

EFMLS NEWS

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



WE HAVE THE DATES! WE HAVE THE SPEAKERS! WE HAVE THE CLASSES!

by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Workshop Committee Chair

With the turning of the calendar pages, it's time to plan to attend our 2011 EFMLS Wildacres Workshops. Everything is set except for participants and that's where you and your fellow club members come in.

A week at Wildacres is a fabulous experience! Don't just take my word for it, go to the EFMLS Website <www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm> and read what others have said about their experience.

Located off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC, the Wildacres facility offers all the comforts of home except TV, radio, car horns, and street noises. What you do hear instead is laughter and pleasant

conversation as you and your fellow participants immerse yourselves in a week of learning, sharing and fun.

On the private mountain that's the Wildacres property you'll find two lodges containing motel-style bedrooms with private baths, a lovely auditorium, dining hall and a variety of classroom buildings. Each day features a combination of class instruction, talks by our guest speaker or other activities such as a tailgate session and auction. And oh yes, there's a "free day" halfway through the week for those who wish to go on a field trip or explore the lovely area - Asheville, for example, is but an hour away.

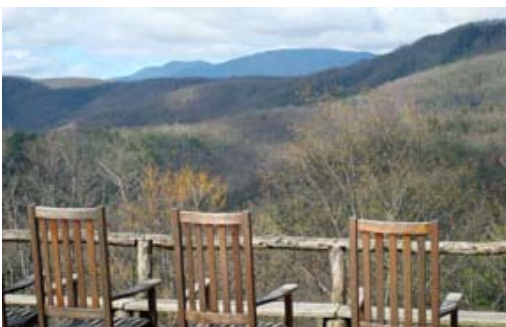
Tuition for each session is only \$350 per person. This includes your room and board for the entire week! There will be a fee for the materials you use in the class or classes you take during the week, but of course you'll get to take your finished projects home with you at the end of the session.

For 2011 we're honored to have two outstanding speakers. In spring, Gene LeBerge, award-winning Univ. of Wisconsin professor of geology & mineralogy, consummate teacher, and distinguished author. Gene will enthrall us all with his tales and photographs--from tourmaline and copper, to Namibia and Brazil .

In fall we're honored to have Dr. Steve Chamberlain, Chairman of the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Steve's a multi-talented fellow who has a passion for minerals - especially those of NY state, hostas, field trips, opera and more.

A complete list of classes for both the spring and fall sessions can be found on page 3 and an application form is on page 14. We encourage you to register as early as possible (but not before January 1) to have a better chance at getting into your 1st or 2nd choice of classes since class size is limited.

Director Fran Sick, Registrar Pamm Bryant, and I look forward to spending time with you at Wildacres.



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by Betsy Oberheim, EFMLS President

Happy New Year to you! May you have a healthy and prosperous 2011.

I am finding one of the most interesting and educational things about the EFMLS is, of course, the people involved. And it reminds me of an interesting fact I observed in a recent TV program about the geology of New York City; when you look at the skyline of that long city, the tallest buildings coincide with the strongest bedrock! Makes sense; in order to be free to grow tall, you need substantial grounding.



The club members I have met in the successful rock clubs seem to be the most grounded individuals and of course; the hardest working ones. I know our club has a fantastic bedrock of members who, through the years, have quietly built a strong foundation. Now I am learning that the EFMLS has also built upon many members' dedication to serving and expanded to become a wonderful supporting "parent" for each individual club.

Incidentally, if some of your club's "well-grounded" members are coming to mind as you read this; please jot down the details and send them to Hazel Remaley (Each One Teach One) or Ellery Barrow (American Rockhound of the Year). These people do their part without looking for attention, but how nice to recognize them and let them know how you have benefited from their laying the bedrock for your clubs foundation. I really appreciate the job that Hazel and Ellery do too! Details about the Each One Teach One Program and AFMS Rockhound of the Year can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Speaking of bedrock; I'd like to remind you of the hard work Dick Pankey is doing to (and I quote because he expresses it so well) "...promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting..." We all know how many new members we get who tell us "We'd love to go and take the kids and find some interesting rocks, but can't find a place to go!" Here in the east our good collecting areas are evaporating like salt water on a dry beach! Now even the seemingly unlimited mid-western and western lands are in danger. If you and your club care about our future collectors please join the American Land Access Association and support Dick in his fight for us and our hobby. You can find information and an application form at their website <www.amlands.org>. Membership is \$25 per year or \$50 for your entire club!.



