

# EFMLS NEWS

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



## SUMMER WORKSHOP!

from Esther Dunn, Functioning Committee Chair



Have you sent in your application for the Wildacres Workshop yet? We still have a few more spaces, so don't delay. When you submit your application be sure to note your second and third choices of classes as several are filling up fast.

You might want to try your hand at beading, chain making, curving cabochons, faceting, playing with micro-minerals or learning about fluorescents. Or you might want to try PMC (precious metal clay).

You will find it really fun working with the silver clay. After you have fashioned your items they will be fired in a kiln which turns them to fine silver. They can then be treated as silver and can be sawed, filed, drilled, soldered and polished the same as regular silver. It's a great class for anyone who wants to make 'one of a kind' jewelry.

We have excellent, experienced Instructors who have the patience to guide you through the steps of whatever class you choose. We know from past years that you will have a great learning experience! Just come to the workshop and try them out. We're sure you will want to return for more, for this is a very 'magical' place.

Here are the classes being offered in both sessions:

June 26 - July 2

### 2-day Classes:

- Cabochons
- Chainmaking Basic
- Chainmaking Intermediate
- Prerequisite: Basic
- Fluorescents
- Mineral ID
- Precious Metal Clay
- Wirecraft Basic
- Soapstone Carving

### 4-day Classes: (you only take 1)

- Faceting
- Certified Judging
- Micromounting & Photomicrography
- Silversmithing

Guest speaker for the session is Bob Jones, Sr. Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine.

September 20-26

### 2-day Classes

- Cabochons
- Wirecraft Basic
- Soapstone Carving or Forging

### 4-day Classes:

- Faceting
- Certified Judging
- Micromounting & Photomicrography
- Silversmithing
- Wax Modeling and Casting

Guest speaker for this session is Dr. Steve Chamberlain of Syracuse University.

A registration form is included on page \_\_\_ of this issue. We hope to see YOU at Wildacres this year.

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## SPRING INTO ACTION!

by Matt Charsky, EFMLS President

From many individual club newsletters, I can see that the pace of activities is really picking up as the weather turns a little milder. Annual shows, field trips, swaps, etc. are being scheduled all over the EFMLS. I hope you are able to participate in and support your local clubs' activities. From my perspective, I am very impressed with the amount of time and effort that individual members are putting into their club functions to make them unique and appealing. This is the kind of volunteerism I like to see in our individual clubs.

I have one request of the individual clubs that unfortunately can not wait much longer. We still need a club to come forward and host the 2005 EFMLS Annual Convention. I know some of you may think that 2005 is really far off, but if you are planning to conduct a show it's not as far off as you might think. If your club would like to host the EFMLS Annual Convention during your show, please contact Reivan Zeleznik or myself. Both of us were club Presidents when our local clubs hosted the EFMLS Annual Convention, so we can help your club to put on a successful show and convention. EFMLS also provides the host club with \$400 to defray any additional expenses. So talk about this topic at your next club meeting and let us know if your club can host the EFMLS Annual Convention.

As you probably know, it is only three months until the 2004 EFMLS Annual Convention in Syracuse. Here's a reminder about one of the Convention activities. EFMLS will hold its annual auction on Saturday afternoon July 10th. The funds from the auction go to support our activities throughout the year. Bruce Gaber has graciously volunteered again to chair the auction. As Bruce often says, the auction is a good place for

you to donate "good stuff" for a good cause.

Plans are currently underway by the EFMLS Ways and Means Committee to hold a raffle at the annual convention in Syracuse. The funds from the raffle will go directly into the Eastern Foundation Fund, which helps to assure a sound financial basis for present and future operations. Individual clubs will be provided with the details in April.

I would like to inform everyone that EFMLS has a new Supplies Chair.

Duane Evans and his wife, Deanna are in the process of moving to Arizona. So Michael Kessler, current EFMLS Region 2 Vice President, has agreed to complete the remainder of Duane's term. If you need supplies, you may contact Michael by either: 1) writing to him at 4 Longfellow Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-2739; 2) calling him at 570-421-3113; or 3) sending him an e-mail to quartz7228@aol.com. Thanks to Michael, for being an EFMLS player that I can count on to fill in where needed and thanks to Duane for all his hard work as Supplies Chair. We wish Duane and his family all the best in their travels.

