

EFMLS NEWS

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



GEMS ALONG THE ERIE CANAL 2011 THE FINAL WORD FROM SYRACUSE

by Cathy Patterson, Show Chair

With mixed emotions, I have left the sand and sun of Florida and am back north with my home club. Already daffodils and tulips are blooming and by the time you get here, everything will be "coming up roses."

Your 2011 EFMLS/AFMS Convention and Show will be here, July 6-10, before you know it. We have just about 50 retailers and 11 wholesale dealers in the July 9-10 show, and, with your help, we are still hoping for 70 to 80 exhibits. Plus there are lots of opportunities to discover new things in this part of the country. Show time is time to socialize with friends new and old.

With the good help of Matt Charsky, EFMLS Show Coordinator, we will have a 12' running length of cases from the Lillian Turner Estate. Lillian was the key person responsible for the first U.S. Postal mineral stamps. From her collection, we will have some stunning rutilated crystals, some as large as 200 carats, and some wonderful replicas of noted diamonds.

A late addition to our speakers roster, which should benefit scores of clubs, is a presentation by John Washburn at 9 AM, July 9 at **the Ramada Inn**, just before the show opens. John will provide a tell all on

how to add \$2000 to (\$6000 in their case) gain from your show with just a little extra work. Now, who wouldn't like to have that extra cash to play with? Like everything else, with costs going through the roof, this should be of great interest to most clubs that have an annual show. John promises his talk will be short, sweet, and to the point and he will have everybody out so you all can get to the show on time.



In addition don't forget the most important ALAA meeting scheduled for Wednesday July 6 at the Ramada Inn at 7PM. You'll want to know what's going on regarding our ability to rockhound around the country.

If you have not yet done it, review your information packet or go on line and download it. Make sure you secure your room reservations as Syracuse is a vacationland and once school gets out the motel situation tightens and lots of rooms will be booked. The balance of your forms including the one for the banquet and field trips, have a cut off date of June 1. See your packet for mailing information.

Before signing off, I promise, we have scores of club members hard at work to make this exciting 2011

ON THE INSIDE

From the Top!.....	2
Candidates.....	3
Last Call.....	4
Auction News.....	5
Hear Here!.....	6
Each One Teach One.....	6
Summer Photo-Op.....	7
The Award.....	7
AFMS VP Nomination.....	7
Directory Updates.....	8
AFMS Endowment.....	8
Delegate Registration.....	9
Wildacres Registration.....	10
EFMLS Committees.....	11
EFMLS Club Shows.....	12



event happen. Ours is a special show and convention with several neat bonuses including lectures and workshops as well as field trips after the show closes. So do yourself a great big favor and come see what beautiful upstate NY has in store for you. We sure expect that you will have a great Rockhound time while doing your home club proud. See y'all soon.

EFMLS OFFICERS

2010 – 2011



BETSY OBERHEIM

PRESIDENT

<Aoberheim3@comcast.net>

R. J. HARRIS

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

<roqfreq@rjharris.com>

CHERYL NEARY

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

<ciervo.neary@gmail.com>

GERRY COX

SECRETARY

<gerryannec@verizon.net>

LOU BUDELL

TREASURER

<labudell@windstream.net>

MICHAEL PATTERSON

ASSISTANT TREASURER

<Michael.Patterson@pgparks.com>

CAROLYN WEINBERGER

EDITOR

PO Box 302

GLYNDON, MD 21071-0302

410-833-7926

<cscrystals2@verizon.net>

Deadline is the first of each month prior to publication date (i.e. Feb. 1 for March issue). No issue is normally published during July or August.

Non-commercial reprint permission granted unless otherwise reserved.

FROM THE TOP!

by Betsy Oberheim, EFMLS President

You may have seen the message that has made the rounds on e-mail; it begins "They came for the communists, but I wasn't a communist so I said nothing,..." then it goes through different religions; "I wasn't Jewish so I said nothing". Then ends, chillingly; "they came for me and there was no one to say anything"!!