Betsy

WILDACRES SPRING CLASSES – April 11 – 17, 2011. Speaker in Residence - Dr. Gene LeBerge

Class & Instructor	Description
Bead Weaving Mia Schulman	Our project will be a pendant of Delica beads woven into a geometric design using a needle and nylon bead thread. Depending on the beads, they can be informal enough to wear with t-shirts and sweaters or dressy enough to wear to any function. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience is necessary.
Knitted Wire & Bead Bracelet Mia Schulman	Don't worry! You don't have to know how to knit or crochet. The bracelets are stunning and people are always surprised when told they are knitted. If there is time, we will also make a crocheted wire and bead necklace. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. No experience necessary.
Cabochons – Basic Bernie Emery	Learn to transform a piece of rock into a shiny, well-formed cabochon. You will learn the use of the trim saw as well as basics of grinding, sanding and polishing. Slabs are provided or students may use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cabochons - Intermediate Bernie Emery	Learn to cut different shapes and the techniques needed to do so. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. Slabs are provided or students may use their own with approval of the instructor. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. Prerequisite: Students must have prior experience with cabbing and use of the trim saw.
Exhibiting B. Jay Bowman	A brand new class for first time exhibitors or those who have some exhibiting experience, but want to improve their display. Cases will be available for participants to set up their exhibit. You will learn what makes a good exhibit and what criteria judges use for competitive display. For those planning on exhibiting at the EFMLS Convention in Syracuse, this class would be a good opportunity to have it evaluated. 2 day class offered both semesters. No prior experience necessary.
Faceting Steve Weinberger	Students will learn to cut and polish a 57-facet round brilliant gemstone. In addition, they will learn how to identify well-cut stones, select rough material and see whether or not they enjoy this fascinating aspect of the hobby. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Fused Glass – Intermediate Becky Edmundson	Students will learn to use a wet saw to cut shapes, a grinder to smooth the glass, and a jeweler's bit to cut a channel in the piece before it is fire polished in a kiln. You should expect to complete a minimum of 2 finished pieces. Please bring safety glasses and if you own them, a glass cutter and breaking pliers. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Fused Glass - Basic Becky Edmundson	Fused glass is the art of cutting and layering pieces of glass and then firing them in a kiln. Dichroic-coated glass gives a 3-D look. Students will learn the basics of cutting and firing the glass and will complete at least 2 pieces of jewelry. Please bring safety glasses. If you own them, please bring a glass cutter and breaking pliers. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. No prior experience necessary.
Pewter Fabrication Bruce Gaber	Learn to make functional and decorative objects from a wonderfully versatile metal. Pewter is easy to work and easy to solder. This allows us to make a variety of forms in a much shorter time than working in silver. Pewter finishes can range from a glossy high luster to a deep rich matte. It can be embellished by embossing and by the addition of an etch or patina. Join us as we explore this most ancient and traditional material. Modern pewter contains no lead. 4day class. No prior experience necessary.
Precious Metal Clay - Bronze Lisa Blackwell	In this class you will learn to work with and create beautiful pieces with bronze clay, how it differs from PMC silver, layering pieces and how to fire it. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Precious Metal Clay - Chain Making Lisa Blackwell	Learn to make your own unique chain with PMC silver. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. No prior experience necessary.
Silversmithing - Basic Richard Meszler	Have fun learning the basics of working silver sheet and wire to fabricate jewelry. The projects will introduce you to annealing and bending/shaping/texturing metal, soldering, piercing and polishing. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Silversmithing –Intermediate Richard Meszler	Continue your education working with metals by doing a more complex project. You will learn to make a bezel and bail in which you will set a cabochon to make a pendant. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. Prerequisite: Basic silversmithing experience including soldering.
Soapstone Carving Sandy Cline	This class will provide a general introduction to the carving of soapstone. You will develop a working knowledge of the material, the tools, safe handling issues and the methods used to complete a carving. You will produce a simple piece and progress to making a sculpture of your choice. The development of your own personal style will be encouraged. All necessary tools will be provided. 2-day class offered both semesters. No prior experience needed.
Wirewrapped Jewelry – Basic Jan Stephens	Students will learn the fundamentals of wire art jewelry. Students will create bracelets, rings and pendants of wire and incorporate natural stones, beads and/or faceted gems into various simple, yet elegant designs. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Wirewrapped Jewelry – Basic Plus Jan Stephens	Students will progress to somewhat more advanced, but still fairly easy to master wire jewelry techniques with additional rings, pendants and bracelets. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. Prerequisite: Basic wirewrapping skills.

