

EFMLS NEWS

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



PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

by Steve Weinberger, Bylaws Committee Chair and Cathy Patterson, Secretary

EFMLS Bylaws

Article XVI: Amendments

Section 1: "Any Article or provision hereof may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote at any properly called meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that each member of the Board of Directors shall have been notified, by the Secretary, of the proposed change at least sixty days prior to such meeting"

There will be several amendments to the EFMLS bylaws on the agenda for the annual meeting in Jackson, MS on Friday, February 22.

Proposed Increase in Dues

Currently dues in the Eastern Federation are \$1.25 per member. Of this, \$0.50 is automatically forwarded to the American Federation (AFMS) and the remaining \$0.75 is retained by EFMLS and is used to run its various programs.

It is evident that the American Federation (AFMS) will be looking to increase its dues by \$0.25 per individual club member beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year. This would bring the dues each regional federation must pay AFMS to \$0.75 per member. The last time this occurred (in 1993), EFMLS increased its dues the additional quarter just as a pass-through to AFMS. Eastern has not raised its usable portion of the dues since 1990.

Like AFMS, the Eastern Federation too is facing rising expenses. In order to balance our budget for this year, the Directors voted to reduce allotments to some programs. Even

with this, it was extremely difficult to come up with a balanced budget. Costs have been rising over the years with the largest increases seen in newsletter printing, reimbursements to officers and committee members for expenses and of course postage.

To offset these increases, the EFMLS Officers have suggested an increase in dues of \$0.25 per member. This would give EFMLS a dues structure of \$1.00 plus American's \$0.75 for a total of \$1.75 per voting club member - a net increase of \$0.50 per voting member.

Since the dues structure is specified in the bylaws, making a change will require us to amend the Bylaws at the annual meeting.

Nominating Committee Deadlines

The bylaws currently specify that the nominating committee must complete its work 6 months prior to the annual meeting. This is not always possible, especially when two conventions are very close together. This proposal changes the 6 month requirement from the Bylaws to a more reasonable one.

Eastern Foundation Fund

Interest from the principal in the Fund may be used for special projects designated by the executive board. In the past, we've always "guessed" at the amount of interest to be earned during the coming fiscal year. The committee is recommending that potential interest expenditures be limited to that actually earned during

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the previous year so that an exact amount can be determined.

Affiliations

This is a minor change in wording. Currently the bylaws indicate that EFMLS is "affiliated" with the AFMS. This is not true - the EFMLS is one of seven "members" of AFMS and the bylaws should reflect that.

The complete bylaws proposals are on page 5. The committee recommends the adoption of them all.

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'TIS THE SEASON

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS President

Greetings! May everyone find and enjoy the peace and serenity that this season of holiday's may bring to you, your family, and friends.

This is the season of sharing time with others. While thinking of sharing time with family and friends, how about considering plans to attend the 58th Annual Meeting of the EFMLS in Jackson, MS this February 22 to 24? It's also the 50th Anniversary of the host club the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society. Our annual meetings positively overflow with interesting and friendly folks who have an interest in meeting you and sharing ideas. How is that for a holiday spirit?



As the cold and snow of winter settle in, our thoughts often turn inward - that's inward as in inside rather outside. Its far too cold to do much collecting, so it's a great time of year to catch up on sharing the stories of our hobby. Many folks will come to the realization that they enjoy the fellowship of our fellow rockhounds as much as they enjoy the excitement and pleasure of our treasures of fossils, crystals, minerals, agates and so on.

Winter is a great time of year to renew our acquaintanceship with the many good storytellers among us. It is also a good time to cozy up to a fireplace and read a good book... a good mineral book that is. Does your club have a library? If so, please consider checking into it... and checking out a good book. I've found that using one reference source is not enough. One book may take an interesting approach to minerals, another will follow a different track, and a third may treat the subject in a very different manner. Each book adds to ones perspective of the subject. You do after all deserve to be well informed. If your club has a library - check it out. Visit your local public library or bookstore. Also, the EFMLS program library has a wealth of information on many subjects.