Of course its an exaggeration, but it is beginning to hit home with some suggested legislation and local situations. "They may close some BLM land out west to collectors, but I never got out there so it doesn't matter. They may close AZ's Rockhound State Park, but its for tourists, there's other places to go, so it doesn't matter. They plan to close Arkansas's Diamond State Park, well, not many people really find good diamonds there, so it doesn't matter. Many good sites and quarries are being covered by developments and shopping centers. But we can't fight big developers, so what can I do?" Suddenly it hits home; we have no field trips because there is no place to go! Now it matters; but its too late!! If we turn a deaf ear to the warnings, we (and our children) will ultimately pay the price.

Advocacy groups in America began when a few people cared about an injustice that affected a realm larger than their own. In a democracy the majority rules, but the minority still get to speak and perhaps influence that majority's decisions. The reasons for closing and restricting these places are vague. One I heard is to "preserve it for posterity"; aren't our children posterity?! If on a hike on public lands, your child or grandchild picks up a fossil (that, once weathered out of the ground and will disintegrate in time anyway) you could be severely fined. The future of rockhounding could be limited to "illegal activities". We can't say it doesn't matter if we are passionate about future generations of rockhounds.

To get very concrete about this looming threat what can you, personally, do? First, join and support the American Land Access Association (ALAA)! There is strength in numbers and having concerned groups of knowledgeable people with you (and your club's) backing is a huge step. Second, you and your members can contact your elected officials and let them know how you feel (again; use the ALAA website, <www.amlands.org> for information). And third, spread the word to club members and friends; they may not be aware of the potential loss of our collecting grounds. Remember the 60's song; "they paved Paradise and put up a parking lot, they cut down the trees and put them in a tree museum". I hope my grandchildren won't have to only go to a "rock museum" to see rocks and fossils, and never have the pleasure of discovering a treasure for themselves. Please help!

Our EFMLS Convention is coming up next month. I hope that each of our clubs has at least one representative present at the Friday evening (July 8) annual meeting. In order to vote during the meeting, your club needs to register it's Director, Delegate and alternates no later than June 23rd. See page 9 for the form you'll need to mail in. Not registered? Come to the meeting anyway - we don't lock the doors - and find out what's going on in YOUR federation.



AND THE CANDIDATES ARE...

by Matt Charsky, Nominating Committee Chair

The 2011 Nominating Committee is pleased to put forward the following slate of officers and nominating committee members for terms that begin on November 1, 2011. (Note: A complete slate will be presented at the annual meeting). The election for these seven positions will take place at the annual meeting in Syracuse, NY on July 8, 2011. One of the most important activities we conduct at our annual meeting is the election of new officers. We hope each Eastern Federation club will send a director and delegate (or alternate) to our annual meeting to elect our new officers (the deadline for reply is June 23, 2011).

We thank each of the following persons who have agreed to run for the offices indicated. We have included a brief bio on each nominee. The President and Vice-Presidents are for one year terms and the Treasurer and Editor are for two-year terms.

President - R.J. Harris



R.J. previously served as 1st and 2nd Vice-President of the Federation. R.J. served three terms as President of the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club where he continues to serve as Webmaster. He's also been their Program and Field Trip Chair. Currently, R.J. is the Morning Host and Operations Manager for Clear Channel's WHP radio station in Harrisburg, PA. His interest in the hobby began in the 6th grade when he started a geology club.

1st Vice-President - Cheryl Neary

Cheryl is our current EFMLS 2nd Vice-President and is the chair for the 2011 EFMLS Auction and Ways & Means Committee. She has been a member of the Island Rock Hounds since 1988 and has held several positions including President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Field Trip Coordinator and has been a member of their Executive Board since 1992. She is also a member of the Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club and Long Island Mineral & Gem Society. Educated as a geologist, Cheryl is a board member of the New York State Council of Professional Geologists and the Long Island Association of Professional Geologists.



2nd Vice-President - Not available at press time.

