

EFMLS NEWS

Information for members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies



2008 EFMLS CITATION AWARD

by Wayne Sukow, Chair, Jury of Awards

The "EFMLS Citation Award" is given annually in recognition and appreciation of exceptional service and sustained contribution to further the mission of the EFMLS. This year's recipient has given of himself, his enthusiasm for the hobby, and his mineralogical and lapidary expertise throughout the Federation. This giving has been diverse and over an extended period of time. I am honored to present this award to a most "facetnating" person.

Our honoree's academic record is diverse and suggests that he blew in on a 'Noreaster, quickly crystallizing into a successful student in New York State. The crystal grew and added more facets: he married and with his lovely bride had two children, he became a practicing physical therapist, he taught others in his field of expertise, he wrote, he chaired committees both large and small, and he served his country in the military.

Sometime in the mid-seventies he discovered the mineral and lapidary hobby and being the gregarious type joined the Stamford Mineralogical Society serving as bulletin editor for 20 years as well as serving as every other club officer even when wintering in Hawaii. He helped others to be active by serving on the club nominating committee and as show chairman.

His facets grew beyond the local clubs and took a better polish. His Eastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Societies facets include: serving as 2nd Vice Presi-

dent, 1st Vice president and a short time as President, it continued as he unselfishly served on the Bulletin Editors committee for 3-years and served for 10-years as one of the EFMLS judges on same, and stints as Geology Tour Chair, Boundaries Committee Chair, Operating Procedures Chair, Show Coordinator Chair, the Long Range Planning Committee, and Parliamentarian plus those activities dictated by the EFMLS OP's for officers.

Participants at EFMLS Wildacres Workshops in Little Switzerland, North Carolina have known him as a Faceting Instructor for more than a decade. Yes, he has given of himself, his enthusiasm for the hobby, and his mineralogical and lapidary expertise throughout the Federation "over an extended period of time."

There a few little know facets about our honoree that I'd like to share with you.

- Served as Committee Chair to Evaluate Other Alternatives to Wildacres.

- Was AFMS Bulletin Editor.

- Has been married for 50+ years to Myra, their 50th Anniversary was in 2006.

- Is a whiz with Photo Shop and other page-makeup programs.

- He and Myra have two daughters.

- Years ago at Wildacres, he set off a bidding frenzy. That really upped that year's take from the auction. Up for auction was the privilege cut off all his hair along with that of Jay Bowman and Bruce Gaber, and

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this was done right there to the laughs and hoots of the audience.

While our honoree is retired from some lapidary hobby activities he remains active in others having joined a new club in the Islands, "Hui Pohaku'o Hawaii" or the Rock and Mineral Society of Hawaii. I hear he's working on a new facet called the "Hula Cut", it shimmies and shakes. Enough of the accolades.

Admired and liked by most, this talented, involved and busy guy most deserves to receive this special honor. By now you've guessed our honoree is none other than

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A GREAT TIME IN JACKSON!

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS President



Greetings! What a great time in Jackson at the EFMLS Convention and Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society show! My thanks go to the MGMS and their many helpful volunteers for making our time in Mississippi a success. Time and time again my optimism is renewed and refreshed by witnessing the dedicated and sharing nature of our EFMLS member clubs. The MGMS put on a really great show with their reward being an excellent attendance.

The convention in Jackson, MS was held in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary celebration of the MGMS. Among the weekends many activities, the EFMLS was treated to the pleasure of holding its annual meeting in the MGMS's soon-to-be-completed club house and school. There was a good amount of pride in the host club members as they showed us around their building. The club had been talking about a club house for decades. I was happy to see that through the hard work of their dedicated club members, the MGMS's dream of a club house came true. It was an honor that the EFMLS was invited to share in this grand milestone anniversary.

Looking toward the future, the EFMLS is seeking a member club to host our conventions in 2009 and 2010... or even further out. Whether your club has a special date, such as a milestone anniversary or not, hosting an EFMLS Convention is fun and rewarding without a lot of "extra work". Please contact Matt Charsky, Convention Advisory Committee Chairman, if you'd like more information.

Still looking toward the future, have you been reading Bob Livingston's series on judging the life cycle and health of our clubs? Its a great series of articles with a good deal of food for thought every club should consider. As Bob pointed out, its important to step back and give our clubs a check up from time to time so we can plan our future. If you have not already done so, please give Bob's articles a good read.

We have within the extensive resources of the EFMLS a great many folks with a significant reservoir of experiences, ideas, and skills. All the dedicated folks in the EFMLS are here to offer their assistance with the many offerings and programs of the EFMLS. Please feel free to tap into this vast repository of knowledge and expertise that is available to all EFMLS member clubs.

We as rock, mineral, and fossil enthusiasts join rock clubs because within the organization of a club we can do more, experience more, and share more. Rock and mineral clubs in turn join federations pretty much for the same reasons. United in a federation we can do more, experience more, and share more. The EFMLS is a great resource for clubs. Yes, clubs may secure insurance for their activities through their affiliation with the EFMLS - but there is so very much more to the EFMLS than just insurance. Check out the many and varied nature of the articles in this month's issue of the EFMLS News. There are numerous articles in this issue that will help your club do more, experience more, and share more. Please don't let the valuable resources of the EFMLS go under utilized. Talk to us - we are here to help.

Ellery

KILL OR CURE - SOME "STOP THE BLEEDING" TREATMENTS TO TRY

by Bob Livingston, EFMLS Past President

Last of a 3-part series.

When a patient is on life support, usually drastic, aggressive measures must be taken to turn things around. Same applies for a club that is fading fast.



If your club is going great guns, most likely you do not need any of this. But just in case, for this last series of hopefully, helpful suggestions, let's assume, somehow you have become aware your club has certain serious problems. In a great many cases, there is no need to throw in the towel, even if it appears the battle is lost.