How do the topics of libraries and sharing stories tie together? Well, where does information come from? It comes from us! We - collectors, gem cutters, prospectors and geologists - all of us contribute to the vast body of knowledge. We share our findings through field trip reports, newsletter articles with new designs for faceting gems, tips to work with fire agates. We share what we discover in technical journals, gem and mineral magazines, club newsletters, and around the club meeting room with our club members... through stories.

I encourage everyone to keep up the dialog, keep up the sharing, keep up the involvement and communication. All these keep our hobby alive, well and growing. I'd enjoy hearing your comments and stories. Happy Holidays!

Ellery

THE PROGRAM LIBRARY HAS MOVED

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HOLIDAY TIME IS UPON US - CAN WILDACRES BE FAR BEHIND?

by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Functioning Committee Chair

The holiday season is an exciting time of year - gifts to buy and wrap, meals to prepare, family to visit and those extra pounds to try and avoid gaining. To me, the advent of the holiday season also means that it's time to begin planning my next visit to the EFMLS Workshop sessions at Wildacres. What an exciting line-up Director Wayne Sukow and Speaker Coordinator Cathy Gaber have planned for us in 2008.

Wildacres, for those who don't know, is a 1200 acre retreat in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Asheville, NC. The retreat is operated by a non-profit foundation dedicated to the betterment of human relations. Each year approximately 50 different groups are invited to hold workshops at the Wildacres facility. Besides the EFMLS, groups with interests in music, literature, astronomy, interfaith activities, etc. use the facility for workshops lasting from 2 - 6 days.

Accommodations are modern, motel style rooms with private bath. Numerous classrooms and large meeting spaces grace the campus as does a dining hall where family style meals are served. Views of the Blue Ridge, including Mt. Mitchell, highest peak east of the Mississippi River can be seen from the various porches, patio and parking lot.

Wildacres is peaceful - no radios or TV's are on the premises and because it's off the main road, the silence is not disturbed by automobile noises, honking horns, or exhaust fumes. You do however hear the birds and get to breath clean air!

The dates for the 35th year of EFMLS workshops have been set by the Wildacres Foundation as follows:

Spring - April 18 - 24

Fall - September 8 - 14

Our week is made up of two halves (semesters) with a "free day" between

the semesters so you can go off and explore, join an organized field trip or just relax and enjoy the Wildacres campus. Some classes run the full 4 days of instruction and you will be able to take only one of these. Other classes last for 2 days and you will be able to take 2 different classes during the week if you sign up for any of these.

Tuition for 2008 will be \$330 per person - the same as last year. This tuition covers room and board for the week plus gratuity for the Wildacres permanent staff. (There will be a small additional fee imposed by your instructor to cover materials that you use during their classes.)

You will need to indicate which

classes you would be interested in taking during your time at Wildacres. (Classes are assigned based on your selections.) We limit the number of students in class so that everyone can obtain maximum attention from the instructor so once a class is filled, our registrar needs to know your 2nd, 3rd or 4th choice in order to be sure that your assigned to something you really want to take.

A registration form is included on page 16 of this newsletter and can also be downloaded from the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm>. (You will also find more information about Wildacres and the classes on the website.) No registrations will be accepted prior to January 1, 2008.

Classes:

Spring session - April 18 - 24

4 day classes:

Faceting - Steve Weinberger
Cabochons / Intarsia -
John Milligan
Exhibiting & Judging -
B. Jay Bowman

2 day classes:

Chain Making - Intro -
John Fetvedt
Chain Making - Advanced
- John Fetvedt
Geology I - Tom Tucker
Geology II - Tom Tucker
Fused Glass - Basic -
Becky Edmundson
Fused Glass - Advanced -
Becky Edmundson
Photographing Small Mineral
Specimens - Bruce Gaber
Photography of Gems &
Jewelry - Bruce Gaber
Precious Metal Clay - Basic -
Cathy Gaber
Precious Metal Clay - Adv. -
Cathy Gaber
Soapstone Carving - Basic -
Inge Wells
Soapstone Carving - Adv. -
Inge Wells

Fall Classes - September 8 - 14

4 day classes:

Faceting - Reivan Zeleznik
Gem ID - Jay Bowman
Silver Casting - Intro -
Fred Sias