Briefly, I would like to tell you that I had the opportunity to go to Tucson, Arizona for the 50th Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. What a surprise it was to see all the fellow Easterners and watch them "ooh and ahh" at all the world-class specimens. There was a wonderful array of showcases that contained some of the best material (not just gold) ever

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## CROCODILE TOES

by Bruce Gaber

What can you expect at the Wildacres auctions in June and September or at the EFMLS auction in Syracuse, NY in July? Well, maybe not crocodile toes, but there will be a dazzling array of unusual items. Wildacres attendees and EFMLS club members are generous and many have been field collectors and lapidaries for decades. When they decide to go through their garages, basements and stacks of boxes or egg cartons, any kind of treasure, that might not have been seen for a long time, could end up becoming an auction donation.

You may want to make contributions yourself. Be creative! Anything with some interest to rockhounds goes. Start with books, illustrations, posters, t-shirts, or videos. Go on to tools, equipment, lapidary supplies, mineral or fossil specimens or microscopes. What about rough for faceting or cabbing, self collected specimens, extra boxes, gem trees, silver, jewelry or beads? You could offer special services, such computer work, photography or teaching. All proceeds from the auction support Wildacres or the Federation, so please be generous and use your imagination!

The Wildacres sessions in Little Switzerland, NC, are June 26-July 2 and September 20-26, 2003 and the EFMLS convention is in Syracuse, NY, July 9-11, 2004.

If you will not be able to attend Wildacres or the EFMLS convention, auction donations can be mailed in advance to Bruce Gaber, 5707 Northfield Rd., Bethesda 20817-6737.

Thanks!

## SLATE OF CANDIDATES

from Larry Vandergrift, Nominating Committee Chair

The EFMLS Nominating Committee is pleased to announce its nominees for EFMLS office for 2004-2005.† The candidates are :

President:

Carl Miller, Mechanicsville, VA  
current 1st Vice President

1st Vice President:

Bill Longley, Waterville, ME  
current 2nd Vice President

2nd Vice President:

1. Wayne Sukow, Fairfax, VA.

Wayne just finished serving a term on the EFMLS Wildacres Workshop Functioning Committee and currently serves as the Assistant Director.

2. Dan Settles, Danville, KY

Dan has been in the hobby many years and is currently President of the Blue Grass Gem and Mineral Club of Central Kentucky.

Secretary:

1. Frances Sick, Dunshore, PA. - Frances currently is and for several years has been the Chairperson of the EFMLS Each One Teach One Committee.

2. Mary Bateman, Arlington, VA. - Mary currently is and for several years has been the Chairperson of the EFMLS Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee.

Asst. Treasurer:

Millie Heym  
Current Asst. Treasurer

Meet and talk with the candidates this July in Syracuse, NY. Elections for office will be held at the EFMLS Annual Meeting in Syracuse, NY July 10, 2004. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Annual Meeting at that time.

## 2004 DIRECTORY

from Carolyn Weinberger

By the time you receive this newsletter the 2004 EFMLS Directory will be ready to be mailed to you. When it arrives, please check the listings for your club to be certain that they are correct.

Try as we might, the Directory staff (Sir Barkley Bigfoot, Assistant Editor and Caesar, aka Sir Tobey Belch, aren't very good at catching typos. So please, check your entry and let us know of any errors so we can run a correction next month.

Let us hear from you. Feedback is always appreciated (address is on page 2 of this issue).

## SPRING INTO ACTION

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put on display at one location. It was quite interesting to see that many private collections can actually keep pace with some of our finer museums. Either these people are persistent rockhounds or just plain rich. I'd like to think they were persistent rockhounds, but I think I know better.

Finally, I hear that registration for the first Wildacres session this year is going very well. It must be because everyone wants to enjoy the North Carolina mountains in late June. Or maybe, it's because you will get a daily dose of Bob Jones. Whatever the reason, make your reservations now and don't miss out on this special session.

### Ticks, Valley Fever, and Other Field Hazards.

The renewal of spring with all its beauty and bounty, also brings out the reptiles, insects, spiders, centipedes, scorpions, and poison oaks, ivies, and sumacs. The dangers posed by these creatures and flora of nature are well documented in the AFMLS Safety Manual. Some additional information follows which has come to light since the manual was published.

The wood and deer ticks, which commonly occur in thick woods or tall grass, have been long associated with Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, but in recent years their bite has also been linked to Lyme Disease and several other severe illnesses, including encephalitis (brain inflammation), Ehrlichiosis, and Babesiosis.