For starters, you can pick and choose from more than 14 steps, some of which might breathe extended life into a dying club:

-- Quite often due to funding problems and lack of members, the remaining old timers of necessity begin meeting in members homes and all too often on a hit or miss basis. So people know and can plan, you need to establish a regular meeting site and date of the month, and meet monthly ideally.

-- Find somebody to edit and get the simplest of newsletters going if you do not have one. Nowadays with computers this is much easier than in the day of the typewriter. Make sure it gets mailed soon enough so recipients know what is coming up and can plan accordingly to attend. This is really important during the rebuilding process with new members joining and needing to be clued in on things. The former president of the Lynchburg, VA club told me that this was a key Rx in their successful turnaround.

-- Frequently what's needed is a bold-acting, new President. This person needs to be the club "Head Doctor" with a strong commitment to the challenge, plus the abundant energy needed to get through the tough decisions that will be needed. It cannot be business as usual, as that is probably how your club got in trouble in the first place.

The former president of a club in southern New York, a newcomer to the area, told me when he agreed to try to save a club there that was heading down the tubes, he made the membership understand that he would have to be ruthless at times. Early on, members resented him and the changes he made, but once he proved his "back on their feet" plan was working, they got behind him totally. That club has been out of the woods and doing well, as is their show, for several years now.

-- The new leader will have to bring onto his or her governing board a lot of "new blood" with fresh ideas and ones who support their "success" plan. The folks who have "been there trying" are often times burned out after many years of steadfast service.

-- Good programs mean a lot in getting members and potential members to come to your meetings. Promote same in local weekly papers so outsiders will be aware and come seek you out. This is excellent for recruiting and rebuilding of your club. Don't overlook the list of many good slide, video and now DVD programs available from your Federation lending library. Check your Federation Directory for what's available and its procedure to borrow same. As your treasury builds, recruit some outside speakers from the community, college or local industry. A \$50 donation to them will help. At my home club, we find these programs featuring an outside speaker almost always boost

attendance for that particular meeting. Club auctions of rock-hobby stuff seem to also draw well.

-- Take full advantage of the special offerings that your club's membership in a federation provides: insurance to cover you when on a sanctioned club field-collecting trip or club sponsored show or event. Also, glean from the EFMLS newsletter good information for members and include same in your club newsletter. Eastern Federation, Southeast Federation and California Federation all have workshop sessions where you can go and be trained or upgrade your hobby skills. In the East, it is a wonderful spot open to club members from all federations, on a first come, first served basis. Reasonably priced, it is called "Wildacres" located in the wonderful Blue Ridge area of North Carolina. A whole raft of courses related to the lapidary arts and more are taught in 5 weekly sessions currently. And the list goes on.

-- Establish or upgrade a lending library of hobby books for members borrowing/ reference. Needs a dedicated librarian.

-- Put in place a plan to recruit new members. The growth will be needed to generate new income from additional dues which should be kept reasonable. Ideas to help with this: in your local papers under Community Events, Clubs or Meetings, publish the dates, time and place of your meeting and what special topic will be covered. Arrange to put a club exhibit of lapidary works and/ or minerals in a local library. Be sure to include a card or flyers giving meeting place, day of month and time so folks can come and hopefully some will join as new members.

Have members give talks to schools so kids can see and touch interesting rocks and crystals. Cub

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and boy scouts, girl scouts and 4-H clubs are other good places to recruit kids who often have need to complete projects of related nature. Remember with kids come parents and it is adults that you want to begin filling voids in offices, committee chairs, work on fundraisers and just add to the camaraderie so important to get things really rolling again.

Often, if you ask, a shopping center/ mall will let you set up a table with sign or banner for a few hours on a weekend to attract potential members. Have handouts stating where/ when you meet and what first timers can expect etc.

-- Be sure to take full advantage of the help possible to your club from the federation folks elected to serve you in your respective geographic area. At Eastern, they are your Regional VPs and area reps. The important thing is to make it a point to get to know these folks. They are ordinary folks who were elected to help. They too want to see a "down" club come back and thrive.

-- Though with ever increasing restrictions it is tougher, try hard to arrange a club-collecting trip or two to known natural areas or negotiate a reduced fee in a "fee collecting area." Some federations are loosely-connected to field trip groups who have collecting spots over wide- spread areas. If available, this is one way of getting some trips off the ground for your eager group.

-- Organize and plan an annual club picnic and December holiday party for members and guests. This should be quite easy as members self-fund it.

-- As soon as practical it is very helpful to create a club brochure. A two-sided 8 1/2" x 11" trifold works well to get your club story across to potential, and new members.

-- Today a club Webpage is becoming more and more important. Today's families that you want to attract are geared to getting info "on line." My home club in first half of 2007, had almost 200 persons print a \$1 off coupon from our site and turn it in for ticket savings at the Syracuse show. Those are persons we probably would not have attracted otherwise.

-- Lastly, after some successful years under your belt, if you don't have one, consider starting an annual fundraiser like an outdoor swap or small show at a good convenient time. Ponder this carefully as they do take manpower but can be a good source of extra money for your club treasury. Whatever you do, stick with the dates you establish year after year. It is the kiss of death to keep changing dates and location of your big event.

You might even do as the aging Charleston, WV club did and seek the help and services of a good established show dealer to lend a hand and act as a quasi show chairman. As a dealer in the

show, a guy like that has a vested interest in success too. I am told Charleston, WV is content letting a show dealer shoulder some of the dealer solicitation and set-up worry and responsibility. It seems to be working well for them.

This concludes this 3-part series. Hopefully, it was found to be worthwhile by those clubs who may be having a hard time to stay afloat. Others can always consider it "FYI." Please write to your federation newsletter editor if you have other suggestions. Later on, we will consider publishing an addendum on this overall subject if we get some good feedback of what worked best in your special situation.

IMPORTANT:

Club make up, problem areas, and dedication to the task at hand vary all over the lot. So there can be no guarantees by the author or any federation that any of this will be a magic pill in your case. This collection offers suggestions only to perhaps help a struggling club get back on its feet.

