowledge and excitement for geology!

## GEODES VERSUS VUGS

By: Cecil Gross

We all know what a geode is -- a roughly spherical hollow rock lined with crystals. A vug is roughly spherical cavity lined with crystals. But did you know the real difference in the structure between the two?

A geode has an outer shell or rind (like a melon) composed of chalcedony, which is harder than the host rock in which the geode formed. When the host rock weathers away, the geode is preserved intact due to its hard shell.

Vugs do not have the protective rinds that geodes possess. The crystals found in vugs are formed within a cavity in the host rock, but unlike geode crystals, they are attached to the host rock itself. Therefore, vug crystals are destroyed when the host rock weathers through the cavity.

When weathering exposes a cavity and (if) a rockhound happens to see it, the vug can be chiseled out. If an inch or two of the host rock is left around the cavity, the vug can be removed undamaged.

The geode and vugs I am writing about are found within a radius of about 70 miles from Keokuk, Iowa, which includes portions of Illinois and Missouri. The rock in which they are found is a yellowish-brown to blue-gray dolomite shale of the Mississippian age (325 to 345 million years ago).

(from the Palomar Gem Bulletin 3/96, via The Stone Chipper 3/05)





## TO ALL SCFMS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TO ALL CLUB OFFICERS AND CLUB MEMBERS

### Virginia Adian, AFMS 1st Vice President

I am soon ending my term as AFMS 1st Vice-president for this past year. This is to bring attention to what I have observed as the greatest issue we have in our clubs and federations.

I have tried to help both SCFMS and AFMS find club members who are willing to accept offices and serve as committee chairmen. One of the problems I have found is that those club members who work hard for their own clubs and have served as officers "above and beyond" are experiencing "burn out". So many club members accept an office or job title, but don't take the responsibility to do the work and those other dedicated club members and officers have to cover the work. It is time for all officers and club members to step up to do their share. I wish I had a solution for this! I have found that most of the names of reliable workers come from fellow

club members. We do need to be in touch with the clubs, not just the officers.

You do not have to take a position as a leader, but you can accept a job which needs to be done. As you do more in your club or federation, the more comfortable you will become to take on more important responsibilities, and perhaps eventually a leadership role. Your club leaders did not begin by taking the job as president!!

Consider the word RESPONSIBILITY. It begins with RESPONSE. The ABILITY will develop. There is always someone available to help you learn.

It has been my pleasure to represent you as an AFMS officer.

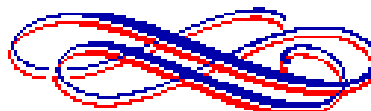
**Happy hunting and polishing.  
Virginia Adian**

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## MAN MADE DENDRITES IN AGATE? by Roger K. Pabian

Sold under the trade name of "Fischer Stone"> it is produced by a cold process that involves placing an iron nail over a smooth slab of clear, translucent chalcedony and placing them in a solution that has a copper +2 ion available (Copper Sulfate the most likely candidate). The nail causes the reduction of the Cu+2 ion to elemental Cu which precipitates in a dendritic form. The stones often had a light green or light blue green body color with the contrasting dendrites.

(from Rocks-and-Fossils Newsgroup, via SCFMS Newsletter 11/98.)



**KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT'S FILE**

## **AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (AFMS)**

### **SCFMS CHAIRMAN: Virginia Adian**

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation is authorized in the by-laws of the AFMS. It was incorporated on March 18, 1964 and a Tax Exempt Certificate was obtained from the IRS November 6, 1964. Its members, the equivalent of stockholders in a commercial corporation, are the Directors and Officers of the American Federation. The board of directors elects a President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary for the Foundation. The President of AFMS is always Vice-president of the Foundation.

#### **PURPOSE**

The object of the Foundation is to accumulate a fund, the income from which is used to finance scholarships. The principle cannot be used, hence the usefulness of the Fund is perpetual. The interest earned from the Fund each year is used to award scholarships for graduate studies in earth sciences. The fund has now become large enough to provide scholarships of \$4000 each to two graduate students from each of the six regional federations participating in the Foundation, making a total of \$48,000 in scholarships annually.

#### **RECOGNITION OF DONORS**

Individuals or clubs can donate funds. In the past certificates, seals, and plaques were awarded to clubs for contributions of \$1 per

member or multiples of \$1 per member. Recognition these days consists of 100 percentage points awarded to a club for each donation of at least \$1 per member. Any dollar amount donated above the number of members can be carried over toward earning another 100 % giving. Clubs are notified of their percentage of giving in letters of thank you to the clubs. Some clubs give annual amounts. Some clubs donate in memory of deceased members. Many individuals, even non-club members, can donate in memory of a special rockhound friend. Most of the donations sent by SCFMS come from auctions and bids of the Treasure Chest at Roll-in' Rock Club meetings. **All donations are given through the regional AFMS Scholarship Fund chairmen (see contact information under committees in SCFMS Directory)**, who, after recording and recognizing the donations, pass the checks on to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Treasurer.