The symptoms of lyme disease include an expanding red rash around small hard white lumps that can resemble a "bullseye", arthritis, fever, chills, aches, enlarged lymph glands, and joint swelling. Not all of these symptoms may occur which makes diagnosis difficult. Several weeks to several months later symptoms may include facial paralysis, joint inflammation, heart palpitations, memory loss/difficulty concentrating, and changes in sleep habits or mood. Early diagnosis and treatment by a doctor will produce complete recovery. There is no immunity built up to Lyme disease after having had it, but it can't be passed from one person to another.

A vaccine has been developed, but may not be recommended for everyone, including the very young and the elderly. The illness is limited to warm weather (April through September in most parts of the U. S.) when ticks are active and not all ticks carry the disease. Even if you are bitten, the tick usually must be lodged in the skin for 36 to 48 hours to pass on the bacteria that causes

Lyme disease.

The best protection from tick born disease is not to allow ticks a point of entry through your clothes, the use of tick repellent in areas where ticks are known to occur, staying clear of tall grass and dense woods, and frequent inspection of you and your pets for ticks. When you detect a tick, promptly and carefully remove and dispose of the tick. Do not crush the tick between your fingers which could expose you to the disease and wash your hands after handling ticks. Make sure you remove the ticks head from the wound. The use of alcohol, a hot needle or cigarette to get a tick to back out is not effective. A good pair of tweezers around the ticks head works best.

Caterpillars may have poisonous spines or hairs which when touched can cause skin irritation, itching, redness and a raised rash. Wash well after touching a caterpillar.

Most animal bites are caused by household pets, however bites from wild animals can be especially dangerous because of the possibility of being exposed to rabies. Bites that only break the skin should be washed thoroughly with soap and water and covered with an antibiotic cream and clean bandage. If you haven't had a tetanus shot in the last 10 years, get a booster shot. A bite where the skin is badly torn or there are deep punctures and is bleeding should have pressure applied to stop the bleeding and be shown to a Doctor as soon as possible. If there are signs of infection or you suspect the animal may have rabies (displays odd behavior, is foaming at the mouth, etc.) see your Doctor immediately.

If you are in an arid region and are struck by cactus spines, pull the spines out with a tweezers or fine

tooth comb, being careful not to break them off in the skin. For fine spines use scotch tape or apply a thick layer of household glue, letting it dry, then slowly peel it off, taking the attached spines with it. Apply an antiseptic to the punctures and watch for any infection that can be caused by fungus on the spines.

Valley fever is well known to fossil collectors at Shark Tooth Hill, Kern County, California, but is also known to occur across the Southwestern U. S. to Texas and into Northern Mexico. The disease may last for years, but once recovered, a person is immune. Valley fever cannot be transmitted from one person to another and there is no vaccine available. Valley fever is a highly infectious fungus which occurs in the soil and is inhaled as airborne spores into the lungs. Most cases occur during dry periods following periods of heavy rain. It produces flu like symptoms, and in rare cases serious fever and scarring of the lung tissue. It is occasionally fatal or causes meningitis. The cure is bed rest and possibly antibiotics.

Pulmonary Syndrome Hantavirus occurs in rodent urine, feces, and saliva in the Southwestern U. S.. It is primarily carried by the deer mouse, but has also been detected in pinion and brush mice, and the western chipmunk. The symptoms include a high fever, backache, respiratory distress, excessive urine production (polyuria) and abdominal pain with possible hemorrhaging of the capillaries. Recovery is in three weeks or kidney failure. Death may result from the loss of blood. Person to person transmission and transmission by insects or cats and dogs is not known to occur. Protection includes staying away from areas with heavy rodent infestation and use of HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) respirators when having to enter areas known to have the infection or heavy rodent infestation.

## CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

from Cathy Gaber

The members of the American Fossil Federation have selected Mr. Mark Bennett as their 2004 AFMS Rock (Fossil!) hound of the Year honoree. Mark was elected into membership in January, 1996. He has enjoyed the hobby of fossil collecting for the past 12 years and has combined this hobby with that of diving. We look forward to seeing Mark at our club meetings where he shares his knowledge and provides us with an opportunity to purchase fossil specimens, many of which are from his personal collection. He will also assist club members who are seeking particular types of fossil specimens in any way he can. Mark has donated numerous fossil specimens to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural history in Washington, DC and the Aurora Fossil Museum in Aurora, NC. His donations to the latter included rare seal fossils. He has also generously donated numerous marine fossils, especially sharks teeth, to schools in the local Baltimore, MD area.

## EDITORS CORNER

from Mary Bateman

### Syracuse and the Awards are Popping Right Up

It is April, the flowers are showing their colors and the sun is lasting longer during the day—signs that spring is here. It is also a sign that in less than three months we will be in Syracuse. Have you signed up?