2008 EFMLS DIRECTORY

by Carolyn Weinberger

The 2008 EFMLS Directory is being mailed to member clubs with this issue of the EFMLS News. Every club president and editor will receive a copy and, if the club has a separate liaison person, they too are on the mailing list. In other words, if you receive a mailed copy of the newsletter, you're also receiving the Directory.

Want another copy or a copy for another member of your club? Directions for ordering are on the inside back cover of the Directory. Cost this year is \$4.50 per copy plus postage. Directories can only be sold to members of EFMLS clubs, so please include your club name with your order.

Should you find any errors in the Directory, please take a moment to notify the Editor so that corrections can be made.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE

by Ellery Borow



It is my distinct pleasure to introduce the person who I've selected to be the 2008 AFMS Honorary Scholarship recipient from the Eastern Federation. He is Professor Emeritus Arthur

M. Hussey, II of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.

Professor Hussey's early interests in rocks and minerals lead him through a series of geological studies eventually leading to a full professorship at Bowdoin College, a small liberal arts college in Brunswick, Maine.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Professor Hussey finished high school in Wells, Maine before returning back to Pennsylvania for his undergraduate studies at Penn State, where he majored in geology and mineralogy. Following a tour of duty in the Air Force, he completed his graduate studies and received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in Geology. Professor Hussey taught briefly at Purdue before returning to Maine where taught at Bowdoin College till his retirement. At Bowdoin he was Chair of the Geology Department for 34 years. Even now, thought retired, he remains as Volunteer Curator of the Cleveland Cabinet mineral collection and the rock and fossil collections at Bowdoin.

A prolific author, Professor Hussey has authored or co-authored numerous articles on the metamorphic stratigraphy, structure, intrusive activity and tectonic interpretation of the bedrock geology of southwestern Maine. He has also done extensive work in co-compiling the 1957 and

SAFETY FIRST AND LAST!!

by Jim Doran, EFMLS Safety Chair

This month I want to test your powers of observation. I want to see if you really are aware of the sometimes not-so-obvious regarding safety and collecting.



There is a very popular TV show on the Travel Channel titled: "The Best Places to Find Cash and Treasures." The premise of the show is to send the host to different areas around the country to try to find valuable minerals, gemstones, fossils, and other items to see how much the items are worth.

Recently, I watched a show where the host ended up hunting for emeralds at the North American Emerald Mine, in Hiddenite, North Carolina. She was brought into the diggings of the mine by the owner, the now famous, Jamie Hill. He showed her how to break open an emerald pocket by using a rock pick, and he was not wearing safety glasses! How many of you noticed that?

In a second show I watched, the host went to Herkimer, New York, to try to find Herkimer Diamonds. At the first location, she was wearing her hard hat and safety glasses. She then went to a second location to try her luck, and was shown trying to break a rock without safety glasses! How many of you noticed that?

My point in bringing up these incidents is to make you try to be more aware, more observant on collecting trips. Do you have all your required safety equipment? Do the other club members have theirs? Most importantly, is the equipment used, and used correctly?

Next month I want to give you some more examples of observations regarding safety in part two of this article.

(I welcome any and all comments, suggestions, ideas, from any club or club member. Feel free to contact me: Jim Doran, at email address: <jpdoran@comcast.net>.

1985 editions of the bedrock geology maps of Maine. Presently, he is co-authoring yet another paper on Maine's geologic history.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Arthur M. Hussey as the 2008 AFMS Scholarship Honoree.

AFMS Scholarship Foundation President Dee Holland presenting the plaque for Dr. Hussey to EFMLS President Ellery Borow. Dr. Hussey was unable to attend the Convention due to a prior commitment.



AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

from Mary Fraser, ACROY Chair

Greetings Fellow Rockhounds,

As spring blooms, most of you are preparing for fieldtrips and other rockhound adventures. Before you set out into the field, take time to think about the people in your club who have made a vast difference in the workings of your club and all its activities. Perhaps there is someone or a couple, or a junior member who are always at the forefront of activities who needs to be recognized by more than just a "thanks". Is there a couple or individual who is always working behind the scene who may go unnoticed because they make everything go so smoothly, but without whom things might not get done? These are the members who should get recognition beyond just a handshake. Why not submit them for Rockhound of the Year? Each club may nominate a person/couple and a junior member to be Rockhound of the Year.

So far this year I have received three nominations. That is an average of one a month. Lets keep that momentum going so the Federation can post at least twelve nominations this year! All your club has to do is send your nominations to Mary Fraser at <rfraser@maine.rr.com> and I will forward them to the Federations. That's all there is to it.

Here are our most recent Rockhound heroes...

I nominate **Rich Kupisz**, President of the Lapidary and Mineralogical Society of Central Connecticut, as Rockhound of the Year because of his hard work and selflessness toward improving the club. Besides the normal presidential tasks, Rich has gone out of his way to upgrade our club's annual show, has organized two overnight field trips to Maine, has thought of numerous ways to make the club more interesting and at-

tractive, and conducted a myriad of other tasks behind the scenes. As a result of his leadership, commitment, and attention to detail, the club has turned around declining membership and increased show attendance and income to the benefit of all members.

Harold Moritz, Bulletin Editor

I nominate **Ed Force** as Rockhound of the Year from the Manchester Mineral Club. For many years Ed has tirelessly worked on organizing field trips. In a time of decreasing availability of collecting sites, Ed has managed to gain access to a variety of places and made valuable contacts with many individuals and corporations. He has gradually assembled a comprehensive GIS database of Connecticut mines, quarries, and mineralized sites while researching and publishing their history. He always brings his displays of minerals and their uses and of garnets from nearly every town in the state when helping at club shows or other public events. Many thanks, Ed!

