

EFMLS NEWS

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



A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!

by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chair

EFMLS WILDACRES SCHOLARSHIP

Please share this important information with **all** of your club members:

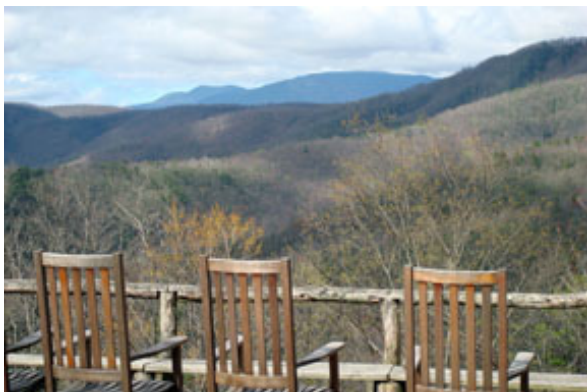
In 2012 we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres Retreat. In recognition of this special event we will be offering two scholarships to attend our sessions. One will be awarded for the spring and one for the fall session.



Criteria for consideration will include active membership in an EFMLS member club, completion of an application form, and never having previously been to an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop. In addition to some basic information (name, address etc.), the application will ask all candidates to submit a brief essay telling why they would like to receive the scholarship.

Once all applications for the scholarship have been received and selection made, all candidates will be notified as to whether they have or have not been selected. Applications will be printed in the December Newsletter once the dates of our sessions become available.

We're excited to be able to offer the opportunity for two new people to attend one of our fabulous workshops tuition free. If you've never



experienced an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop, now's the time to find out what you've been missing!

Please do consider applying and planning on joining us "on the mountain" at one or both of our workshops in 2012.

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FROM THE TOP!

by R. J. Harris, EFMLS President

I'm writing my first president's message in the midst of the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club's annual show. The hall is filled with scouts and youth digging in the mini-mine, and I'm thinking, "This is what it's all about, kids and rocks."



My own fascination with minerals and fossils began in the single digits. I remember earning my Boy Scout Geology Badge. My merit badge counselor was a member of the Berks Mineral Society and his back yard was like visiting Treasure Island. I grew up in inner-city Reading, PA. Once I got in trouble for digging up the backyard of our row home looking for dinosaur bones, another time I had fashioned a small derek out of junk lumber and was intent on striking oil. It was best not to leave me alone back then. My roots!

I was sure that I was going to be a geologist, until age twelve, when I woke up one day and wanted to be a disk jockey. I entered the radio business at age fourteen and that is what I still do today. Doing talk radio allows me to speak about my hobby a lot. I even had a listener leave me her rock collection in her will. It is neat to have such an outlet, leading to many school and scout talks, promoting the club to youth and families.

My club service includes three terms as president of the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, field trip co-chair, program chair, and the creator of the club's EFMLS award winning website. I have been married to Bonnie, former CPRMC treasurer, for nearly 39 years. We have three children and two grandchildren. The grands are already collecting.

My resume is no different than most of yours. This is a wonderful group of talented folks, from the local club level, to the people who have been making the EFMLS work for years. And, we have a lot to look forward to with both Cheryl Neary and Hazel Remaley in the vice president positions. A special thank you to our Regional Vice Presidents and Appointed Committee Chairs - this organization would go nowhere without you!

I look forward to seeing you at a club meeting, annual show, or at an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop in 2012. We'll talk about youth next month.

RJ



THE MUSHROOM

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair

Least one think this article is about mycology or perhaps a discussion of the various aspects of gourmet fungi, I'd like to set the record straight. We are instead covering the topic of rock chisels - specifically the mushroom head often formed on well used chisels.

No doubt most folks have heard the expression "chisel with a mushroom head". The expression refers to the look of a chisel head depicted in Figure 1. The condition results from extensive impact on its driven (head) end over an extended period of hammering. When a mushroom head forms on a chisel, it is unsafe to use. The deformed metal has work-hardened and become brittle. Parts of that brittle metal may break off upon impact and strike the hand, fingers, arm or face.

The common solution to the formation of a mushroom head on a chisel is to carefully grind away the deformed metal from the chisel's head. Some folks cease their grinding operation when the chisel reaches the look of that shown in Figure 2. The figure shows a nice right-angle shape end with squared-off edges. This too is not a recommended condition for a chisel. Those sharp right angle corners are easily broken off and may still cause injury to the user.

The properly ground head will have a small bevel around it's perimeter, as shown in Figure 3. If one were to look at new chisels in a hardware store, one would note their driven end (head) always has a small bevel around it's head with no square corners to break off.