Wouldn't it be nice if you or someone from your club were there to personally receive awards? Many clubs, including those that do not have a lot of members or money, help to defray the cost of their director and delegate to the convention. Check with your president or board of directors to see if your club can assist those going to the EFMLS/AFMS conventions. You might even want to volunteer to be the delegate.

The Editors Breakfast will be on Sunday, July 11. We hope that you, your club members and/or your club's delegation will attend the breakfast and receive the Bulletin awards for your club. Stepping forward to receive your award or one for another

member of your club is truly a proud moment. Some describe it as exciting, rewarding, humbling, or "a rush." Whatever you call it, it is a happy occasion and one you will remember. The enthusiasm and support of your fellow editors gives a great feeling of belonging to that exclusive club called editors and authors. Plan on being at Syracuse and join the excitement, good news and comradely of fellow rockhounds.

TIP: If you are looking for material for your bulletin, the EFMLS Newsletter has some wonderful material to copy about Federation activities including Syracuse. If you did not receive a copy, contact Carolyn Weinberger for the latest issue. It's worth it and the price is right - free!

[Ed. Note: Or download it from the EFMLS website <[www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls)>

## EACH ONE TEACH ONE

from Fran Sick

The deadline for receipt of nominations for the 2004 Each One Teach One Award will be past by the time you read this. At the time of this writing we had received some very good nominations and I am sure there were more on the way since this article was written about a month prior to the March 15 deadline. The forms are in the hands of the committee members and now we all have to wait until the convention awards banquet in Syracuse in July to learn who the winners are.

While we are waiting I want to

thank the committee members Barbara Sky, Clyf Bourne and Mary Ellen Cole for agreeing to serve and for their careful and conscientious evaluation of each nomination in selecting the winners. And of course I want to also thank all those who invested their time and effort in preparing and submitting the nominations. I appreciate their efforts and I know the nominees will also appreciate it when they find out they were nominated.

## NEW SUPPLIES CHAIR

The EFMLS has a new Supplies Chair!

Michael Kessler  
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Michael replaces Duane Evans who is moving to Arizona. We thank Duane for his years of service to EFMLS and wish him well out there in the land of sun and sand.

## IN PASSING

### GERALDINE "GERRY" SCHAEFERMEYER

Gerry Schaefermeyer, loving wife of EFMLS and AFMS Past President Fred Schaefermeyer passed away after a lengthy illness on February 9.

Gerry was the quiet one of the Schaefermeyer team. She was an outstanding cook, an avid reader, and wonderful "support staff" for Fred. Gerry often served the EFMLS as a judge for the annual Bulletin Editors' competition and was noted for her clear and helpful suggestions.

Besides Fred, she is survived by sons Michael, Mark, and Martin and daughter Sherry as well as eight grandchildren and two great grand-children.

Should you wish to make donations in Gerry's memory they may be made to either the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (%Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Drive; Fayetteville, NY 13066) or to the Eastern Foundation Fund (%Joy Bourne, RR #1, PO Box

### MILT SHAW

Milton I Shaw passed away February 11th at his home in Pittsfield, Massachusetts after a lengthy bout with cancer. Many EFMLS members will remember Milt as the soapstone instructor at Wildacres. A talented artist, he loved sharing his craft to others.

A World War II and Korean War veteran, Milt was a painter and wallpaper hanger by profession. Hobbies, besides soapstone carving, included photography, mineralogy and woodworking.

Milt is survived by his wife Elaine, son Michael and daughter Cynthia as well as a brother and four grandchildren.

Contributions in Milt's memory can be made to either the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (%Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Drive; Fayetteville, NY 13066) or to the Eastern Foundation Fund (%Joy Bourne, RR #1, PO Box 159A; Towanda, PA 18848) or to the EFMLS Wildacres Workshop (%Esther Dunn, 796 Camilla Dr; Ozark, AL 36360-4520).

## EFMLS/AFMS AT SYRACUSE THIS JULY

by Bob Livingston, Syracuse(Host)Club

As I write this, it's March 1, the snow is melting pretty fast, birds are migrating North. Think July. Think lots of Fun. And think Syracuse, where a great show and convention awaits in less than 90 days from the time you read this.

Recently I had an E-mail from a former president of EFMLS who said, "Your articles about the Syracuse convention are making me think maybe I should get packing my bags now." We continue to add things — latest being a realistic Canadian quarry exhibit with unbelievably huge crystals.