2 day classes:

Chain Making - Intro -
John Fetvedt
Chain Making - Advanced -
John Fetvedt
Bead Craft - Intro -
Mia Schulman
Bead Weaving -
Mia Schulman
Geology - Wayne Sukow
Soapstone Carving - Intro -
Inge Wells
Soapstone Carving - Adv.-
Inge Wells
Wildacres "Wild" -
Virginia Meador
Gem Trees - TBA

YOU'RE INVITED TO MISSISSIPPI IN FEBRUARY

by Betty M. James

February in Mississippi - sights of daffodils, red bud, and dogwoods; sounds of robins, barking squirrels, children playing outside; soft breezes blowing, fluffy clouds overhead; and the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society's 49th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. But this is an extra special show for two reasons. We will be celebrating our Golden Anniversary - our 50th year as a chartered organization and we will be hosting the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting and Show.



To celebrate we will have several gold or golden exhibits along with other special attractions for this special year. Some of our long-time members who have not exhibited in years will be bringing their works of old to show once again. Some material from deceased members will be shown by their family members. We will also show some of the equipment used years ago - maybe not fifty years but old nevertheless.

By the time you read this you should have already received your advance registration packet or you can use the forms printed in the monthly bulletin. If some of your society/club friends did not get a packet, please make copies for them. Everyone is invited to attend and as another extra special treat, we will hold the annual meeting in our own MGMS Lapidary Building which is even now nearing completion.

We urge you to bring along your own exhibit, either competitive or non-competitive. We do have cases to lend but you must get your application in early because the supply is limited. A gold exhibit would fit our theme perfectly but all others are welcome.

We have reserved a large number of rooms at the Regency Hotel and Convention Center right across from the fairgrounds where the show will be held at the Trade Mart building. See your packet or the EFMLS bulletin for further information on this. If you have any questions you may contact me at 601-914-6747 or mineralid@comcast.net.

We look forward to seeing all our old friends and meeting new ones February 22, 23, and 24 in Jackson. Y'all come on down.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Oberheim

Hardness testing (minerals, not kids)

Kids choose rocks generally by how "pretty" or "cool" they look, but to help them realize that there are other techniques for identifying minerals; here's one thing you could try. Hardness is a fun way



to help identify, and a hardness kit is easy to make up and demonstrate. We're familiar with the Mohs' scale, but often students under Jr. Hi. age haven't met up with this common trick. This scale was invented by Friedrich Mohs in 1822, and his basic premise was that there are 10 degrees of hardness of minerals, and that any mineral can scratch another mineral if it is the same hardness or harder. Just so you have the scale at your finger tips: 1 talc, 2 gypsum, 3 calcite, 4 fluorite, 5 apatite, 6 orthoclase, 7 quartz, 8 topaz, 9 corundum, and 10 diamond. And the "text materials"; 2.5 fingernail, 4 copper coin, 5 glass, 6.5 steel file.

I take to the meeting a pile of miscellaneous minerals (no diamonds; I haven't discovered any here in central PA), a good manual, I sewed up some leather pouches with belt loop, and the following test tools; a piece of glass (with all edges but one duct taped to prevent blood from covering the scratches), a small steel file, a penny, and a small crystal. Several books I used for researching said that a knife blade and glass were both 5 so I used the glass. I copied the Mohs' list and tucked that in too. Our pebble pups love to experiment and this gives them another scientific technique to use.



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

by Cathy Patterson, EFMLS Secretary

The minutes of the 57th Annual Meeting are included in this issue beginning on page 10. Due to space and cost of duplication and mailing, copies of the printed reports are not included. Those present at the annual meeting in Newark, New York received a copy. If you would like to receive a copy of the report booklet, please contact Cathy Patterson. Requests should be made by February 1, 2008.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

Here are the proposed changes to the EFMLS bylaws. Voting will occur at the annual meeting in Jackson, MS on February 22, 2008. The section to be replaced has been lined through and the new wording is in bold.

Article XIV: Dues and Fees

Section 2. Annual dues of a member society shall be ~~one dollar twenty-five (\$1.25)~~ **one dollar seventy-five (\$1.75)** for each individual voting member on the rolls of the member society as of December 31 of the preceding year and shall be due and payable on or before January 1.