On the working end of our rock chisels what we usually find, after long periods of hard use, is a somewhat dulled point. We do not find a mushroomed point. Instead of mushrooming, the once sharp point or edge has rounded over as depicted in Figures 4 and 5. The procedure for restoring the sharp edge is to carefully (without overheating the metal) re-grind the point so that it once again exhibits it's original edge profile.

Why does one end form a mushroom and the other end just dulls? The answer is metallurgy. The metal in a chisel's business end (point) has been treated to make it tough and relatively hard. The struck end of the chisel has been treated to make it a relatively softer metal than the point. We want the point to stay sharp so that it performs it's intended purpose. We want the head to be softer so that when struck, it will purposely deform or mushroom. The reason for this is that it is preferable to have the head of a chisel deform instead of the relatively more expensive head of a rock hammer or maul.

One almost never sees a mushroom head on a rock hammer or pick. Instead, one is more apt to see a well worn surface rather than a mushroomed surface.

A chisel then is quite the metallurgical marvel.

The first important side note - when grinding away those mushroom heads or dull points prior to your next collecting trip, please remember to wear those all-important safety glasses and keep your hands well protected with gloves. Grinding often creates sparks that can bounce in any direction and toward your eyes. Also, grinding metal heats it to quite a degree (or two)! Best bet is to keep the metal cool - and wear gloves for additional protection.

The second important side note - it is never, ever safe to use a carpenter's hammer to strike a rock chisel. A carpenter's hammer is not designed to strike the type of hard steel found in a rock chisel. Carpenter's hammers are designed to strike the relatively soft (and all too-easily bent) metal of a nail. Please do not use carpenter's hammers with rock chisels. Disaster is always over the hill - it's never a good idea to send it an invitation to come on by!

For this month's safety refresher, please review Jim Doran's fine article on letting someone know where you are when you go collecting from the June-July 2010 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.

Be mindful of those mushrooms - they can grow on you, and remember, your safety matters.

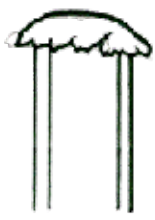


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

ENTER TO WIN!!! -- 2012 CONTEST NEWS

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Hazel Remaley



I know that I have used many tactics to get your attention in the past. Anything from last year's messages using the letters in the word TEACH, tea bag, tag sayings, and Chinese fortune cookie messages. Well, I am using the Chinese route again this year.

This one is: ***You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.***

The intent is to stimulate all of you out there who are afraid to nominate a club member for the Each One Teach One Award. You know who is active and going out into the community presenting programs to share with others about their knowledge about our rock, mineral, fossil and lapidary world. Who goes out collecting at a popular spot and has extras; then shares them with students at the local school? Who is volunteering to present programs to the club or writing articles for the newsletter? These folks are the ones who do try and do not fail...and never receive financial remuneration for their efforts.

This is a short message. Now the fall is in your hand. Try so you don't fail!

The EOTO application can be found on page 10 of this issue.

'Til next month.

ALL AMERICAN AWARD

by Betsy Oberheim

**Are you feeling patriotic?
Check out the All American Award!**

Does your club do activities that make you proud?

Would you like to gain attention to the interesting things your club is doing?



Have you considered scrapbooking lots of the fun things your club has been doing??

What a neat way to preserve information and show other clubs what you have been doing. We all save papers, tickets, newspaper articles; now is the time to put them together and make up a club yearbook for the AFMS All American Award. We need some specific information, (see page 7); the rest is up to you.

For additional help you may want to review Cathy Patterson's articles in the EFMLS Newsletters from the past year. You can download them from the EFMLS Website (www.amfed.org/efmls).

Just get a group of scrapbookers together, feed them the papers you have in all those folders, and step back....! The deadline for sending the books to me is March 1, 2012.

Please mail your entry books to Betsy Oberheim, 7953 Appalachian Trl. E. Harrisburg, PA 17112.

BULLETIN EDITORS

from Mary Bateman

As we approach the end of the calendar year, it's time for all editors to consider entering the 2011 Bulletin Editors Contest. The deadline for submission of entries will be in early January so you still have plenty of time.

Don't think your bulletin is good enough? Wrong! Every club bulletin serves a purpose and every editor should consider entering the contest. At the very least you'll learn what you're doing correctly and you'll gain some ideas on areas that you can improve on.

A second component of the competition is evaluation of original articles or poetry written by your members and there's a category for cartoons and other artwork too. What a terrific way to say "thank you" to your contributors!

You can download the score sheets from last year so you can preview what the judges look for by visiting the EFMLS Website (www.amfed.org/efmls).