*Harold Moritz
President*

The members of Saco Valley Mineral Club of Albany, New Hampshire are proud to nominate president **Dick Dennison** for rockhound of the year. Dick's many accomplishments include being able to motivate the club from his winter home in Florida, supporting the club annual show, and finding the club a new meeting place where he also assists in teaching children about rocks and minerals during the summer. One of his most popular endeavors is to set up lodging and field trips for our annual Canada pilgrimage. Not only is Dick a doer but he is also very approachable and is the mortar in our rock club.

*Mary Fraser
Saco Valley Mineral Club*

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Hazel Remaley, Chair

Greetings to you all this Spring !!

The name of this program is Each One Teach One. Seems that quite a few of you out there have no idea what that means, or think that there are no folks in your club who would qualify for this honor. Basically what a club officer has to do is complete the form (application) that will be published in a future issue this fall and send it to me. Well, that's all that has to be done by you. But, the person, or couple you nominate, has to have taught, given presentations, or in some way spread the word about our hobby and his or her talents - without receiving remuneration. That way he or she is teaching and hopefully the one who is taught will some day do the same. I have seen it happen in clubs. Takes one person to light the flame.

The BIG announcement follows. Yes, the winners of the Each One Teach One Awards were presented during the 2008 EFMLS Convention banquet held in February in Jackson, MS. Unfortunately, none of the honorees was able to attend. There were three nominations and the placements are -

Third Place

nominated by the
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society
of Montgomery County, MD

Wendell C. Mohr

Second Place

nominated by the
American Fossil Federation

Jim Patzer

Trophy Award

nominated by
The Stamford Mineralogical Society

Reivan Zeleznik

Congratulations to all !!

Watch for more information about the entry for the 2009 competition.

Hazel Remaley
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EDITOR'S CORNER

by Natalie Darling, BEAC Chair

Greetings fellow editors and hobby enthusiast,

I have just recently returned from the Eastern Federation Convention



in Jackson, MS. WOW - what a great show the host club held. It was also fun to meet other Eastern Federation

Officers and members, as well as catching up with those who I haven't seen since last years convention.

The third day of the convention of course is the Editors Breakfast, filled with the presentation of awards for all of those fabulous newsletters and articles submitted by club editors. For me this was the culmination of many hours of exceptional reading, (on a subject I really enjoy) and hard work (sorting, mailing, printing, etc.). It was a real pleasure to award well-deserved trophies and certificates to those in attendance. (The list of winners is listed elsewhere in this issue.)

For winners not in attendance, awards and articles will be returned to the submitting editors. I hope to be able to visit some of the clubs in

my area, but will not hold the awards, as I am sure that editors and authors alike excitedly await the arrival of their awards.

This years awards had many ties for top placement. Many of these will be going on to The American Federation Competition for judging and possible awards. I am quite impressed by the quality of the articles that were submitted. Keep up the enthusiastic writing.

Our lowest submissions were drawings (both adult and junior)~ and I would like to encourage all club members to get in touch with your creative side this year.

Whatever your preference, please write, draw, compose poems, and show support for your newsletter, club, and federation by submitting them to your editor for inclusion in your club newsletter. I will look forward to reading next years submissions.

In closing, I would like to thank our host club, the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society, for their hospitality. I am also deeply indebted to my judges, who worked so hard to read, score, and return the articles in a very limited amount of time due to the early date of the convention. And last but not least, thank you to Mary Bateman, who helped me along the way whenever assistance was needed. I appreciate each and every one of you!

ALL-AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

by Pat Pitkin, EFMLS Chair

Well it looks like I didn't get out the flogging stick, and nobody took up my offer to record their club's annual history in the Eastern Federation this year. You missed a fun time.



Your club has many facets and the Notebook is a good learning tool that shows new people joining your group, as well as the veteran members what we do for our Pet Rocks.

I did get a message from someone who said she was too late this year, but she plans to make a Notebook for next year. Let's give her some competition. I will bring our PESA notebook to Wildacres this Spring in case anyone wants to see what an entry is like. Try it, you'll like it, and it keeps on teaching long after the competition.

Go on line to the AFMS website <www.amfed.org/AACA.htm> and learn what is involved. You have the rest of this calendar year to get your material together, take photos, cut out newspaper clippings etc. Until then, I'm waiting for your Notebook!

Those in attendance at the EFMLS Annual Meeting in Jackson, MS included AFMS Scholarship President Dee Holland, AFMS President Shirley Leeson, and EFMLS Past President Matt Charsky with his wife Jeanne



ROCKHOUDING CONCERNS

by Clyf Bourne, EFMLS Conservation & Legislation Chair



The last Conservation and Legislation report from John Wright, in the AFMS Newsletter for February, 2008, reminds us that, for years now, we have been warned of the probability of fu-

ture legislation, by Congress, inimical towards rockhounding. Case in point: the current Paleontological Resource Preservation Act now before Congress. Can't say we weren't warned. But are we doing enough? Probably not.

How many of us have informed our legislators of our concerns? Too many of us expect someone else to do it for us. Trying to thread our way through the wording of proposals is boring and I am thankful that we have people like George Loud, Jon Spunaugle and John Wright for their research, and red-flagging of legislative threats for our members. It is difficult to find news about this supposed campaign against us, especially with both Senate and House bills locked up in committee. We should return to ALERT soon, however, as the Senate bill, S.320 is due to be reintroduced from committee, February 15th, this year.

The titles of these bills rather overstate the case but appeal to many, especially the "Greens". They imply our environment is going down the tubes if not protected immediately from exploitation. Granted, our public lands including forests, paleontological resources, minerals should be managed wisely but that doesn't mean all access should be shut off. If a tree falls, is there any noise if no one is there to hear it? Wanton exploration and recovery of artifacts

has to be controlled. Vertebrate fossils are not necessarily rare; they are found in abundance all over the world. What would be the state of museum collections and scientific knowledge if it were not for the collection and investigations of minerals and fossils by amateurs? Many museums already have prize specimens stored away, lacking time to prepare them for display or space to display them. But dinosaurs on display in all of them; they are ubiquitous. So the premise for this legislation is not wholly true.