Rationale: The AFMS will be proposing an increase in its dues of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per individual club member. This portion of our request will simply be a pass-through to the AFMS. The additional increase of twenty-five (\$0.25) is needed to offset the difficulty in balancing our proposed budgets due to the rising costs of items such as printing, postage, general expenses etc. Since any change in the dues structure requires a change in the bylaws, it is advantageous to do both increases at the same time.

Article XII: Committees

Section 2 (second paragraph). The nominating committee, ~~by no later than the sixth month prior to the next annual meeting,~~ shall prepare a slate of at least one candidate for each elective office to be filled, including the nominating committee members to be elected. The committee shall notify the board of directors of the slate when it is completed via timely publication in the EFMLS Newsletter. The slate should provide as extensive a geographical representation as is practical. The slate shall be sent to the editor so that it is published at least two months prior to the annual meeting.

The nominating committee's term begins at the conclusion of the annual meeting and ends at the conclusion of the following year's meeting.

Rationale: Currently, the nominating committee must complete its task of determining a slate of officers no later than six months prior to the annual meeting. This puts an undue burden on the committee, especially when the time frame between meetings is unusually short. This year, for example, the committee has from October to February, thus making the 6 month requirement an impossibility. In addition, the bylaws committee feels that there is no real need to complete the slate of officers six months prior to the meeting.

Since all members of the nominating committee are elected, the term of office should be specified in the bylaws, as are the terms of all other elected officials. Their work begins after the annual meeting with the election of a chairman, and the specification of the term from the conclusion of the meeting to the next year's meeting allows them to begin work immediately.

Section 4 (last sentence). Expenditures from the fund shall be limited to the **previous year's** accumulated interest and must be approved by the executive board.

Rationale: This addition specifies the amount which can be used and brings the definition to our current practice. By using the previous year's interest amount, we have a definite figure. Interest rates on C.D.'s and indexed accounts can change during the year and may not be an accurate prediction, especially if our annual meeting is scheduled early in the year and we are using the current year's interest in our figures.

Article XV: Affiliations

Section 1. This Federation is ~~affiliated with~~ **a member of** the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (AFMS).

Rationale: We are a member of the AFMS. The AFMS has even members – the seven regional federations.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Hazel Remaley



As we get closer to the end of another year we look back at our friends and fellow club members. Did you see any of these folks demonstrating cabbing at your annual show? Did one of them come to your meeting telling about the group of youngsters that he or she had spoken to at the local library? Bet you got a real chuckle out of the story. They can be such little angels and the questions they ask are cute. Then another member helped a scout troop with their geology badges. These are the people who deserve to be nominated for the EACH ONE TEACH ONE Award.

I know that this message might be a bit too late, but you have heard this story before. In fact many times!! Depending on when you get this newsletter, the deadline (December 1st) has come and gone, BUT, I will still give you a bit of a chance to get your nomination to me. Please see the form that was printed in the October, 2007 newsletter and please follow it.

Thanks,

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ALL-AMERICAN AWARD COMPETITION

by Pat Pitkin, EFMLS Chair



Trick or Treat. November crept up too soon and I almost missed the deadline for this newsletter issue! If you want a ghost of a chance to win this competition, scurry around and gather your documentation before it goes up in smoke. The one with the most pertinent information gathers the honors. Lets find out what you have been doing all year.

Deadline to me as EFMLS Chair is February 15th, so you can count your kernels of wisdom during the cold winter months and create a log of History for your club.

The rules for the All American Award Notebook are in the latest American Federation Newsletter or you can find it on the web. Go to: <[www.amfed.org/AACA2007 Application.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/AACA2007Application.pdf)>. Hope to hear from you soon.

If you have any questions, contact me at <thornyoldrose@gmail.com> or 610-488-1817.

WAYS & MEANS DRAWING WINNERS

from Janie Hand

The 2007 Ways and Means drawing was held October 6 at the annual EFMLS Awards Banquet. The lucky prize winners were as follows:

Bloodstone/sterling pendant
donated by Fran Sick
John Haskins, Forest, VA.