WILDACRES FALL CLASSES – September 5 – 11, 2011 – Speaker in Residence - Dr. Steve Chamberlain

Class & Instructor	Description
Cabochons - Basic Al DeMilo	Hands-on instruction will be given to show how to transform a rough piece into a shiny, well-formed cabochon with no flat spots. The use of a trim saw as well as techniques to grind, sand and polish the stone into a standard size and shape will be covered. Slabs will be provided, but you may use your own with instructor's approval. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cabochons - Intermediate Al DeMilo	This course is an extension of already learned skills. It will focus on the crafting of cabochons of difficult shapes and sizes. Much one-to-one attention will be given. Slabs will be provided, but you may use your own with instructor's approval. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. Pre-requisite: Students must know how to use the trim saw, dop a stone and use a grinding, sanding and polishing machine.
Chainmaille - Basic Roger Campbell	Learn the ancient art of chainmaille using non-soldered copper jumpings. Students will learn different weaves while completing class projects. All tools will be provided. An optivisor or other magnification would be helpful. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Chainmaille - Continued Roger Campbell	The 2nd semester class will be a short review of chainmaille and students will learn additional weaves. All tools will be provided. An optivisor or other magnification would be helpful. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cold Connections - A Riveting Experience Pat Baker	Students will learn to make jewelry with cold connections, no soldering required. Materials with which we will work include silver, copper, bronze, brass and found objects/alternative materials. Students will learn how to create texture with hammers, stamps and the rolling mill; riveting and tube riveting and forming with a dapping punch and block. All students should bring optivisors. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience needed.
Working with Reactive Metals; Anodizing Titanium & Niobium Pat Baker	Add amazing color to your jewelry! Titanium and Niobium, while gray in their natural state, can be treated by heat and/or electricity to create beautiful colors on the surface of the metal. We will make many samples with both metals using wire and sheet, discuss the limitations (these metals cannot be soldered) and the benefits. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. No prior experience needed.
Faceting Reivan Zeleznik	Students will learn to cut and polish a 57-facet round brilliant gemstone. In addition, they will learn how to identify well-cut stones, select rough material and see whether or not they enjoy this fascinating aspect of the hobby. Students are asked to bring an optivisor if they have one. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Gem Identification B. Jay Bowman	Students will learn to use the various instruments used to identify cut gems. This will include the microscope, refractometer, spectroscope and others. They will practice on a variety of stones provided. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Polymer Clay: Making Canes and More Carolyn Stearns	Each student will learn how to make millefiori clay canes. You will begin by making blends of clay and turning them into many different canes including flowers and leaves. Once you have several canes created, you will learn to slice them tissue-paper thin and layer the slices to create clay fabric which will be used to make several different shape beads and cover different items. (If you bring your own clay, please bring Kato Polyclay. You may bring your own tools if you have them.) Kit and materials will be provided. 4-day class. No prior experience needed.
Basics of Scrimshaw Sandra Brady	Scrimshaw, a folk art dating back centuries, is a special form of engraving applied to ivory and similar materials. This course offers an excellent way to begin traditional scrimshaw. Working with a hand scribe you will learn attractive shading techniques and how to work on both natural and man-made materials. You will also learn basic composition and tool sharpening, as well as transfer methods for those who are "drawing challenged". An optivisor or other magnification is recommended. 2-day course offered 1st semester. No prior experience needed.
Scrimshaw - Color Basics Sandra Brady	Building on the methods taught in the 1st semester, students will be introduced to color. Again, working on both natural and man-made materials, modern scrimshaw methods utilizing the beauty of color will be explored. Preservation of your artwork will be included. Please bring an optivisor. 2-day course offered 2nd semester. Pre-requisite: Basics of Scrimshaw.
Silversmithing	Students will learn the basic of soldering, fitting a stone, assembling and finishing either a ring or pendant. Starting with a piece of flat silver, students will learn to make a bezel setting, solder it to a piece of silver, and then add either a ring shank or pendant bail before finishing the piece on the buffer. 2-day class offered both semesters. No prior experience necessary.
Wirewrapped Jewelry - Basic Jacolyn Campbell	Using pliers, gold-filled or sterling wire, assorted beads or gemstones, and a few basic wirecraft techniques, learn how to create your own fashion rings, bracelets, pendants and earrings to add that perfect accent to your jewelry wardrobe or to give as gifts. Designed for beginners, students will make a variety of projects. All tools and materials are provided. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Wirewrapped Jewelry - Intermediate Jacolyn Campbell	Using the same techniques and materials as in the basic class, students will make more advanced projects. All tools and materials will be provided. 2-day class offered 2nd semester. Pre-requisite: Basic wirewrapping skills however, a <u>brave</u> new beginner could take the class.

ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD

by Cathy Patterson, All American Chair

It's Time to Wrap It Up

It's almost time to wrap up your club's 2010 history in your All American Club year-



book! What a wonderful gift for your club to give to itself!

I'm eager to see all the EFMLS club entries arriving by February 1, 2011. They will be judged at the EFMLS level and then forwarded to the AFMS judging committee. Remember the EFMLS is hosting the 2011 AFMS convention in my hometown, Syracuse. Let's show all our rockhound buddies from across the country what the EFMLS can do! The form including all information on what should be included in your book can be downloaded at: <http://www.amfed.org/efmls/newsletters.htm> and clicking on the December 2010 EFMLS issue.

All American Club Award

Why create a club yearbook?

Here are some answers from John Washburn the AFMS All American Chairman as listed in the December-January AFMS Newsletter:

- It would give your club an excellent record of 2010

- If you've never done one before, it can be a tool to examine your club's strong points and where you need to put more effort in the future

- If you have put together a book in the past, a comparison of this year to past years can also be an effective tool to see what's changed, what's good, what needs improvement, have we been moving in the right direction?— all good things to look at and weigh.

- It can pull club members together around a common goal, each adding their own talents and strengths to the project.

- It can act as a focal point at your Club Show or at your meetings to attract potential new members.

The very last section of the form is awarded a possible 15 points for overall format and presentation and evaluates the entry on neatness, organization, grammar, spelling, and overall presentation of material. This is what gives your book eye appeal and makes it user friendly. Make it easy to read with a table of contents.

Instructions for completing the entry form:

The total of all sections should not exceed 100, either 1 or 2 sided, pages. Each entry is to be submitted as a single document including text and graphics. A loose leaf notebook or a scrapbook is a suitable binder. Entries may also be submitted on a CD or DVD. Pages must be delineated.

The document should have six (6) sections, divided with the numbers 1-6 with the entry form in section 1 and the supporting documentation for each of the other entry sections following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any one section.

When filling out the entry form mark all appropriate blanks and entry numbers, or other information where requested. Assemble requested supporting materials and lists following the appropriate section divider and insert photos and other graphics following the typed information.

ENTRIES NEEDED

by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair

When you receive this newsletter, there will be only a few days remaining to submit your newsletter and other entries for the 2011 bulletin editors contest (2010 news letters). All entries must be postmarked by January 5th.

The EFMLS BEAC will be presenting their awards along with the AFMS awards at the convention in Syracuse. Because the AFMS will be joining us at the Editors Breakfast where the awards will be given, we are urging all clubs to submit their newsletters and articles we'd like to have a good showing by EFMLS for our visitors from around the country both in terms of entries submitted and in attendance at the breakfast.

If you haven't already submitted entries to the contest, please do not think about it, just do it for your club, you and your contributors.

Forms and directions can be found on the EFMLS website by clicking on the BEAC button on the main page. If you have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. No question nor concern is too small nor dumb.

Looking forward to your entries. Have a safe and productive 2011.

All requested material is for the year 2010. Deadline for submitting to me is February 1, 2011.

Send your entry to:

Cathy Patterson
1546 Trumbull Street
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Contact me at:
<cathypatterson@verizon.net>
315-480-8907

SAFETY MATTERS

by Ellery Borow, Safety Chair

Juniors!

Many clubs are fortunate to have a number of junior members. Even clubs that do not have an active junior contingent are frequently involved with children as family members of guests, as attendees at our shows, or while visiting the same sites of our digs and field trips. Kids are all around us.