If this legislation is passed in its present form, our access to public lands could be restricted to more than just collecting fossils. Most any other activity could be affected also.

While Section 2 of the Paleontological Act presently allows "recreational or casual collecting using hand tools in certain areas." Do you suppose these will be prime areas? The bill, Section 10 of the bill already states that some paleontological areas may be set aside and kept secret.

The proposed bill establishes tough penalties too. If you are caught picking up one of billions of shark teeth on federal lands, you could land in jail, pay a hefty fine and that's just

for starters. The present bill does offer some protection in Section 7(d) by exempting vertebrate fossil owners from penalty if they can prove them acquired before the bill is enacted. This might not be easy.

John Wright touched upon this very concern and I was reminded of an incident Joy and I experienced several years ago when we were in Kemmerer, WY, looking into Green River fossil fish; what else. We were talking to the proprietor of the local Wishy Washy Car Wash Emporium and Rock Shop; he had lots of supplies and specimens of interest to a rockhound. But he also told us of an experience he had of this very nature. Federal agents had confiscated the bulk of his sale stocks of minerals and fossils, such as petrified wood specimens because they might have been gathered from public lands. A devastating blow to his business.

Think about dealers we patronize at our shows and so forth. They could be affected too. You be the judge. What are we going to do about it? We will be able to blame no one but ourselves if we do not write to our representatives.....NOW!

Meanwhile, Happy Hunting.

HONORING A GEM OF A GUY

from Shirley Leeson, AFMS President

In this day of high internet use, clubs and federations must now rely on these means of communication to keep the public informed of their existence and programs. I hope that everyone in the EFMLS recognizes what a gem you have in your Webmaster, **Dan Imel**. He's really on top of things - updating the site as needed, answering questions etc.

It is an honor for me to recognize the work done by Dan with this plaque showing our recognition and appreciation of his work. Well done Dan!



Plaque to Dan presented at the EFMLS Annual Meeting

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

by Bob Livingston, Scholarship Foundation Coordinator

I am tickled pink to report that even with cold, snow, winds and nasty weather in many states, "Scholarship" is Alive and Well. You will note in the rundown below, many of you heeded my plea of January and have come through well for us. Pat yourself on the back. We are most grateful for your support for this worthwhile, hobby-related cause. As Jerry Lewis says on his Labor Day Telethon, we need at least a dollar more than last year -- so to with us, and I think based on our great start, and your help as we go, we will meet that goal. Here is the activity thus far this year:

Memorial Contributions:

in memory of
Cathy Gaber

by Lou Budell and
Bob & Joan Livingston
credited to the
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
new percentage - 4300%

in memory of
**Cathy Gaber, Bob MacCallum,
and Tom Porro**
by Reivan & Myra Zeleznik
credited to the
Stamford Mineralogical Society
new percentage - 1500%

in memory of
Cathy Gaber
by Wayne Sukow
credited to the
Northern Virginia Mineral Club

in memory of
**Cathy Gaber, Tom Milligan,
and Paul & Dawne Dunning**
by Barbara Sky
credited to the
Min Soc. of the Dist. of Columbia
new percentage - 600%

in memory of
Sylvia Klein

by Steve & Carolyn Weinberger
credited to the
Gem Cutters' Guild of Baltimore

in memory of
Bob Cohen

by Gem Cutters' Guild of Baltimore

in memory of
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by Stamford Mineralogical Society

in memory of
Jay Lininger

by Nittany Mineralogical Society
new percentage - 200%
It should be noted that this was the
club's first ever donation to this cause!

Central Pennsylvania
Rock & Mineral Club
no percentage change

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new percentage - 4500%

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new percentage - 11,800%

Wendell Mohr
credited to
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society
of Montgomery County, MD
new percentage - 9,000%

Thanks again to all of you and keep
those checks flowing (made out to
AFMS Scholarship Foundation) to me:

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EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

by Fran Sick, EFF Chair

I am pleased to report receipt of
the following donations to the East-
ern Foundation Fund in January.

Cathy Gaber

has been remembered with four
contributions as follows:
The Gem, Lapidary and Mineral
Society of Washington, DC
Clyf and Joy Bourne
Matt and Jean Charsky
Fran Sick

Wendell & JoAnn Mohr
also gave a very generous contribution

Many thanks to each of you for
your contributions to the EFF.

Whenever we lose one of our own
we are naturally saddened and our
lives are somehow diminished by the
loss. It is natural to want to do some-
thing to express how we feel and to
let loved ones know we are thinking of
them. If you are like I am, often you
just don't know what to do.

What better way to remember
those members of our rockhound
family than
through a me-
morial contri-
bution to the
Eastern Foun-
dation Fund.
In this way
your gift, and
the memory
of those who
have left us,
will continue giving to the hobby they
loved for many years to come.



Contributions should be made
payable to "EFF" and mailed to me at
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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Oberheim, EFMLS Juniors Chair

A Most Unique Mineral: Clay

When I taught art I was so thrilled to get a kiln in the art room (previously the only clay we could use was that awful plasticine) The kids were so excited to make something they could fire and have a permanent "keepsake". They didn't always make the connection. as one kindergarten student told his Mother "we pushed shells and bugs into clay then later Mrs O. gave us a rock!

But when I researched clay for this column I was amazed at many strange facts about it. It's a sedimentary rock found close to the surface of the earth (hence; easy to mine). You would need a microscope to see the tiny crystals of alumina and silica that make up clay because they are less than a hundred millionth of an inch! The color comes from other materials in the clay; grey is from carbon (plant materials) and the red; iron oxides. There are 5 basic kinds ; china clay or kaolin; the purest and finest makes porcelain. Ball clay; not as pure but easier to mold, used for most ceramics. Fire clay resists heat so makes great fire brick, then earthenware; the most common, hardens at a lower temperature because of the iron (it's red). And finally bentonite clay which is used as "drilling mud" to lube the drill in mining because it is so slippery (is that what Southerners call gumbo?) The fact I think the kids would enjoy is that several species deliberately eat clay! Macaws peck at it to help digest the poisons in some seeds they eat. Elephants lick it to help digest grass, and mountain gorillas eat a clay that resembles kaolite to line their gut and treat stomach upset. And so do we! Kaolinite is the main ingredient in most digestive aids.