Wire wrapped picture jasper pendant
donated by Hideko Pezat
Margaret Dell, Norfolk, VA

Tie-dyed T-shirt, donor anonymous
J. D. Nesmeyer, Dale City, VA

Pair of Australian agate cabs
donated by Michael Kessler
Lou Budell, Marcellus, NY

Calcite XI specimen from Edgemont,
SD - donor anonymous
The Mattsons, Port Chester, NY

Fossil specimen - donor anonymous
? Korzendorfer, W. Simsbury, CT

Gem Tree
donated by Sandra Keener
Susanna MacInnis, Allentown, PA

Aragonite
donated by Seagoat Creations
*Gem & Mineral Soc of the Palm
Beaches, FL*

Chalcedony geode
donated by Seagoat Creations
Richard & Eva Kupisz, Newington, CT

Fluorite/calcite specimen
donated by Seagoat Creations
Roger Barnett, Simpsonville, SC

Necklace
donated by Laura Tarbutton
Staten Island Geological Society, NY

All prizes were either picked up at the banquet or mailed October 9 and should by now have been received by the winners. Contact Fran Sick if you have not yet received your prize.

Many thanks to all who so generously donated the prizes for the 2007 Ways and Means drawing and to those who bought and sold tickets. Congratulations to all of the winners.

ROCKHOUDING CONCERNS

by Clyf Bourne, EFMLS Chair <cwbourne@epix.net>



John Wright is weighing-in as the new AFMS Conservation & Legislation chair. His first article in the November A. F. M. S. Newsletter discusses how our access to public lands is being threatened by the increasing number of proposals across the country to designate additional millions of acres as part of the "National Wilderness System." Naturally, our many National Parks (which are usually within Wilderness Areas) usually do not permit rock collecting anyway.

The U. S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service seem to be working diligently to limit further access to public lands by closing roads, trails, increasing the number of permits required and imposing more and higher fees. What about roads, trails and firebreaks giving access to firefighters? The U. S. Forestry Service (FS), having spent billions in constructing access roads in the past, is now being told to consider closing them. What about roads, trails and firebreak lanes giving access to firefighters? Both BLM and FS seem to be ignoring the fact that public lands belong to the PUBLIC, not just some environmentalist groups.

Of course, our Wilderness has to be protected from some public activities and those of commercial interests. Mining and lumbering requires permits and monitoring. Off Road Vehicles (ORV) are difficult to control where roads or trails exist. Environmental damage naturally follows, including damage to archeological sites and scenery. The public, including seniors who cannot get around as well as they used to, and the handicapped should not be penalized.

We amateur collectors have our work cut out for us if we are going to retain and/or regain access to our heritage. We, working together as individuals and clubs should be able to make our rights known to bureaucrats and Congress alike. There are reports that we have not always been treated fairly. Environmentalists and paleontologists might have had advance notice of open meetings (time and place) held by the BLM or FS for the purpose of public discussion. Meanwhile, we may have only found out about them by chance or from a mutual acquaintance, by then it may be too late to attend. Sometimes, we suspect, decisions have already been made before we get any notification.

Jon Spunaugle, Director of the American Lands Access Association (A.L.A.A.), went on to detail the new Wilderness proposals. These now number 17, not counting other bills for inclusion of rivers into the Wild and Scenic River System. Of the 13 states involved, most are west of the Mississippi. The total is over 16 million acres to be set aside with limited access. Many collecting sites are likely to be threatened. Eastern states, such as Georgia and Virginia, have only small acreages in their proposals. It appears many of these proposals will pass, (we need to contact their senators) unless we work to stall them. We in the East don't have a lot of pull, since we are not in their districts. Others are not likely to, their senators don't seem to be in favor. This news from Jon should remind us of what the American Lands Access Association is and how important it is for us to continue its support. It's purpose is to keep us informed of just such threats as these and to carry our voice to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. We can help the ALAA by joining (membership \$25 per year. Visit their website <www.amlands.org> for more informa-

PROGRAM LIBRARY

by Ken Tudor

The EFMLS Program Library has moved to the northwoods of Maine!