Children are predisposed to learning and we, as adults, are the teachers. Like it or not and, aware of it or not, young adults watch us and learn from us. Children are truly amazing in their capacity to take in information from their surroundings and that begs the question – What examples are we setting when children are observing us (and even when they aren't)? Are we always following good safety practices? Are we always wearing safety glasses when appropriate? We, as adults, know the right things to do with regard to safety matters, but do

we always make sure we follow those important safety rules and guidelines – especially when children are present?



With this new year ahead of us, please give some consideration to how we set good safety examples to the children around us. Like it or not and, know it or not, they are watching what we do and on some level, taking in these important lessons.

Let's resolve, in the year to come, to set the best example we can. Our children deserve nothing less.

For this month's review of an important safety matter, please check out Jim Doran's great article on winter field trip planning in the March 2010 issue of the EFMLS News. May you all have a happy and safe new year.

EFF News

by Fran Sick, Chair

Again this month, Roger Barnett has been remembered with a contribution to the Eastern Foundation Fund. Jennie Smith has sent a gift in memory of her good friend with whom she "shared many rockhounding adventures." Thank you Jennie, and everyone for your support of the EFF.

Many of you may be familiar with the Eastern Foundation Fund and the programs of the EFMLS it supplements or supports. You probably also know that all club contribution totals are carefully recorded. Also included in the club total are donations by individual members, whether memorial contributions or otherwise. These contributions are not just on an annual basis, but cumulative from year to year. When a club reaches a new 100% level of giving (\$1.00 per club member), a certificate is presented to the club at the EFMLS Awards Banquet. When a club reaches a new 1,000% level of giving their name is inscribed on the EFF Roll of Honor Plaque which is displayed at the Awards Banquet and other EFMLS functions. These awards are presented not only to give clubs written documentation of their thoughtfulness, but they are our way of saying "thank you" from all the members of the EFMLS who benefit from your generosity.

The 2011 EFMLS Awards Banquet will be held in Syracuse, NY on July 9th in conjunction with the EFMLS/AFMS Convention. In order to allow time to tally all contributions received and prepare certificates to be presented at the banquet, only contributions received before May 31, 2011 will be included in the 2011 awards.

Please send all donations to me at PO Box 5; Dushore, PA 18614-0005

BEST WISHES FOR A
HAPPY
HEALTHY
PROSPEROUS
ROCKIN'
2011



A RESOLUTION

by Ellery Borow, ACROY Chair

Welcome to 2011. Are you one to make New Year's Resolutions? If no, please give the following idea some thought because it deserves some careful consideration. Every club I have ever visited has at least one, and frequently has several, members who consistently go above and beyond the call of duty in helping and supporting our clubs. These dedicated individuals deserve recognition for their dedication to the hobby.



Please give some thought to making a resolution to publicly recognize your deserving club members in the form of a submission of their name and a brief write-up of their service to the hobby to be the American Federation Club Rockhound of the Year. We will print your candidates name and service in an upcoming issue of the EFMLS News and then pass it on to the AFMS as well.

A club may submit one member (or a married couple) and one junior member per year to be the ACROY. With each submission, please include a brief, 70 word or less, write-up of their accomplishments and send it to me at the address listed in the back of this newsletter.

I am looking forward to hearing from your club this year. This is one New Year's resolution that can give a deserving individual the recognition they deserve. Thank you and Happy New Year!

WHAT DOES YOUR CLUB GET FOR \$1.75?

Interesting question! The answer, in two words is "a lot"!

Membership dues in the Eastern Federation are \$1.75 per voting member. That's reasonably inexpensive - other Federations have higher dues and provide similar benefits to ours.

We're often asked, "What does my club receive for that \$1.75?"

☆ EFMLS provides member clubs free use of programs from our extensive program library. Your only cost is return postage - usually less than \$1. A complete list of available programs can be found in the 2010 EFMLS Directory (yellow cover) that was sent to your president and editor in March.

☆ Your members are eligible to attend the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops should they desire to do so. What better place to meet fellow rockhounds, learn a new skill or two and relax in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains?

☆ Your club receives both the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters throughout the year. Each has important information for your club including information about pending legislation that may curtail our rights to collect on public lands.

☆ Member clubs are eligible to purchase a good, low cost liability insurance policy each year that helps your club when visiting quarries, host shows etc.

☆ A portion of your dues (\$.75 per member) is used to pay membership in the AFMS; thus your club is an affiliate member of the national organization. Your club receives indirect benefits from AFMS membership including the addition of new programs to our program library each year.