I doubt you need suggestions of what to do with the clay or where to get it, and I'm sure some one knows an art teacher or potter who can fire your "fossils" dishes, pendants, etc. So look close at clay and have fun!

EUGENE "E.T." PIKE

Regular long time Wildacres attendees were saddened to learn of the death recently of our friend E. T. Pike on February 25, 2008. He was 74 years of age.



A Georgia native, E.T. was a retired air traffic controller. Who would ever have guessed when listening to him at Wildacres as he taught classes or spun fabulous yarns? Later, he also served as the Wildacres Equipment Manager, spending 5 - 6 weeks on the mountain working with the various gem and mineral groups and ensuring that the WA owned equipment was in good working order and available as needed.

His deep Georgia drawl was legendary! E.T. also played the harmonica and banjo and had a wonderful and gentle innocence and honesty about him.



In recent years E.T. was confined to a nursing home suffering the effects of Alzheimer's. E.T. is survived by his daughter Sara, son Bevan, grandson Adam and a host of friends.

Carolyn Weinberger

HALE SWEENEY

The Eastern and Wildacres family also lost another longtime attendee with the passing of Dr. Hale Sweeney on February 20.

Hale had a varied professional career serving in the U.S Navy during WW II, and then, earning degrees in both Mechanical and Industrial Engineering after the war ended, worked for a variety of companies in textile machinery design, mathematical statistics, and finally as Director of Corporate Statistics for Burroughs Welcome Co.

Hale served the Eastern Federation for a time as Region VI Vice President and spent many hours helping his friend Ed Elam teach channel working at Wildacres. Many will remember Hale as the moderator of the Internet, "Lapidary Digest".

Hale is preceded in death by his beloved and talented wife Anne and is survived by his daughter and two sons, three grandchildren, one great grand daughter and a brother.

Carolyn Weinberger

WHY NOT HOST A SHOW?

from Matt Charsky, EFMLS Convention Coordinator

Does your club host an annual gem, mineral and/or fossil show?

If the answer to this question is yes, has your club considered hosting an EFMLS Convention! Doing so does not require hours of planning, hiring a larger venue, bringing in scads of new dealers, changing the date, sharing your show revenue, or involving lots of your club members.

What is required?

1. That you already have an annual show.

2. That someone from your club contacts a local hotel, and books a block of rooms (usually at a discounted rate). Those coming to the convention will make their room reservations directly with the hotel - no extra work for your club there.

3. Someone from your club will need to arrange for a room for the annual meeting and cracker barrel (usually something either at the host hotel or show venue), and set up an awards banquet and editors breakfast.

4. If you have a small room at the show venue for the EFMLS auction, that would be nice, but is not mandatory. (Often clubs use the same space for the auction that they use for lectures.)

5. Prepares a packet of material advertising the show. Federation people will help you with this and with the mailing.

What are the costs to your club?

Generally nothing - not one penny. The EFMLS will give your club \$400 to help offset any expenses you may have (printing and mailing packets, renting a room for the meetings etc.)

What are the benefits to your club?

1. Pride in hosting a Federation Convention.

2. Added displays for the show, both competitive and non-competitive. (Not to worry, EFMLS takes

care of obtaining judges for competitive exhibits).

3. Extra advertising for your club and show via the EFMLS Newsletter and website.

The show you have does not have to be large. EFMLS meetings have been hosted by clubs having as few as 10 dealers. We've visited shows in fire houses, fair grounds, convention centers, rec centers and school gymnasiums. Whatever works for your club is what will work for the federation.

Currently we have need for a host club for the conventions in 2009 and beyond and although a few clubs have expressed interest, none has stepped up and said "yes" as of this writing.

Remember, you're not getting into this on your own. There's a whole cadre of Federation people out there who will be willing to help you with any planning you may have to do.

I'm eagerly waiting for one of our clubs to contact me and accept the challenge. Hosting an EFMLS convention is a lot of fun and a most rewarding experience.

My contact information is on page 17 of this issue.



SNAPSHOTS

FROM THE CONVENTION



2009 EFMLS Officers elected at the annual meeting in Jackson, MS

Mary Bateman, President, Loren Patterson, 1st VP, LaReene Heath, Asst. Treasurer, Carolyn Weinberge, Editor, Kathy Patterson, Secretary, Lou Budell, Treasurer. Not present, John Milligan, 2nd VP.



Barbara Sky received her competitive trophy from Joy Bourne

2008 BULLETIN EDITORS' CONTEST RESULTS

from Natalie Darling, BEAC Chair

The Bulletin Editors' Advisory Committee is indebted to the thirteen judges who volunteered their time and talents to make this year's contest a success through their thorough evaluations and helpful comments.

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- Richmond Gem & Mineral Society
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- Tidewater Gem & Mineral Journal
- Water Oak Gem and Mineral Society



BULLETIN AWARDS

Small Bulletins

Trophy Award

The Shin-Skinner News
Joy Bourne, Editor
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

First Place Award

Chippers Chatter
Rebecca Kays, Editor
Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place Award

The Rockhounder
Wendell C. Mohr, Editor
Gem Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery Co., MD Inc

Third Place Award

The Mineral Newsletter
Georgia Olmstead, Editor
Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Fourth Place Award

The Tidewater Prospector
Brooks Britt, Editor
Tidewater Gem and Mineral Society

Fifth Place Award

Fossil Finder
Jim Patzer, Editor
American Fossil Federation

Sixth Place Award

The Dopstick
Sue Colella, Editor
Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Washington, DC

Large Bulletins

Trophy Award

Gem Cutters News
Carolyn Weinberger, Editor
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

First Place Award

Rocky Echoes
James A. Monk, Editor
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place Award

The Vug Examiner
Edward Mattson, Editor
Stamford Mineralogical Society



A delighted Joy Bourne receives the trophy for *Shin-Skinner News*

photo: S. Weinberger

New Editors

Trophy Award

The Collecting Bag
Alan McCleaf & Suzanne Hedderly
Co-Editors
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Original Educational Articles

Trophy Award

Jeff Carpenter
The Coral Bluffs
Fossil Finder
American Fossil Federation

First Place Award

Stan Balducci
Mesozonic Plants
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place Award

Gerald Elgert
The Science of the Patuxent
River Agate - Part 2
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

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Third Place Award

Reivan Zeleznik
We Await a Meeting with a Space Rock
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Fourth Place Awards

Joy Bourne
Birthstones for October- Tourmaline
The Shin-Skinner News
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.