Treasurer - Lou Budell

Lou is the current EFMLS Treasurer and has been doing so since 2001. He was the recipient of the EFMLS Citation Award in 2009. He is a Lifetime Member of the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse and has served as President, Show Chair, and Show Registrar among other positions. Lou collects minerals and fossils and has exhibited healing crystals. He also is a lapidarist, in particular, dimensional carving for pendants.



Editor - Carolyn Weinberger

Carolyn, our current EFMLS editor has also served as Assistant Treasurer. She also is serving as current AFMS Editor and 4th Regional AFMS VP representing EFMLS. She's quite active most of the local clubs in the Baltimore, MD area and has served in numerous elected and appointed offices for each.



We are also proposing two nominees for the **Nominating Committee** (three-year terms)

Wayne Sukow - Wayne served as EFMLS President in 2006, preceded by 1st VP and 2nd VP positions. He served as Wildacres Workshop Director in 2004, 05, 07 and Assistant Director in



2003. Wayne has won four 1st Place Awards with Highest Honors in the AFMS slide program competitions in 2002, 2003, 2006, and 2010. Wayne has five mineral and lapidary publications in the works and has authored 11 mineral and lapidary publications prior to 2004. He has given numerous presentations on Lake Superior agates, Copper Country datolite, and datolite crystals at rock clubs, mineral shows, and at Wildacres. He is currently a member of seven clubs from

continued on page 4

NOMINATIONS

continued from page 3

Washington, Minnesota, Michigan, and Virginia and has served as President and Editor at three of them.

Loren Patterson - Loren served as EFMLS President in 2009, preceded by 1st and 2nd VP positions. He has been a member of The Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse for over 20 years and was introduced to the club by his wife Cathy. He has served as Editor, Treasurer, and Show Assistant for the club for about 15 years. Loren likes to collect minerals and fossils and is a relative newcomer to faceting.



2011 Nominating Committee
Matt Charsky, Chair
Jim Doran
Bill Klose
Carl Miller
Maxine Nicholas
Loren Patterson
Reivan Zeleznik

Time to recharge
my batteries!



See you after
vacation.

The next EFMLS Newsletter will be published in September –with an August 1 deadline.

Have a wonderful summer.

LAST CALL -- SEPTEMBER WILDACRES

by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Workshop Committee Chair

The views of the mountains during our April 2011 Wildacres session were spectacular! Early morning risers were greeted with wonderful sunrises on many mornings, the air was crisp and the arrival of spring was evident with the flowering trees and rapidly growing perennials in the garden beds.

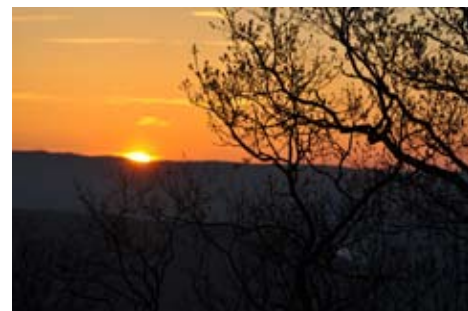
Although we had one night with 70 mph winds and heavy rain, most days were terrific albeit a bit cool. No matter - the assembled group enjoyed talks by speaker Gene LaBerge, got totally absorbed in their classes and produced some amazing projects. The canteen and porch rocking chairs were usually filled during non-class hours with people engaged in lively conversation and folks were all reluctant to leave when the session was over on Sunday.

Many of our first time attendees wondered why they had not come to Wildacres before and all vowed to make a return trip in the near future. So we ask, if you've never been to Wildacres yourself, isn't it time for YOU to find out for yourself how fabulous a week at an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop is? And the good news is... there is still time for you to register!

The September week at Wildacres is scheduled for September 5 - 11. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Steve Chamberlain, Chairman of the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Steve will be presenting six talks during the week and living on campus with the group.

Classes being offered during this fall session are:

Two Day Classes (you can take 2)
Cabochons - basic
Cabochons - Intermediate



Chainmaille - Basic
Chainmaille - Continued
Cold Connections
Working With Reactive Metals
Scrimshaw - Basics
Scrimshaw - Color Basics
Silversmithing
Wirewrapped Jewelry - Basic
Wirewrapped Jewelry - Inter.