I want to thank Rick Harrison for his dedicated curatorship of the library. During his tenure he reports that several clubs have taken advantage of this service the Federation gives to member clubs and I hope to be able to provide the same high level of service that you've come to expect from Rick.

Please remember to order programs that you wish to borrow as early as possible to ensure their availability and to ensure that you'll receive them on time for your club program. A listing of all available programs can be found in the EFMLS Directory (gray cover) and the latest programs from the 2007 Rochester Mineralogical Symposium were listed in the September issue of EFMLS News. (download a copy from the website <www.amfed.org/efmls>).

Please remember to return programs as soon as they have been shown so others may receive them on time.

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tion. Help Our Hobby by contacting your senators and representatives.

Happy Hunting.

Sources:

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Various Congressional Wilderness Proposals by Jon Spunaugle. A.F.M.S Newsletter, November, 2007

by Natalie Darling, BEAC Chair

Greetings Fellow Editors and Hobby Enthusiasts,



At the time of this writing, I have started receiving your packets of newsletters for the 2008 Eastern Federation Bulletin Competition. If you have volunteered to be a judge, your package of materials to be judged will be coming to you shortly.

I think all of us would like to see more membership involvement in the club newsletters. So I will attempt to share some ideas that have worked well for me as the editor for The Lynchburg Gem and Mineral Society.

First and foremost, it helps to be very involved in club activities. When I am present during a club event, be it a field trip, workshop, or fund-raising event, I am in tune with what is going on. I can also select someone who seems excited in the moment and approach him or her about writing an article. No editor wants to write all the articles, nor do the club members want to only read one persons account of all club activities. There are usually members there with cameras as well, and as they say- a picture is worth a thousand words. I try to use a photo of the person writing if available. This adds a nice touch. You can even encourage more than one person to write about the same event, to get a wider viewpoint, then merge them together, or run both.

Another one of my favorite article solicitations is to get a new member (or new field trip/ workshop attendee) to write about a recent field trip or event. This too brings

new insights and enthusiasm to the program.

As far as educational articles go, there are many resources available, through S.C.R.I.B.E., the Internet, and other newsletters. Please use them, that's why they are made available. But how about encouraging club members and elders to write about something they are particularly interested in. At times it is difficult to persuade a member to write an article for you, but being active in club functions and getting to know what is near and dear to other members hearts gives you a little edge here. It is also a good idea to have several folks working on articles at any given time, to insure you have more than you need. Don't just assume that someone will do it~ you have to ask and cultivate the project.

As for the juniors, they may or may not want to write you an article, but how about encouraging them to draw you a picture of their favorite rock or mineral? Remember all the artwork on the refrigerator when you were younger? Kids love to see their art displayed, so editors, display it for them. I was very proud to bring home a trophy and present it to one of my junior members for his trilobite drawing.

For those of you reading this who are not editors, what are you waiting for? You do not have to be officially deemed an author to be published here. Winter is quickly approaching, and what better time to sit down and compose your thoughts? How about choosing a subject you are interested in and writing an article for your club newsletter? This can be anything from educational, safety concerns, information about a particular collectable item, or even a puzzle or drawing. This will not only make your editor happy, but could earn some much-deserved recognition for you, your editor, and your club.

CALL FOR 2009 BUDGET ESTIMATES

by Mary Bateman, 1st Vice President

Officers, committee chairs and anyone else who has responsibility for a budget line, your budget estimates are due no later than December 24 for fiscal year 2009 .



It feels as if we just submitted our budget figures for 2008, but with our 2008 annual meeting in February, we're required to go through the process of preparing and approving the 2009 budget during this upcoming meeting in Jackson, MS.

Please submit your budget request to Mary Bateman by
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phone: <703-521-4614
or by snail mail
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no later than December 24.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Lets keep our hobby alive and our newsletters diverse!

Looking forward to reading your articles,

Natalie

SAFETY THOUGHTS - SAFETY IS NO ACCIDENT

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS President

Yes, the title of this article sounds like an industrial strength safety slogan... but it is also true. Safety requires us to exert a concerted effort to ensure that it happens. Safety does not happen by coincidence.