WEBSITE

from Dan Imel

It's almost time to submit your club entry for the Website Contest. Start looking over your club site, make adjustments as needed (you can download last years' entry via the web (www.amfed.org), and be prepared to send in your information when the date for doing so is announced.

INSPIRE SOMEONE

Our new Junior Activities Chair is Darryl Powell. His name may be familiar to you as he's the brains behind Diamond Dan Publications, a small company devoted to Earth Science publications designed to encourage, inspire and inform children about the wonderful world of minerals, fossils and rocks. He lives in Manchester, NY, with his wife and three children and is a member of the Wayne Co. Gem & Mineral Club and the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Manchester, NY.

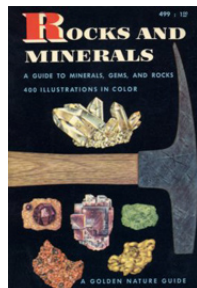
Can you name the first person who helped you collect minerals? Was there someone who noticed that you had a new interest in crystals and he or she encouraged your interest? During vacation I was visiting my brother and we were talking about the teacher who lived next door to us where we grew up in Massachusetts. Her name was Mrs. Raymond. She was one of those teachers who noticed her students' interests and then said and did things to encourage them.

When I was in 5th grade, my science teacher assigned us a research project. We could pick any subject we wanted and write a 2 page report about that scientific subject. I don't know why, but I picked rocks and minerals. Really soon I found that I could look for rocks in my own neighborhood and add them to a collection. The minerals I saw in books were colorful and were found in amazing shapes. Right away I became interested in minerals.

My mother must have told Mrs. Raymond that I had a new interest. The very next day, Mrs. Raymond came over to our house with a small present for me. It was a copy of the little mineral book, "Rocks and Minerals" by Herbert S. Zim and Paul R. Schaffer (published by Golden Guide books). You would think

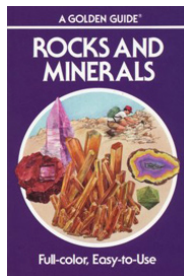
by Darryl Powell, Junior Activities Chair

she had given me a nugget of gold! I read that book from cover to cover and spent hours looking at the pictures. As my own collection grew, I began to compare specimens in my collection with the pictures in the book.



To this day, I believe that this little present from Mrs. Raymond pushed me from a passing interest in minerals to a full-blown love of the subject. So again I want to ask you, is there someone in your life who has encouraged your interest in minerals?

Above is a picture of the book that Mrs. Raymond gave me. This is what the cover looked like when it was printed back then. Today, the book looks like the picture to the right here, now printed with a purple cover. I would recommend this book as the best first mineral book for a young mineral collector. It is easy to read, full of accurate and colorful pictures, and easy to understand. When Mrs. Raymond gave me a copy, it cost only \$1! Today the cost is over \$10. It is still worth the price. (They publish a similar book about fossils, too.)



Think of a young person in the spheres of your life. Stop by her or his house someday, unannounced, and bring a good mineral book and some decent specimens and say, "I think you will really enjoy this hobby." These acts of kindness and generosity can literally set the stage for a child's future interests and even career.

Until next month, be blessed.

ACROY THERE!

by Ellery Borow, Chair

Farest thee well? I certainly hope so, especially after a busy summer and fall season of gem, rock, mineral, bead and fossil shows. Clubs no doubt, had a ship load of wonderful and dedicated volunteers helping to make their shows special. Smiling volunteers, helpful volunteers, courteous volunteers, and knowledgeable volunteers all together and individually volunteered to make their club shows the best they could be.



Exceptional volunteers go 2, 3 even 4 steps beyond what is necessary to make our shows happen. That clubs do well is evidence that they have such dedicated and devoted volunteers as members.

At the Club Rockhound of the Year committee we are dedicated to encouraging clubs to recognize the assets they have in their cadre of exceptional volunteers. We also wish to formally recognize the achievements of those same exceptional volunteers by publishing their names and accomplishments in upcoming issues of the EFMLS News.

Please take a moment and have your club recognize the achievements of your outstanding volunteers by making one of them (or a couple) your club's very own Club Rockhound of the Year.

Go ahead and rock the boat, sea that your outstanding members are recognized for their incredible effort!

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REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS ELECTED

from RJ Harris

The EFMLS Regional Vice Presidents are elected by the clubs within the region they represent. The job of these VP's is to serve as a liaison between the EFMLS and the club. Elections are held every other year with the winner serving a two year term. There is no term limit for this position.

Four regional VP's are elected each year --- those representing regions I, III, V and VII, being held during "odd numbered" years such as 2011 and those representing regions II, IV, VI and VIII during the "even numbered" years.