4 day Classes (you only take 1)
Faceting
Gem Identification
Polymer Clay - Making Canes

Complete descriptions of all classes can be found on the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls>. Just click on the Wildacres tab.

Tuition for the entire week is a mere \$350! This includes lodging in comfortable motel style rooms with private bath, all meals, and instruction in the class or classes you are assigned to. There is an additional fee charged by each instructor to cover materials that are used for the projects that you get to take home with you at the end of the week.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity! Space in classes is limited, so register today so you won't be disappointed. For your convenience, we've included a registration form in this issue on page ____.

EFMLS ANNUAL AUCTION NEWS

by Cheryl Neary, Auction Chair



Tick, tick, tick..... the time has been flying by and before we know it – well- July will be here- the convention, the show and the auction! Since the last article I have received a few more donations, but more is better! Remember that you can still give me your donation at Syracuse. (preferably Friday Night)!

Recently I attended the spring Wildacres session. I had a great time and met many interesting people. Several attendees questioned me about why I was asking for the donations ahead of time, since for years everyone would bring their items to the show. My answer is quite simple. First, I like to know what items will be auctioned so that I can determine how the auction table is set-up. Remember that presentation is important! Secondly, I felt that by requesting each club to donate that if offered them an opportunity to participate in this important fundraiser, even if they may not be able to participate if no one from their club is present at the function. Thirdly, and sad to admit, but having the items ahead of time does help with "curiosity killed the cat and satisfaction brought it back!"

I would like to recognize some clubs and individuals as being the "first" for these years' auction:

The first contribution received was from **Tom Caggiano** of the New Jersey Paleontological Soci-

ety who donated a beautiful fish specimen in limestone from Fossil Lake, Wyoming.

The **Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club** was the first club to send a monetary contribution to the auction (remember if you do not have a specimen, a monetary donation is welcomed as well!

Reivan Zeleznik of the Stamford Mineralogical Society created two beautiful (and I mean stunning!!!) faceted stones in sterling silver pendants.

The first minerals, prehnite from the O&G Quarry in Southbury, CT. were donated by the **Jack Pawloski** of the Danbury Mineralogical Society.

The first wirewrapped piece was donated by **Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc.** The stone was donated by Fran Sick and wrapped by club member, Hilda Gardner.

The American Fossil Federation has prepared a Riker mount of an assortment of fossils that can be found in the Chesapeake.

The first (and thus far only) sphere was donated by the **family of Art Croll** and the **Moraine Rockbusters**.

Also at this time, I would like to share the story about the sphere: Art Croll was a member of the Moraine Rockbusters since 1987 until his death in December 4, 2010 at the age of 96. According to members of his club, Art was very active

with all aspects of the club. Years ago he manufactured the machinery he used to make spheres. He was always willing to teach others the many skills he had mastered. Art was very humble, never bragged about himself, or whom he taught or helped, which was many! Art won his first National Competition at a show in Washington for his spheres he created. Art was very inspiring and it is the dream of the Moraine Rockbusters to start a Lapidary school in his name.

The sphere donated by the club is valued at approximately \$200.00.

So, you still have time to donate either through a specimen such as a rock, mineral, gem, fossil, equipment, jewelry and monetary - just to name a few! Hope to see many of you at the convention and of course at the A-u-c-t-i-o-n.

Remember, this is a means to fund the principal of the Eastern Foundation Fund, and the interest generated from the fund is used to support a variety of EFMLS special programs, which you benefit from!

My suggestion is simple: donate items and bring money to spend! I hear "the more the merrier!"

The auction will take place on Saturday, July 9th at 2 pm at the show venue (NY State Fairgrounds). I hope that I'll see you there.



HEAR HERE!