**Make all checks payable to AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (OR FUND), and send them to** the current AFMS Scholarship Fund Chair for SCFMS:

**Virginia Adian  
109 Katie Court  
Boerne, TX 78006**



**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER - DECEMBER NEWSLETTER  
WILL BE NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

## “JUNIOR PROGRAMS”

by: Bob and Kathy Miller

A common topic that surfaces in almost all discussions of club status is the age of the membership. Is your average age club members over 50? How many youths attend club functions and what are you as club leaders and members doing about it?

Many clubs are special interest groups. They only like lapidary, or jewelry making, or faceting, or just socializing. You may think there is nothing wrong with that, but does it appeal to the younger people and are you passing on your skills and knowledge to juniors and their parents?

All youngsters need is a chance to learn something about the hobby, then they will show us what they will and can do. The following are just a few general tips or ideas toward bringing in and keeping junior members an active part of your club.

1. If there are juniors in your club, devoted at least 15 minutes of each program just for them. Many times you will find that the juniors know as much, or even more, about the hobby than do the adults. Adults will learn from the junior part of the meeting. It might even be good to have a separate Program Chairman for the junior part of the program.
2. Many juniors will do an outstanding job of putting on part of a program. Try a complete program put on by the junior members.
3. Junior members make good hosts and hostesses for the registration tables. The little ones can draw the numbers for the prize drawings, etc.
4. If there are enough juniors to form a club of their own, encourage them to do so. They can have their own officers and committees. One or more of the adults can act as advisors to the juniors.
5. The juniors can be given the grab bag or kid's corner concession at the annual show. If there is a junior club, the proceeds from this can finance the junior club for another year.
6. Give them a chance to display, and to meet the public by demonstrating at the annual show if they are interested in lapidary.
7. The juniors can make jewelry and sell this at the annual show.

Here are a few ways to attract juniors and parents to your club.

- a. Put a display case in local schools and libraries along with information of your club.
- b. Ask Boy and Girl Scout and 4-H leaders for the opportunity to give a program or display at a meeting.
- c. Ask the local schools science teachers if you can give a short program on their next earth science segment, or possibly lead them on a field trip.
- d. Volunteer as a club to participate at community events that involve children by having a club booth with free handouts and specimens for youth. (Teachers love this too.)

From AFMS Newsletter, March, 2000

## LAST CALL FOR AFMS ENDOWMENT TICKETS

by: Carolyn Weinberger

The excitement is building and soon it will be time to announce the winners of the prizes being offered in the 2015 AFMS Endowment Drawing which will be held during the AFMS/SCFMS convention in Austin, Texas this October. Over the years, our EFMLS ticket holders have always fared well in these drawings.

The AFMS Endowment Fund was established about 30 years ago as a means of raising revenues to be used for special AFMS projects that benefit our local clubs. The monies raised from fund raising efforts like the drawing, are invested with only the interest generated from the principal available for use. Some of the projects funded by this interest include the various programs donated by AFMS to our EFMLS program library (you can borrow these for use at your club meetings at no charge other than return postage) and the various badges that clubs with organized juniors programs can obtain.

There are currently 22 fabulous prizes in the drawing, all donated by members of clubs like yours. **if you would like to see each**

**of them in color, just visit the AFMS website <[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)>, scroll down and click on the "2015 AFMS Endowment Fund Drawing" link.**

If you're going to Austin, you can purchase tickets from me during the AFMS meeting on Thursday or during the day at the show on Friday, but your best bet is to send me a stamped self-addressed envelope and your check payable to "AFMS Endowment" by October 15th. Include your name, address, and phone number with your order.

The drawing will be held on October 24 during the AFMS/SCFMS convention in Austin, TX. If you're one of the lucky winners, and you're not present, your prize will be mailed to you shortly after the end of the convention.