☆ A member Directory listing all EFMLS clubs, shows etc.

☆ Access for your club /members to enter a variety of EFMLS and AFMS sponsored competitions -- Each One Teach One, All American Club, Editors Contest and Web Site Competition.

☆ And the list goes on.....

Bottom line --- send in your membership dues and forms so your club won't be left out. You can find a copy of the renewal information form on page 9 of this issue or if you like, e-mail Ye Olde Editor and request a pdf copy so you can fill it in on your computer, then e-mail a copy back for the Directory and print off the other.

If your club renewal is not received by March 1, your club will lose all of the above so please, send in your renewal NOW!



CONVENTION UPDATE

by Cathy Patterson, Convention Chair

A Show For All America

For meetings and shows, a rock hound
knows

The road is to Syracuse.
It's paved in quartz and garnet gems
And well worn by our use.

The splendor of quartz calls out to all
In welcome to New York's Upstate
American Federation Clubs,
Come, help us celebrate!

At last, our chance in all these years
To host you gems of friends
You'll come from east, west, north, and
south.
To all our warmth extends.

We offer comforts and fellowship
At our convention site,
Superb exhibits and retail wares,
Hands-on for young ones' delight.

So aim for that highway of garnet and
quartz
Just west of Baum's Yellow Brick Road
And share and enjoy the fantasy worlds
That Earth's hidden strata hold.
Catherine Smith

As the daylight gets shorter and
the days get colder start thinking July!
Think lots of fun. Think SYRACUSE
where a great show and convention
await you in just a few months.

We have a cadre of Syracuse club
members working long and hard to
bring you a super show and conven-
tion. We continue to add things to
delight and educate.

In this issue, we give you sev-
eral websites so you can really start
searching and formulating your va-
cation plans in earnest. Central New
York is a neat area that many of you
may not have visited. So we encour-
age you to build in some extra days to
maximize what this area has in store.
Remember it has been 7 years since

the AFMS has been in the East. I will de-
tail several Herkimer digging sites.

First, a reminder the Ramada Inn
Syracuse (headquarters hotel) Reser-
vations: You cannot use the national
800 number to get the special room
rate. Instead, call 315-457-8670 and
tell them you want a room for the
Eastern Federation convention. The
rate will be \$99 which includes a de-
licious hot breakfast buffet.

Helpful Websites for the Visiting Rockhound:

<www.iloveny.com> will let you
see the regions of interest; Finger Lakes
(the region where the Syracuse con-
vention and show will be) and Leath-
erstocking Country (the area where
Herkimer diamond digging places
are located). I suggest you contact the
above site for their nifty booklet, "I Love
NY – New York State Travel Guide and
Vacation Map." They also have a toll free
phone... 1-800-CALLNYS.

Syracuse Convention and Visitors
Bureau can tell you every and anything
you might wish to know about the area
in and around Syracuse within a 25 mile
radius. Phone 1.800.234.4797. Their
website <www.visitsyracuse.org/>.

Coveted Herkimer locations (all
fee locations) driving time from Syra-
cuse is 1 hour 30 minutes. Here is the
information so you can make some
good judgments, plus we list the
nearest (time wise) to Syracuse first
and furthest by perhaps 12 miles.

**Herkimer Diamond Develop-
ment Corp.** just north of Herkimer,
NY has a huge rock shop and dis-
plays. Serious miners get set up here
early in the season as they do at Ace
of Diamonds. You'll find great crys-
tals, if you are lucky enough to hit a

pocket of them. This one is a hard rock
ledge mining requiring sledges, chisels,
wedges, strong back, patience and lots
of energy, luck, or a 6th sense of sniffing
out a pocket. Often you'll find loose
diamonds on the ground. Look down!
Their website is <www.herkimerdiamond.com>. There is a KOA nearby.

Ace of Diamonds Mine – Their
property butts up to the previous
one. Digging conditions are similar.
Most people think they need to work
at the wall which has all the compli-
cations noted above. In so doing you
are staring at a vertical wall prob-
ably 10-12 feet high. Others, however
are pretty successful busting up the
rubble and or screening Herkimers
from it. Their website is: <www.herkimerdiamonds.com/index.htm>.
Their phone number to get literature
is 315.891.3855. Also here is a great
website which will let you see exactly
what you will be dealing with dig-
ging at either first or second location
above. <www.towercrystals.com>.
All locations rent tools.