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair



Can you hear me? I can hear you. In fact I can hear very well indeed. Frankly, that hearing is an amazing feat considering my background. For many years I worked in very, VERY loud plants, mills and various other noisy facilities. Most of those facilities were not just loud - they were places one could feel the loudness in ones feet, hands and torso. This loudness was not merely momentary loudness such as touching off a blast or being near the hammer, hammer, hammer of a pile driver. The loudness I experienced was constantly loud, 24/7 loud. One could stand by another and SHOUT in their ear and yet still not be heard. It was that loud.

Now the point of this story is not to point out my hearing, but to mention how important it is to protect yours. Over the years I have spoken with numerous hearing specialists. Specialists are very good with measuring how much hearing a person has lost. They do however offer differing opinions about how and why ones hearing may have been compromised.

It turns out that ones hearing has an excellent ability to the repair damage imposed upon its sensitive parts - within reason. Over time and continuing duress that ability to self-repair is often overwhelmed by amount of damaging sound waves.



Hearing one loud concert or one loud dynamite blast may cause a temporary feeling of hearing impairment. When exposed to concert after concert or blast after blast that hearing degradation may become permanent. In other words, the ears may no longer be able to repair the damage they experience.

It is easy to point ones fingers at one loud noise or another and say "Ah ha!, that is the culprit." While loud noises are often the culprit they are not the only culprits. If one is exposed to moderately loud noises for lengthy periods of time ones hearing again diminishes, and by pretty much the same means, the body has less and less ability to repair the damage. What are those less than painfully loud noises? Air compressor or electric rock drills and hammers, rock saws and grinding wheels, polishers, high pitched ventilation fans or diamond grinding tools can all cause hearing loss if ear protection is not worn. Even lower decibel noises, when one is exposed to them time and time again, may cause hearing loss.

The moral to this story is to wear your hearing protectors. Hearing protectors worked for me and will work for you. If in doubt as to the loudness of a noise, wear protection.

There are enough types and styles to make it most likely one will find protectors that are comfortable. Even if they are not - what is your hearing worth? Even if one has experienced some hearing loss already, use protection and save what hearing you have! I'd really like

you to be able to hear me, hear the sounds of the breeze in the grass, and the wind in the trees.

For this month's safety refresher, please review Bill Klose's fine article on hearing safety in the March 2007 issue of the EFMLS News, which if you do not happen to have is available on the EFMLS website at <www.amfed.org/efmls>. Click on the "Newsletter" tab and then download the issue. It will arrive as a pdf file.

Lets all raise our ear protectors to a cheer of Hear Here!

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Hazel Remaley

The deadline for the 2011 Each One Teach One nominations has come and gone. Now is the time to



sit back and reflect on why you and your club did not nominate that certain person. I do have several good nominations for the award,

so I'ma hoping to see many of you in Syracuse when the awards banquet will be held.

As an added message from the Region III Vice President (yours truly), I certainly hope to see a good representation of clubs at the annual meeting on Friday evening, and then at the show and banquet. It's an honor to have a Region III Club host the EFMLS and the AFMS this year. See you there.

ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD

by Cathy Patterson, All American Chair

Summer – A Photo-Op Season

This summer, your club will, no doubt, be having lots of field trips, a picnic, maybe a show, possibly youth activities and workshops all of which are perfect photo opportunities.



Why not assign someone(s) to be PIC, Photographer In Charge, at these events? Could they save those priceless digital shots to be shared with your assigned yearbook committee? If you have 1-3 dedicated members who agree to make your club history for 2011 a priority they'll need those wonderful photographic memories. Thinking outside the box, those fantastic photos could be used to create a photo album to be shown at your banquet.

When I read the entry for the 2010 competition I was delighted to see so many smiling, involved, interested, faces in those photos. They spoke volumes about how much fun the members were having at club events. It made the recording of those events in each section of the book engaging to follow.

If some of your members get involved in community events such as roadside clean up, working with youth, environmental activities, etc., these newspaper articles, photos, write ups make good additions to your yearbook.



So here are some suggestions.

Your Committee should keep a file folder of these shots with captions on the back for quick recall of names and places to be used in the 2011 book. I've found actual prints are easier to manipulate than digital images stored on a separate device(s). However, whatever works for you is the best way to do it.