Please send your ticket "order" to me at:  
Carolyn Weinberger  
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Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

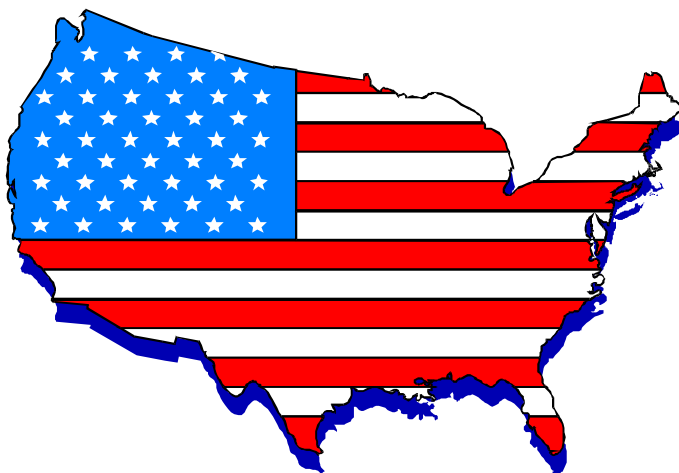


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## HINTS AND TIPS FOR THE SHOP

A quick and safe way to determine the hardness of a stone is to make it with an aluminum pencil. The fainter the mark the harder the stone and you will not harm the tested piece. No aluminum mark can be made on a stone harder than 7.

(from the Rear Trunk, Aug 2013, via Rockytier, Sep 2013.)



## 2015 SINGLE CABOCHON CONTEST

Hosted by the Austin Gem & Mineral Society

The Austin Gem & Minerals Society is proud to announce the hosting of a single cabochon competition. The competition will commence during the AFMS Show held in Austin, Texas; October 23-25, 2015. The required material must come from one of the South Central Federation states: Arkansas, Louisiana or Texas. Entry deadline is by NOON, October 23, 2015. Entry forms will be available at the show. Contact person is Laird Fowler: [lairdf@earthlink.net](mailto:lairdf@earthlink.net) (512-971-8224). An entry form can be emailed to you prior to the show.

Overall guidelines for fabrication and judging will be defined in the updated American Federation of Mineralogical Federation's Rules: Section 9.0; DIVISION C – LAPIDARY; Rule 9.1

**Cabochons:** A cabochon shall be lapidary material of a size that could be worn for jewelry, cut free hand without having been tumbled. Cabochons fall in two categories:

**(1) Traditional:** Traditional cabochons must have domed tops and must have at least one plane of symmetry. A plane of symmetry exists when a straight line passed through the middle of a cabochon gives two equal halves in size and shape. Some examples of traditional cabochons are: heart, cross, star, square, rectangle, diamond, teardrop, pear, circle, oval, and kite.

**(2) Modern and Creative:** Modern and Creative cabochons may have either domed or flat tops and have any shape that exhibits both the skill and creativity of the lapidary. They are not restricted to having a plane of symmetry. (Category sometimes known as Free-Form)

The reverse side of any cabochon modern, traditional, or creative, may have a bevel or chamfer. A bevel or chamfer is not mandatory.

### **OUT-OF-CLASS materials for THE 2015 Cab Contest are:**

- (a) Mineral specimens
- (b) Materials embedded in plastics
- (c) Tumbled material
- (d) Material **not** from one of the South Central Federation States: AR, LA and/or TX

While Rule 9.2 considers the following OUT-OF-CLASS, the 2015 Cab Contest will allow the following: Any lapidary entry that has more than fifty percent of the specimens composed of petrified wood.

We look forward to your entry in this competition.

## SCHEDULE FOR THE AFMS/SFCMS CONVENTION & SHOW

**AUSTIN, TEXAS  
OCTOBER 23 - 25, 2015**

### FRIDAY - OCTOBER 23

9:00 am SHOW OPENS (KIDS' DAY)

11:00 am S.C.R.I.B.E. MEETING

6:00 pm SHOW CLOSES

### SATURDAY - OCTOBER 24

8:00 am EDITORS' & WEBMASTERS'  
BREAKFAST

9:00 am SHOW OPENS

1:00 pm SCFMS MEETING

4:00 pm ALAA ANNUAL MEETING

6:00 pm SHOW CLOSES

6:30 pm SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 pm AWARDS BANQUET

### SUNDAY - OCTOBER 25

8:00 am ROLLIN' ROCK CLUB OFFICIAL  
MEETING

10:00 am SHOW OPENS

5:00 pm SHOW CLOSES

**HAVE A GOOD TIME AT THE SHOW!**



### DISPLAYS BRING REWARDS

by: Margaret Good



Regularly we take displays  
Of rocks, minerals and such  
To libraries and local schools.  
Students enjoy them so much.



When students come to the library  
To work or check out a book  
They express their satisfaction  
When at the display they look.

They ooh and aah and choose their likes  
From each arrangement they see.  
This makes us know it is worthwhile  
Seeing faces it with glee.

So thus it is we wear a smile  
As the students look and learn;  
For then we know it's worth our time;  
This is the reward we earn.