Last, but not least, is **Crystal
Grove in St. Johnsville, NY**. This is a
few miles further than the previous
sites but for the novice this is proba-
bly the "easiest" of the previous plac-
es mentioned. They bill themselves
as "A Gem of a Place!" I have seen
nice specimens from here, but note I
didn't say best specimens. Herkimer
Diamond Development and Ace of
Diamonds can't be beat for quality
and clarity. However, for family fun
this is our pick. Check their website:
<www.crystalgrove.com>.

This should give you a little
something to do over the holiday.
Check out the websites and see what
interests you. Next time I'll be asking
for help from YOU

NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

by Steve Weinberger, from AFMS Newsletter, December-January, 2010

Have you heard about the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame? I hope that your response is a resounding "yes", but if you've not, let me introduce you to it.

June Culp Zeitner, known to many as the "first lady of rockhounding", felt that some of our fellow hobbyists should be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the field and so she created the "Hall of Fame". Her vision was to recognize one or two individuals each year in five areas:

- Minerals
- Lapidary
- Fossils
- Education
- Metalcraft

A sixth area, called "Tribute" was added to recognize individuals nominated after their passing.

The first inductees were announced in 1987 and included the most noted figures of the past including:

- Clarence S. Bement
- Sharr Choate
- George Kunz
- Joseph Lizzadro
- Richard Pearl
- GG. Rakestraw
- Washington Roebling
- Neal Yedlin
- Peter Zodiac

There really is a "Hall of Fame" that you can visit. Housed at the Pioneer Auto Show building in Murdo, SD, the "Hall" features a collection of wonderful rocks, minerals, carving, jewelry etc. plus photographs of the inductees. Stopping in is well worth your time - and the auto collection in the museum is fabulous as well.

The "Hall" is managed by a group of consultants who read all the nom-

inations and decide who should be honored. Currently there are seven consultants - one from each of our regional federations. I currently serve as the chairperson of the group which includes Diane Dare, Izzy Burns, Emerson Tucker, Doug True, Marge Collins, Fred Schaefermeyer and myself.

Want to learn more? Visit the "Hall of Fame" website at </www.rockhoundhalloffame.org/> to see a complete listing of members. The website is in the process of being updated, so do check back.

Interested in nominating someone for inclusion in the Hall of Fame? The process is relatively easy - just send the following information about your candidate to me, Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302 or e-mail <cscrytals2@verizon.net>.

•Your name, address, phone and e-mail.

•Name of candidate

•Address

(or if deceased, address of a contact (preferably a family member) to whom to send congratulations should your candidate be chosen)

•Telephone

•E-mail

•A good write-up telling about the candidates accomplishments in the hobby, awards earned if any, etc. and reasons you feel the candidate should be selected. Feel free to have more than one person send information about your candidate.

You may nominate as many candidates as you wish.

Nominations made by April 1 will be considered for this year. Those received too late will be considered the following year as will all candidates not selected.

I look forward to having a mailbox flooded with nominations! There are lots of worthy candidates out there and we need your help and input to recognize them.

Q IN JANUARY

by Doug Arnold, SCRIBE President

If you're headed to Quartzsite, Ariz., you have an opportunity to hear Rock & Gems magazine senior editor Bob Jones. Jones will be the guest speaker at the SCRIBE meeting on January 22 at the Community building in Quartzsite.

SCRIBE is an international organization of current and former Bulletin Editors, Writers and Webmasters of amateur gem, mineral and earth science societies.

The community center where the meeting will be held is on Moon Mountain Road just north of Main Street. There is a \$2 registration for the meeting which helps pay for refreshments and building rental.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. MST which is 8 a.m. PST. If you come, bring a rock or mineral with you to share. We always try to have a free drawing at the end of the meeting and hope to have enough rocks and minerals to share with everyone attending. Bring your bulletins, too, to share with the other editors.

This is a great opportunity to visit with collectors from all parts of the country. In the past we have had members from California, Arizona, North Carolina, Idaho, Washington State, Utah and even Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia, Canada.