Fifth Place Award

Edward Mattson
Answers to the Photo Quiz
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society
Sixth Place Award
Steve Boylan
Radon Gas
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA

Seventh Place Award

Gerald Elgert
The Science of the
Patuxent Stone, Part I
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

Eighth Place Award

Don Kauffman
Graptolites
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Ninth Place Award

Michael S. Hakulin
A Brief History of Russian
Lacquered Brooches
Chippers Chatter
Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society

Tenth Place Award

Elmore Easter
Sagentitic Delight, Again
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Honorable Mention

B. Jay Bowman
Peridot and Sardonyx
The Shin-Skinner News
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.

Paul Senstad
Mineral of the Month: Copper
Chippers Chatter
Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society

Original Educational Articles - Advanced

Trophy Award

Kevin Dermody
The First Forests
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

First Place Awards

Diana Jarrett
Total Blackout
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

Bob Simon

Wyoming Dinosaur Dig Field Report #1
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

Second Place Award

Bob Simon
Wyoming Dinosaur Dig Field Report #2
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Third Place Award

Dave Woolley
Petrified Wood from Franklin, NJ
Gem & Mineral Journal
The Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Fourth Place Awards

Kevin Dermody
KY Revisited- Again
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Dave Woolley

Geology Concepts Part IV
Gem & Mineral Journal
The Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Original Non-Technical Articles

Trophy Award

Heather Felsen
Wildacres: Spring 2007
The Rockhounder
Gem, Lapidary, & Mineral Society
of Montgomery Co., MD

First Place Awards

Brandon Aldinger
The UV & U Sterling Hill Super Dig, 2007
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Dave Lines

World Championship Quartz Crystal Dig
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place Awards

Gerald Elgert
Catch and Release in Arizona
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

Vivien Gornitz

Gold
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

Diana Jarrett

Heads UP!
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

Third Place Award

Andy Dietz
Through the Eyes of a Mineral
Collector and Dealer
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Fourth Place Awards

Georgia Olmstead
What to do with Your
Unusual Rocks- Try Suiseki
The Mineral Newsletter
The Northern VA Mineral Club

Don Kuffman

Field Trip, Give Me a Cold Day
Fossil Collecting and A Graptolite
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Fifth Place Awards

Elmore Easter
An Old Berly Mine in the Depths
of the Woods
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Betty Thompson

History of Mineral Illustration-
A Presentation by
Bruce and Catherine Gaber
Mineral Minutes
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

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Sixth Place Award

Jim Patzer
Just What is an Oreodent?
Fossil Finder
American Fossil Federation

Seventh Place Awards

Rudy Bland
My Trip to Pitcher, OK
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Erich Grundel
Why Tartaric Acid is Important
The Mineral Mite
The Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Eighth Place Awards

Clyf Bourne
Another Hardness Scale, Besides Moh's
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club

Mike Colella
Aurora Phosphate Mine
The Dopstick
Gem, Lapidary, & Mineral
Society of the District of Columbia

Georgia Olmstead and Tom Tucker
Mineral: FLUORITE
Mineral Minutes
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Terrie Turnage
Thompson Creek Field Trip 7/28/07
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Ninth Place Award

Tom Tucker
How Do I Serve a Wine With Crystals?
The Mineral Mite
The Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Tenth Place Award

Peter Chin
A Tale of Two Siderites
The Mineral Newsletter
The Northern VA Mineral Club

Honorable Mention

Mike Bunyak
Crystals
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club

Julie Fluke

A Celtic Craftsman Comes to Call
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club

Bradley Grant

Mineral Collecting in Valley Quarry
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

Erich Grundel

Mineralogical Giant is Dead
Mineral Minutes
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Bob Farrar

Mineral of the Meeting: Sulfur
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

John Haskins

Diamond Hill Mine,
A Crystal Collectors Paradise
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA

Kerry Matt

The New Southwest Chester County Mine
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Edward Mattson

Take Care of Your Collection
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

James A. Monk

Petrified Wood: State
Gemstone of Mississippi
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Delores Navarrete

Thanks for my William Holland Trip
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Dee Tinsley

Uncle Billy's Day 2007
Gem & Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA

Tom Tucker

A Trained Mining Town Dies as
Residents are Paid to Leave
The Mineral Mite
The Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Written Features

Trophy Award

R.J. Harris
Presidents Message
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

First Place Awards

Matt Charsky
What Were You Doing in 1967?
The Dopstick
Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of
the District of Columbia

Erich Grundel

Interior Inferior
Mineral Minutes
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Second Place Award

Debra John
Minerals Word Find
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA

Third Place Awards

Duane Leavitt
Some Notes and Safety Tips
on Using Oxalic Acid
The Rocky Road
Water Oak Gem and Mineral Society

Gary Thorne

Maria's Big Day at PCS
Fossil Finder
American Fossil Federation

Fourth Place Award

Debra John
Put on Your Thinking Caps
Crossword Puzzle
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Paul Schmitz

Dinosaur Days at Maryland Science
Center
The Rostrum
The Maryland Geological Society

Fifth Place Award

Steve Boylan
Survey Results from 2006
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