## A SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL EDITORS

The Annual meeting of the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (S.C.R.I.B.E.) will be held at 11:00 am October 23, 2015 at the AFMS/SCFMS Show. All editors are invited to attend the meeting. Plan now to attend and see what that group has to offer. I'm am sure we all could learn a lot from that meeting.

Your Editor: Paul W. Good

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Paul W. Good



Looking at the calendar, it says Fall is just around the corner. I sure hope so, as I could do without those hot days of summer.

Also, Fall means that the Federation Annual Show is just a few week away. I am looking forward to Convention and getting to see some friends that I have met during the years. I also hope to meet some friends that I have never met, as we became friends through the newsletter.

From what I hear the Austin Gem and Mineral Society is planning a big event for us this year and it will be a show that you would not want to miss.

Be sure to get your reservations in by September 30, so you will be assured to get to see the show and attend the meetings.

Bring some material for the Silent Auctions, which will be taking place all during the show. Money from the SCFMS Silent Auctions will go to the SCFMS Endowment Fund to help in various projects for the Federation.

For the November - December issue of this Newsletter we will have the list of all winners

in the Bulletin Editors' contest and the Web Site Contest for 2015. I know that some are anxious to get the results, but you will just need to wait until they are announced at the Editors' and Webmasters' Breakfast.

Other Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet, Saturday evening on the 24th. It is always an enjoyable evening and you will not want to miss it.

I want to say Thank You to all who sent an article for this newsletter: Dale Miller, Ann James, Kimberley Brannon, Michelle Talcott, Virginia Adian, Mary Trammel, Carolyn Weinberger and Margaret Good.

It is always good to get news from various Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

I guess that I have ran out of anything else to say. So continue to have GOOD hunting trips. Visit as many shows that you can and learn as much as you can about our great hobby. Take a display of rocks and minerals to a school near you.

Until next time. Paul W. Good

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## A,B,C'S OF WHAT ONE CAN DO WITH ROCKS

A - Admire Them  
 B - Brag about them  
 C - Cut and cab them  
 D - Display them  
 E - Enjoy them  
 F - Facet them  
 G - Gloat over them  
 H - Hunt them  
 I - Idolize them  
 J - Just enjoy their beauty

K - Kick them  
 L - Lick them  
 M - Make something with them  
 N - Never tire of them  
 O - Ogle them  
 P - Polish them  
 Q - Quick - collect them  
 R - Roam for them  
 S - Stumble over them  
 T - Trade / Tumble them

U - Unable to resist them  
 V - Vastly enjoy them  
 W - Wonder about them  
 X - X-ray them  
 Y - Yearn for them  
 Z - Zoom to collect them

(Author unknown, from SCFMS Newsletter, May-June 2008)



## SCFMS ORGANIZATIONS SHOW DATES FOR 2015

Mary Trammell, SCFMS Show Co-ordinator

<p>September 25-27, 2015 Humble, TX Houston G&amp;MS Humble Civic Center</p>	<p>October 10-11, 2015 Fort Worth, TX Cowtown GM&amp;GlassSoc CERA</p>	<p>November 07-08, 2015 Amarillo, TX Golden Spread G&amp;MS Amarillo Civic Ctr.</p>	<p>November 14-15, 2015 Round Rock, TX Paleo Soc. Of Austin Old Settlers Park Hwy 79 E</p>
<p>October 10-11, 2015 Temple, TX Tri-City G&amp;MS Mayborn Civic Ctr.</p>	<p>October 25-26, 2015 Glen Rose, TX Paleo. Soc. Of Austin Somervell Expo Ctr. Hwy 67</p>	<p>November 07-08, 2015 Midland, TX Midland G&amp;MS Midland Ctr.</p>	<p>November 21-22, 2015 Mesquite, TX Dallas G&amp;MS Restiol Ctr. Exhibit Hall</p>

## 2015 REGIONAL FEDERATION CONVENTIONS AND SHOWS

### South Central & American Federations Show October 23-25, 2015, Austin, TX

Southeast  
Federation  
November 06-08,  
2015  
Melbourne, FL

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Show opens 9:00am	Show opens 9:00am	Show opens 9:00am
Show closes 6:00pm	Show closes 6:00pm	Show closes 5:00pm

## SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION ANNUAL SHOW 2016

The Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society is proud to announce that we will be hosting the South Central Federation of Gem and Mineral Society's Annual show in conjunction with our 58th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Bead & Jewelry Show and Sale!

**Saturday May 7th, 2016 and Sunday May 8th, 2016.**  
**Lubbock Memorial Civic Center**  
**1501 Mac Davis Lane Lubbock, TX 79401**

We will have detailed information about the show, the meetings and Banquet and where to stay and what to do while visiting Lubbock available soon!

**Walt Beneze LGMS President, 2015**