Central New York is a neat area

that many of you have never visited, I bet. So, we encourage you to build in some extra days to maximize what this area has in store. There are a good number of Herkimer "diamond" digging sites nearby. Look at the upcoming April AFMS Newsletter for the list and for a list of websites for obtaining information about the Syracuse region.

First, a reminder re Ramada Inn (Headquarters Hotel) Reservations: You cannot use the national 800 number to get the rate or room. Instead, call 315.457.8670 and tell them you want a room for the Eastern Federation convention. Rate will be \$89 including a cooked to order breakfast.

Finally, with all "Syracuse" has to do to make this event come off the way you expect us to, we have no choice but to rely on you all for exhibit cases. Make this your year to "shine." Easterners, you need to heed the advice of our President Matt Charsky, and let the whole world see your good stuff in the light of day. Our target is 100 or more cases, which is huge for the East. With everybody's help we can do it. Think of it as, "if you don't do it, it won't get done."

Make plans now to meet your friends old and new, in Syracuse. Forms: <[www.AmFed.org/EFMLS](http://www.AmFed.org/EFMLS)> .

# 2004 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session.

CIRCLE ONE: Spring Session - Fall Session

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to DEBBIE BARD, Registrar at 8085 Old 126, Warfordsburg, PA 17267. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2004. (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You may photocopy it as needed.)

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 \$280.00 per person. Deposit is \$140 per person, payable with registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$140 is due 30 days prior to start of session.

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 sponsoring you? **Yes** **No**

Do you need a roommate? **Yes** **No** Are you: **Male** **Female** (No single rooms are available)

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**

If YES, please contact Esther Dunn at 334-774-2172. Lined display cases are available.

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

If YES, please contact Cathy Gaber at <bg@his.com>, or 301-654-7479.

Class Pre-registration. See EFMLS Newsletter or Website for class offerings. <[www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm](http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm)>

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). You will have an opportunity to make changes once you arrive at Wildacres.

1st \_\_\_\_\_

3rd \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

4th \_\_\_\_\_

**(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2004)**

Mail to: Debbie Bard, Wildacres Registrar

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## VISIT A SHOW

from William Lema

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to William Lema, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 65 Sheldon St., Providence, RI 02906 or e-mail him at <williamlema@cox.net>.

### March:

26- 28: 28th Annual Capital Area Gem Festival sponsored by the Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club. Scott Building, State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC.

27-28: 14th Annual Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club. Harmony Hall Regional Center, Fort Washington, MD.

### April:

2 - 4: 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference. Tyson's Westpark Hotel, McLean, VA. Info and registration: Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

3 - 4: 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society, Inc. Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

3 - 4: 35th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Inc. Senior Citizen Center, 30 Brocton Ave., Johnson City, NY.

10: Gem / Mineral / Fossil - Swap / sell sponsored by The Tidewater Gem and Mineral Society. 1296 Credle Road (off route 615 Oceana Blvd. Adjacent to Oceana Naval Air Station Virginia Beach, VA.

### May:

1-2: Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock and Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Route 1 North, Topsfield, Mass.. For info: email donna@nahant.com or visit our website: <[www.nahant.com.nsrmc](http://www.nahant.com.nsrmc)>.

1 - 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mineral, Fossil & Gem Show sponsored by the Mineralogical Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania. St. Joseph's Oblates Seminary, Rt 315; Pittston, PA.

1 - 2: Gem - Mineral - Fossil - Jewelry - Gift Show sponsored by the Fulton County Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION: Moose Club, Rt 30A; Johnstown, NY

22: 23<sup>RD</sup> Annual Northeast Reunion Meeting sponsored by the Micromounters of New England. The Elks Lodge, 91 Park Street, Hudson, MA

22: Annual Swap/Sell at Goucher sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Goucher College, Kraushaar Auditorium Pavilion. Dulaney Valley Rd just off I-695, Towson, MD.

22-23: 21st Annual Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society. Finley Gym, University of New England, 716 Stevens Ave.; Portland, contact Wes Baker, (207) 784-1738; e-mail: wesbton@adelphia.net.

### July:

9-11: Combined EFMLS/AFMS Convention & Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. (AFMS meetings July 7 & 8).

### August

6 - 8: 55th annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by The Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC. Ramada Inn, New Carrollton, MD.

7-8: 34th Annual Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society. Mount Merici School, 152 Western Ave., Waterville, ME.

### September:

18-19: 39th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club. The Zembo, Third and Division Streets, Harrisburg, PA

25-26: 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Inc. Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD 32, W. Freindship, MD.