The election is chaired by the EFMLS 1st Vice President who sends a call for nominations to the presidents of each club in the effected regions. Once the responses have been received and election is held within each region to determine who the next VP will be. If only one nomination is received, then that individual is declared the winner -- if he/she is willing to serve.

It is the duty of each Regional Vice President to remain in contact with the clubs within their region, attend as many meetings and shows of their clubs as possible, disseminate news about regional and EFMLS events, and answer questions about EFMLS. They also are responsible for assisting new clubs that wish to become part of the Eastern Federation and serve on the EFMLS Board of Directors as the club direct representative. Is your club taking advantage of this resource?

The 2011 elections have been held and we're proud to announce the results:

Region I: Katie Collins
Region III: Hazel Remaley
Region V: Judy Budnik
Region VII: Kim Cochran

Information for each of these VP's can be found on page 11.

The term of office corresponds with the remaining EFMLS Officers - November 1 - October 31.

EFMLS INSURANCE

from Carl Miller

It's time to renew your EFMLS insurances. The person whose name appears on the form submitted with premiums last year should be receiving renewal forms from Brown & Brown Insurance Agency within the next week or so.

In order to keep the EFMLS Liability and or Accident policy in force, you must respond in a timely manner. The liability policy expires on November 14, 2011; the accident policy on November 1. As of this writing, rates for 2012 have not yet been set.

If you changed officers since the last premiums were sent, please check with the former to be certain that the policy renewals have been received.

You can review further details about the policy on page 16 of the 2011 EFMLS Directory. If you were not a subscriber in 2011, contact Brown & Brown and ask them to send you the enrollment forms. Having the EFMLS liability insurance is an excellent value for your club!

ACROY THERE!

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The fine print -- clubs may send in one member's (or a couple's) and one junior member's name per year to be their selection. All I need is a brief (seventy words or less) write-up mentioning the honoree's name, home club, a list of the honoree's deeds / accomplishments, as well as the submitters name. Any club member may submit the honoree's name. My contact information is on page 11 of this issue.

NOMINATIONS PLEASE

from Matt Charsky, Nominating Committee Chair

Although we're just beginning the new term for our elected officers, it's not too early to begin considering candidates for office for 2012-13. As chairperson of the nominating committee, I'd like to hear from you if you know of someone who would make a good officer --- president, 1st or 2nd vice president, secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer or editor.



Just take a moment and send me the name, and contact information of your suggested candidate and the office you think they would best fill. Also include the name of their club and a couple of sentences telling why you think they should be nominated. My contact info is on page 11 of this issue.

2012 ALL AMERICAN CLUB INFORMATION FORM

SECTION 1 - CLUB INFORMATION (NO POINTS AWARDED)

Club Name & Address _____

Date organized _____ Federation affiliation _____

Number of members: Adults _____ Honorary/Life _____ Juniors _____

[Don't combine Honorary/Life with total adults.]

Meeting Place: _____

[Include city, state]

Person filling out form: Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Mission or purpose of the club: _____

SECTION 2 – SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS (30 POINTS POSSIBLE)

General Meetings: Number of meetings _____ Average attendance _____

Guests _____ Door Prizes: Yes _____ No _____

Programs: *Include a separate list of programs for the year, including topic, speaker, etc.

Board Meetings: Number of meetings _____ Average attendance _____ Guests _____

Officers: *Include a separate list of officers, directors, and committee chairmen.

Junior Meetings: Number of meetings _____ Average attendance _____ Guests _____

Adult leader(s): _____

Special Group Meetings (Established groups): Number attending - Cabbing _____

Faceting _____ Metal-working _____ Beading _____ Mineral study _____

Fossil study _____ Intarsia _____ Jewelry making _____ Other _____ [Indicate type.]

Social Events: Number attending - Picnic _____ Banquet _____

Holiday dinner _____ Other (Describe): _____

Show: Yes _____ No _____ Date(s) _____

Dealers: Yes _____ No _____ Number _____ No. of Members attending: _____

Number of Members working: _____ Demonstrators: Yes _____ No _____ # _____

Displays: Yes _____ No _____ Number of Displays _____

Special Features: Club library: Yes _____ No _____ Number of books: _____

Field Trips: Yes _____ No _____ No. of trips in field _____ Other _____

Other clubs invited? Yes _____ No _____ Non-members allowed? Yes _____ No _____

Workshop: Yes _____ No _____ Website: Yes _____ No _____ URL _____

*Include a separate list of workshops.