In addition to photos remember to have a sign in sheet or book at all club functions or at least have someone do a visual scan and write names on paper so this can be added to your yearbook. There are sections that ask for a list of how many people attended an event.

Please go to <www.amfed.org/aaca> to get the application for the 2011 competition.

Questions? Contact me 315-480-8907 or e-mail <cp@gmss.us>.

AFMS NOMINEE

By Betsy Oberheim

The election to select a representative from the Eastern Federation to be the AFMS Regional Vice President has been completed. Thanks to the input and vote of the Executive Board and EFMLS Past Presidents, Carolyn Weinberger has been nominated as AFMS 3rd Regional VP.

The person holding this position represents our EFMLS clubs and members on the AFMS Board of Directors. The election will be held during the annual AFMS meeting in Syracuse on Thursday, July 7th with the term of office beginning November 1, 2011.

THE AWARD

by Ellery Borow, ACROY Chair

Many clubs present awards to their members for meritorious service to their club. Often those awards are presented at a club's annual meeting, award banquet, or other special occasion. While we at the Club Rockhound of the Year would enjoy being present at each and every such club gathering so that we might officially read the submission made on behalf of the honoree, the logistics and travel required would not be within our capacity. Instead of being present to read the name and accomplishments of your club's candidate, we go one better – we print the information about your club's honoree in an issue of EFMLS News so that all EFMLS member clubs may also learn about your club's hard workers and dedicated members.

We know that each club has their own "stars" – dedicated members who should be recognized. Let's see those names up in lights! ... or at least on the printed page of the EFMLS News and also the AFMS Newsletter for national recognition.

The rules are simple – each club may submit the name of one person (or couple) per year. Each club may also submit the name of one junior member each year. Along with the name of your honoree, submit a brief (75 words or less) write-up of their story in supporting your club. Any club member may make a submission for their club – the first received is the one that's counted for the year. You can find my mailing address on page 11 of this newsletter.

Thanks, and hope to hear from your club soon.

DIRECTORY UPDATES / CORRECTIONS

from Carolyn Weinberger, Directory Editor

We've received the following corrections / updates to the 2011 EFMLS Directory. Please update your copy to keep it current. Also, please notify the EFMLS Editor of any changes to your information.

Page 46 - Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Washington DC

EDITOR: Cassandra Franklin-Barbajosa, 240-423-0244.
<cassandra.barbajosa@comcast.net>

Page 59: Welcome back!

Keene Mineral Club

Club Address: PO Box 627; Marlborough, NH 03455

Club Website: <www.keenemineralclub.50webs.com>

85 Adults 2 Juniors

Officers Elected: December Take Office: January

PRESIDENT: Shane Moore, 237 Greenhoe Rd; E. Dummerston, VT 05346
<kmcpresident@gmail.com>

VICE PRES: Larry Bulaski, 68 Lawrence Rd; Springfield, VT 05156
<kmvicepresident@gmail.com>

SECRETARY: Paul Shea, 2062 Connecticut River Rd; Springfield, VT 05156. <pds22@sover.net>

TREASURER: Ellen Oberkotter, 79 Sunrise Hill Rd; Cornish, NH 03745
603-675-6079. <tworedbarns@hotmail.com>

LIAISON: Ellen Oberkotter

EDITOR: Chris Garrecht, 229 Back Ashuelot Rd; Winchester, NH 03470. <kmceditor1@gmail.com>

BULLETIN: Collector's Corner

WEBMASTER: Eric Greene, 40 Church St; Greenfield, MA 01301.
<esgreene@comcast.net>

MEETINGS: 1st Saturday of the month (Sept - May. 2nd Saturday if regular meeting date is on a holiday) at 7 pm.
Keene State College, SCIC 126 Science Building

VISIT A SHOW

continued from page 12

November:

5 - 6: 7th Annual Rock & Gem Show sponsored by the Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club. Brewer Auditorium, Brewer, ME.

19-20: 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. So. Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East; West Palm Beach, FL.

25-27: 32nd Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Show sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society. Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Blvd; Salem, VA.