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Alan McCleaf
When it's Hot it's Hot
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Andy Thompson
As a Rockhound, What is Your
Favorite Soup?
Mineral Minutes
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Sixth Place Awards
Catherine J. Gaber
Len Cram in Tucson, AZ
The Mineral Mite
The Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Howard Heitner
Diamonds are Growing in Brooklyn
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Jim Patzer
But Does it Really Taste Like Chicken?
Fossil Finder
American Fossil Federation

Seventh Place Award
Georgia Olmstead
Just a Couple of Photos Taken at
Just a Couple of our Summer Field Trips
The Mineral Newsletter
The Northern VA Mineral Club

Eighth Place Awards
Betty S. Martin
Rock Trimmers: The Collectors' Salvation
Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Cathy Patterson
Presidents Message
Crack and Cab
Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse

Ninth Place Awards
Bob Farrar
Mineral of the Meeting: Topaz
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

Bob Farrar
Mineral of the Meeting: Apatite
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

Suzanne Hedderly
Let's Grow Crystals
Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Maxine Nicholas
Central PA Rock and Mineral Write Stuff
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Tenth Place Award
John Boyer
Field Trip Reports
The Mineral Newsletter
Northern VA Mineral Club

Honorable Mention
Elmore Easter
Shoreline Geology
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Dominick Ferrante
Bus Trip to Franklin, NJ
Shin Skinner News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Erich Grundel
Albert Einstein is a Micromounter
The Mineral Mite
Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Bob Livingston
Canton Show
Crack 'N Cab
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse

Bob Livingston
Tales From and About the
Dick Stiner I Knew
Crack 'N Cab
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY

George Loud
A Modern Tale of the Comstock
The Mineral Mite
The Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Edward Mattson
Musing with Mattson- Why Don't We
Find Diamonds in Coal Mines
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Wendell C. Mohr
Web Sites: Lets Go To The Movies
The Rockhound
Gem, Lapidary and Mineral
Society of Montgomery Co, MD

Wendell C. Mohr
Web Sites: Pin These Down 4/07
The Rockhound
Gem, Lapidary and Mineral
Society of Montgomery Co, MD

Bill O'Neill
Election Puzzle
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

George Reimherr
The Trip to the West Springfield Show
The Mineral Newsletter
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Al Segar
Rockhound- Part V Geodes
Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.

Betty Thompson
The Most Common Causes of
Color In Minerals
Mineral Minutes
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Inga Wells
Our Program: Polishing Amber, Jet
and other Soft stones
Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.

Drawn Features - Juniors

Trophy Award
Luke Bondurant
Ankylosaurs
Gem & Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

First Place Award
Naomi Bondurant
Dinosaur
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

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Second Place Awards

Ruby Bondurant
Fossil
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Annie Snyder
Dinosaur and Nest
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Third Place Awards

Annie Snyder
Dinosaur Drawing
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Drawn Features - Adult

Trophy Award
Wendell C. Mohr

Mineral Collectors Eye Chart
The Rockhouser
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society
of Montgomery County

Junior Articles

Trophy Award
Isabel Salmon
The Opal in Myth and Folklore
Triassic Valley Bulletin
New Haven Mineral Club

First Place Award
Julianna Cardona
My Rock Story
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Second Place Award
Zachary McKinney
Our Journey to the Worlds
Best Kyanite Mine
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Poetry

Trophy Award
Mary Westbrook
Fossilimericks
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

First Place Award
Emily Price and Charli Gaston
Hickory Dickory Dock
Rockhound Roundup
Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society

Second Place Award
Cathy Gaber
Good Things Come in Small Packages
The Mineral Mite
Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Third Place Award
Virginia Griffis
Hickory Dickory Dock
Rockhound Roundup
Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

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The Decade Club, founded in 1991, is an elite group of bulletin editors who have served their clubs for ten years or more. Over the 17 years since its inception, other fine editors have been added to the rolls of the Decade Club. We gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions of all members to their clubs and to the EFMLS.

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March:

28- 30: Atlantic Micromounters Conference hosted by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. Info & Registration <central_office@amfed.org>.

29: 18th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Southern Maryland Rock & Mineral Club. Clearwater Nature Center, Clinton, MD.

29-30: 29th Annual Rock & Mineral Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Hall, 211 Herrick Av; Sayre, PA

29-30: 30th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Franklin County Rock & Mineral Club. Quality Inn & Suites, Chambersburg, PA. More info: <mimo@innernet.net>

29-30: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures & Fossil Fair sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. Lulu Temple, Plymouth Meeting, PA. Info: <dkliieger@verizon.net>

April:

5 - 6: 40th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society. Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

5-6: 39th Museum of Gems sponsored by the NY Southern Tier Geology Club. Johnson City Sr. Center, Johnson City, NY

19 - 20: Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Monongahela Rockhounds. Sky View Fire Hall; West Mifflin, PA.

26: 4th Annual Rock, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club. Dover Veterans Community Center, Dover, NH.

26-27: 36th Annual New Jersey Earth Science Association Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, NJ Earth Science Assoc. & Sterling Hill Mining Museum. Franklin School/Washington Av; Franklin, NJ.

May:

3: 2008 Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Bergen County Mineralogy & Paleontology Society and The New Jersey Paleontological Society. Bergen County Courthouse Parking Lot, River & Court Streets, Hackensack, New Jersey.

3 - 4: 5th Annual Treasures of the Earth Show & Sale sponsored by the Mineralogical Society of NE Pennsylvania. Oblates of St. Joseph, Pittston, PA.

24: Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. NEW LOCATION: Ruhl Armory, 1035 York Rd (MD 45 just off I-695); Towson, MD.

June:

7 - 8: Orange County Mineral Society Annual Swap & Sell sponsored by the Orange County Mineral Society. Museum Village, Monroe, NY

7-8: 35th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park, Birmingham, AL. More info: <rk2273@att.com>

July:

26-27: 29th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, So. Burlington, VT.

August:

2 - 3: 38th Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society. Mt. Merici School, Waterville, ME

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