Traveling club display (For other club shows, youth groups, schools, etc.): Yes _____ No _____

SECTION 3 - PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Bulletin: Yes _____ No _____ Bulletin name _____

Editor's name _____

Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Meeting notices published in local media: Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Show fliers posted in public places: Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Show information published in local media: Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Free or paid ads on TV or radio: Meeting notices: Yes _____ No _____

Show information: Yes _____ No _____

Copies of supporting material to include in report: 1) fliers; 2) media articles about the club activities;

3) show ads; 4) show or meeting notices from newspapers; 5) articles copied from club newsletter; 6) other.

SECTION 4 - SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS (20 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served as Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:

Regional federation: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of members serving.)

AFMS: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of members serving.)

Members attended a Federation convention or show:

Regional Federation: Yes _____ No _____ Number Attending _____

AFMS: Yes _____ No _____ Number Attending _____

Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds:

Regional: Scholarship fund: Yes _____ No _____ Endowment fund: Yes _____ No _____

AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes _____ No _____ Endowment fund: Yes _____ No _____

Members gave programs for other clubs: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of programs.)

Members attended other club shows, swaps, etc.: Yes _____ No _____

Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes _____ No _____

Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes _____ No _____

Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list.

Supporting material should include lists of all the above persons, positions, etc, and could include pictures, copies of certificates, reports printed in club newsletter, thank-you notes, etc.

SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of those given.)

Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of those given.)

Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of sites.)

Members maintained a booth, or an activity, at a local event: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of events.)

Members donated materials to school, nursing home, etc.: Yes _____ No _____

Members active in local affairs: Yes _____ No _____

Supporting material for the above should provide details for these items, and could include pictures, thank you cards, letters and certificates of appreciation, reports from club newsletter, etc.

SECTION 6 - GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served on governmental agency committees: Yes _____ No _____

**Include a separate list of those who served.*

Members provided comments on governmental agency proposals, etc: Yes _____ No _____

**Include a separate list of proposals and participants.*

Members contacted congressional representatives regarding legislation affecting access to sites, and collecting from same: Yes _____ No _____

**Include a separate list of representatives contacted and legislation.*

Club or members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations: Yes _____ No _____

**Include a separate list of organization(s).*

Supporting materials should include details for all of the above items, reports from club newsletter, and should include copies of correspondence.

SECTION 7 - OVERALL FORMAT AND PRESENTATION - (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

This section evaluates the entry on neatness, organization, grammar, spelling, and overall presentation of material

SCORING AND AWARDS

Gold All-American Club Award: 90 - 100 points (average of three judges)

Silver All-American Club Award: 80 - 89 points (average of three judges)

Bronze All-American Club Award: 70 - 79 points (average of three judges)

Honorable Mention: Less 70 points (average of three judges)

Instructions for completing the entry form:

1. Each entry is to be submitted as a single document, limited to a maximum of 100 pages (one- or two-sided), including text and graphics. A loose leaf notebook or a scrapbook are suitable binders.

2. 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 entry sections following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any one section, **PROVIDED THE TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS DOES NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES.**

3. 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.

4. All requested material is **for the year 2011.**

5. **Deadline for all EFMLS club entries is March 1, 2012.**

EACH ONE TEACH ONE APPLICATION FORM

Please print all information clearly.
Use a separate form for each nominee.
Forms may be duplicated.

Name of Club or Society: _____
Nominates the following named club member to receive the Each One Teach One Award for the year 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (include area code): _____

Email: _____

Please explain why this person should receive this award. (A single page may be attached).

Name of Club nominee is affiliated with _____

Name of Club Officer presenting nominee's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (including area code) _____

E-mail: _____

Club Office held _____

Mail To:

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Deadline for all nominations is May 1, 2012

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To A SHOW WE WILL GO

from Matt Charsky

October:

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.

22 – 23: Annual show sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. CCRI Knight Campus, 400 East Ave; Warwick, RI.

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.

November:

5 – 6: 42nd Annual Gemarama 2011 "Out of Arica" sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. School at Church Farm, Exton, PA.

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

5 – 6: 23rd Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd; Greenwich, CT

12-13: 20th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. George Mason University, Student Union Bldg, Rt 123 & Braddock Rd; Fairfax, VA.

19-20: 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. Americraft Expo Center at the So. Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., 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.

March:

3 - 4: 49th Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, I-95, Exit 4B, Churchmans Rd (Rt 58); Newark (Stanton), DE.

10-11: 23rd Annual North Jersey Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society. Pope John Paul II Center; Clifton, NJ.

April:

19-22: 39th Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Raddison Hotel, Jefferson Rd.

September:

15 - 16: 47th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show and 62nd Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, 2801 N 3rd St; Harrisburg, PA.

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>.