*Elbaite on Quartz
Tourmaline Queen Mine
San Diego Co., CA*



AFMS ENDOWMENT

LAST CALL!

by Carolyn Weinberger

Once again this year I invite each EFMLS club and club member to purchase tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund drawing. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and all funds raised are added to the fund principal - only the interest from these investments is used for numerous AFMS programs that your club and members can benefit from. These include the purchase of new library programs and badges for the juniors program).

To purchase, send your check, payable to "AFMS Endowment Fund" to me along with a SASE envelope, and the name, address and phone number that should go on each ticket. My address is on page 2 of this issue.

The drawing will take place during the EFMLS Convention in Syracuse and winners announced at the Awards Banquet on July 9th. You need not be present to win - but it sure would be nice!

You can view color photos of each of the 33 prizes by visiting the AFMS website <www.amfed.org/endow2011.htm>. Included in the prizes you might win are mineral specimens, books, jewelry, and hand-painted note cards and watercolors, and cabochons. The cumulative estimated value of all 33 prizes is over \$4,000! Should your club purchase be a winner, the prize would make a wonderful door prize at an upcoming meeting, banquet or party,,,and you'd be helping the Endowment Fund at the same time.

Deadline for my receiving your ticket requests is June 30th. I look forward to hearing from all of you.



Eastern Federation
of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc.
Affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.



60th Annual EFMLS Board of Directors' Meeting
Ramada Inn, Buckley Road
Syracuse, New York
July 8, 2011

Please print all information requested clearly.

NAME OF SOCIETY: _____

DIRECTOR: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(The president of each society is a Director of EFMLS. Please list the president's name only if the president plans to attend this meeting.)

DIRECTOR'S ALTERNATE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(To represent the society if the president cannot attend the meeting)

DELEGATE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(Elected by society members)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(To represent society if Delegate cannot attend meeting)

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER

From the EFMLS Constitution

(Article V, Sec. 3)

It shall be the responsibility of each Member Society to notify the Secretary in writing of the names of its Director, Delegate and alternate who expect to attend the Annual Meeting fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date.

RETURN BY MAIL by June 23, 2011 to:

Gerry Cox

EFMLS Secretary

2304 S. Rolfe St

Arlington, VA 22202-1545

2011 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: April 11 - 17: _____ September 5 - 11: _____

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	
ID #	_____
Date Rec'd"	_____
Amt. Paid:	_____
Ck #:	_____
Amt. Paid:	_____
Ck #:	_____
Paid in Full:	_____

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.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Region I
Kathleen Collins
<kathleenc55@cox.net>

Region III
Hazel Remaley
<northridge5@verizon.net>

Region V
Judy Budnik
<wisoh@msn.com>

Region VII
Kim Cochran
770-979-8331

Region II
Michael Kessler
<quartz7228@aol.com>

Region IV
Carl Miller
<kobold1@erols.com>

Region VI
Barbara Fenstermacher
<bfenster2@bellsouth.net>

Region VIII
Michelle Renné
<pgrm4@aol.com>

EFMLS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

AFMS Endowment Fund *
Carolyn Weinberger
<cscrystals2@verizon.net>

Conservation & Legislation *
To be appointed

Slide & Video Librarian *
Ken Tudor
<kentudor@yahoo.com>

Wildacres Continued
Director
Fran Sick
(See Eastern Foundation Fund)

AFMS Scholarship Foundation *
Bob Livingston
<gemguy@verizon.net>

Convention Advisory
Matt Charsky
<Charsky.Matthew@epa.gov>

Supplies
Suzy Milligan
<smilligan@stny.rr.com>

Registrar
Pamm Bryant
2645 Davis Mill Rd
Goochland, VA 23063
804-457-4698
<pbryant6@juno.com>

AFMS Ways & Means *
To be appointed

Directory
Carolyn Weinberger - (see Editor)

Uniform Rules
Barbara Sky
<bskysky@aol.com>

All American Award *
Cathy Patterson
<cathypatterson@gmss.us>

Each One Teach One
Hazel Remaley
<northridge5@verizon.net>

Ways & Means (EFMLS)
Cheryl Neary (see page 2)