2011 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: April 11 - 17: _____ September: _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to PAMM BRYANT, Registrar at 2645 Davis Mill Rd, Goochland, VA 23063. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2011. (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You may photocopy it as needed.) **Please write legibly!**

For Office Use Only	
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Date Rec'd"	_____
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Ck #:	_____
Amt. Paid:	_____
Ck #:	_____
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Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number with area code: _____ e-mail: _____

Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$350.00 per person. Deposit is \$175 per person, payable with registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$175 is due 30 days prior to start of session.

No Postdated checks will be accepted.

Cancellation policy: *If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. **No refund will be made after that date.***

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? Yes No Is your Club paying your tuition? Yes No

Name of roommate: _____ (If none, one will be assigned).

Are you: Male Female (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes No

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes No

If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Do you have material for exhibiting that you would be willing to display at Wildacres? Yes No

Do you have a skill to demonstrate or a program to share (up to 40 minutes)? Yes No

Class Pre-registration.

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website for class offerings. <www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm>

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. **All participants must take classes.**

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? We will be preregistering you for classes you indicate. When a class is full NO others will be assigned to that class, and you will be assigned your next class choice(s). No class placement is guaranteed.

1st _____ 3rd _____

2nd _____ 4th _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2011)

Mail to: Pamm Bryant, Wildacres Registrar; 2645 Davis Mill Rd; Goochland, VA 23063

If you have any questions, please contact either

Pamm Bryant, Registrar at <pjbryant6@juno.com> or 804-457-4698 or

Fran Sick, Director at <ednfran@epix.net> or 570-928-8313.

2011 EFMLS Club Information Form

Please type or print clearly. Be sure to fill in all spaces!

Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Club website: _____

Number of Members: Adults: _____ Juniors: _____ Total: _____

Months Officers are Elected: _____ Installed: _____ Take Office: _____

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Meeting Date: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Show and/or Swap Date: _____ Location: _____

INFORMATION FOR THE EFMLS WEBSITE:

The EFMLS website will list the name, location and meeting time and information for your club as well as the date and location of your annual show or swap. We would like to list at least one contact person as well so that interested persons know who to contact for information about your club. Please indicate the name(s) of your contact people plus the info that you wish to have placed on the website for each. (i.e. Editor: Barkley Bigfoot, <milkbone@dogbreath.org>)

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Contact information for web: _____

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Contact information for web: _____

Do you need membership cards? Yes; _____ No _____ Are you paying for Juniors? Yes: _____ No: _____

Please verify your check is for the correct amount (\$1.75 per voting member) and that you have completed all of the information on the form. Mail your check and one (1) copy of this form to the EFMLS Treasurer, and one (1) copy of the form to the EFMLS Directory Editor. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS".

Lou Budell, EFMLS Treasurer, 2718 Falls Rd; Marcellus, NY 13108-9783

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VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

February:

19: 21st Annual Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the So. Maryland Rock & Mineral Club. The Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro, MD

26-27: 18th annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and NY State Museum. NY State Museum, Empire Plaza, Madison Ave., Albany, NY

March:

5-6: 48th Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, Newark, DE

11-13: 23rd Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Aiken Gem & Mineral Society and Augusta Gem & Mineral Society. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St; Augusta, GA.

18-20: 41st Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center; Hickory, NC.

19-20: 47th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co., MD. Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St; Gaithersburg, MD.

26-27: 42nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Athens Township Volunteer Fire Hall, Sayre, PA.

26-27: 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show "Elephants in Your Backyard" sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society. Erie Co. Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

26-27: 33rd Annual Gem-Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Franklin County Rock and Mineral Club. Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA.

26-27: Western Mass Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Holiday Inn at Ingleside, Holyoke, MA.

April:

1-3: Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. Registration: S. Weinberger <cscrytals2@verizon.net>.

2-3: Annual Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineral Society & Delaware Paleontological Society. LuLu Temple, Plymouth Meeting, PA.

30 – May 1: 39th Annual NJESA Show sponsored by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society in conjunction with the NJ Earth Sciences Assoc. and Sterling Hill Mining Museum. Franklin School, Franklin, NJ

30-May 1: 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rt. 1, Topsfield, MA

May:

30 – May 1: 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fair Grounds, Rt. 1, Topsfield, MA.

July:

9- 10: EFMLS / AFMS Convention & Show hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse. AFMS meetings: July 7-8. EFMLS Annual Meeting: July 8

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to Matt Charsky, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 2430 N Glebe Rd; Arlington, VA 22207 or e-mail at <Charsky.Matthew@epa.gov>.