Nominating (Elected committee)
Matt Charsky, Chair
(see Convention Advisory)

Auction
Cheryl Neary (see page 2)

Eastern Foundation Fund
Fran Sick
<ednfran@epix.net>

Webmaster
Dan Imel
<lapidry@aol.com>

Jim Doran (see Wildacres)
Bill Klose
<seagoatc@epix.net>

Audit
Donald Pitkin
<pitkind@earthlink.net>

Historian
Susanna MacInnis
<sumacdeb@aol.com>

Wildacres Workshop Committee
Steve Weinberger, Chair
(see Bylaws)

Carl Miller
(see Boundaries)

Boundaries *
Carl Miller
<kobold1@erols.com>

Insurance Coordinator
Carl Miller (see Boundaries)

Mary Bateman
(see Bulletin Ed. Advisory)

Maxine Nicholas
<mmnicholas1@verizon.net>

Budget & Finance
R.J. Harris (see page 2)

Junior Activities *
Roberta Goldsmith
207-206-4359

Gerry Cox
<gerryannec@verizon.net>

Loren Patterson
<lorenpatterson@gmss.us>

Bulletin Editors Advisory *
Mary Bateman
<mbateman1@verizon.net>

Operating Procedures
Steve Weinberger (see Bylaws)

Jim Doran
<jpdoran1@verizon.net>

Reivan Zeleznik
<rzlapidary@yahoo.com>

Bylaws / Parliamentarian
Steve Weinberger
<cscrystals2@verizon.net>

Safety *
Ellery Borow - (see Club Rockhound)

Bruce Gaber
<sun@visionrising.com>

Club Rockhound of the Year *
Ellery Borow
207-547-3154

Show Coordinator
Matt Charsky
(See Convention Advisory)

Jane Kuehn
<jkuehn8@comcast.net>

Carl Miller (see Boundaries)

EFMLS NEWS

CAROLYN WEINBERGER, EDITOR
PO Box 302
GLYNDON, MD 21071-0302

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #189
Owings Mills, MD 21117



VISIT THE EFMLS WEBSITE
<WWW.AMFED.ORG/EFMLS>

VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

May:

21: 22nd Annual Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Ruhl Armory, MD Rt 45 at I-695; Towson, MD.

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

June:

4: Spring Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Science Association. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA.

4 – 5: Annual Mineral, Gem & Fossil Show sponsored by the Orange Co. Mineral Society. Museum Village, Rt 17M; Monroe, NY.

4-5: 38th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. Tannehill Ironworks Historical Park, Birgmingham, AL.

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

16-17: Annual Show sponsored by the Saco Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Conway Middle School Gymnasium, Conway, NH.

30-31: 32nd Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, So. Burlington, VT.

August:

6-7: 41st Annual Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society. Mt. Merici School, 152 Western Ave; Waterville, ME.

27-28: 45th Annual Rock & Mineral Show sponsored by the St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club. Madrid Community Park, Madrid, NY

27-28: 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Festival sponsored by the Capital Mineral Club. Everett Arena, Concord, NH

September:

10 – 12: 48th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. American Legion Post #90, Rte 7; Pownal, VT.

17 – 18: 42nd Annual Mid-Hudson Show – The Fossils of New York sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Dutchess Co. Fairgrounds, Rt. 9, Rhinebeck, NY

17-18: 44th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, 2801 N 3rd St; Harrisburg, PA.

24-25: 47th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD Rt 32; West Friendship, MD

30 – October 2: Desautels Micromount Symposium hosted by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge MD.

October:

15-16: 38th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show & Sale sponsored by the Kanawha Rock & Gem Club. So. Charleston Community Center, So. Charleston, WV.

22 – 23: 42nd Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section and Rochester Lapidary Society. Monroe Co. Fair & Expo Center, Henrietta, NY.

29: Annual "Ultraviolation" Fluorescent Mineral Show sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA.

more shows on page 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>.