Have you been following past EFMLS Safety Chairman, Bill Klose's - Safety First articles up to now? Over the past 7 years or so, Bill has been writing a great, in depth, and very technically detailed series of articles on all manner of safety issues covering most of the aspects of the things we rockhounds routinely do - such as participate in field trips, attend shows, use rock collecting tools and lapidary machines, and work with torches. Hopefully every club safety chairperson has read, implemented and kept on file a copy of all of Bill Klose's articles. Perhaps you noted that Bill's articles were repeated from time to time. Safety issues bear repeating. Repetition makes for a safer membership.

As most safety chairpersons no doubt understand, it's one thing for a club to have access to safety information. It stands as quite another issue to have club members take safety instruction to heart. Some folks listen with an undivided attention to safety issues and some do not.

The lessons of being safe are clear - it is common cent\$ to do what we do in as safe a manner as possible. By common cent\$ I'm not referring to the loose change in ones pocket or purse, I'm instead referring to the costs associated with being safe compared with being unsafe.

Let's cover some examples of safety costs -

1. Cost of a pair of goggles - \$2.00 to \$5.00. Cost of eye sur-



gery to repair damage from a flying shard of quartz... well, you don't even want to think about it.

2. Cost of watching where you are walking - \$0.00. Cost of a broken leg (or worse) - Perhaps a thousand or two....but could be more.

3. Cost of a pair of good, strong gloves - \$5.00 to \$15.00. Cost of cut finger - a bandage... not too much, but think of the effort required to clean up from the cut finger on your specimens.



4. Cost of carefully preparing to go to a new, never-visited quarry - some time to do research - \$0.00. Cost of getting lost or injured from a poorly planned trip - besides the embarrassment, this could be very expensive.



5. Cost of a sledge hammer handle.... well, I think you get the point.

Countless more examples exist to illustrate the effectiveness of planning to be safe. It just makes common cent\$ to be safe. Making safety an economic issue may help some of our members appreciate the value of safety. We all know safety is important, it's just that some folks need more reminders than others. Its those others who need repetition, repetition, repetition.

FROM THE MAILBAG

The EFMLS Show held in Newark, New York, was one of the best that I have attended. I have been reading the club bulletins, and the EFMLS Newsletter. The events were covered accurately, and sometimes humorously.

However, no mention has been made of the idyllic setting, nor of the food that was provided at the Banquet and the Editor's Breakfast. I am a gourmet. I enjoy fine food. That is what we had at the Banquet. The dishes were spiced, subtlety, and were extremely tasty. Not your standard Banquet fare.

The meal at the Editor's Breakfast was outstanding. Eggs Benedict rather than the powdered scrambled eggs, that are always served at an Editor's Breakfast. The potatoes were slightly spiced, the fruit wasn't - Excellent.

I would like to commend Andrea Kords for the accommodations for the EFMLS Convention. She promised us a lot down in West Palm Beach, and she only failed in one facet - fall colors. But, due to her warmth and enthusiasm, it radiated everywhere. How could there be a frost?

The bottom line: If you want people to attend the Awards Banquet and the Editor's Breakfast, feed them well. The food provided at this convention was the best that I have ever tasted at all of the Conventions that I have attended (and that is a lot).

My congratulations on an excellent Convention.

Bob
Dr. Robert Carlson
AFMS Past President

Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies

Minutes of the 57th ANNUAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Newark, New York
October 5, 2007

1. Call to Order: President Fran Sick called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: The Pledge was led by President Sick.
3. Memorial Moment: A moment of silence was observed in memory of those club members who had died during the past year – Paul Dunning, Dawne Dunning, Thomas D. Milligan, Lois Barnhart, Walter Daniel Camp, Ronald W. Turner, Tillie Rivenberg, Yolanda Gonzales, Russell Shew, Helen C. Kuehn, Loreita M. Jackson, Phyllis Saunders, Albert York, Ruth Newlin, Neely Jackson, Ruby Marshall, Don Donaldson, Mel Wilhoite, Kenneth Greenfield, Jon Westley Laporte, Dick Depew, Meyer Wingrod, Carlton Bell, Dick Stimer, Harold Shonkwiler.
4. Greetings by EFMLS President: President Fran Sick welcomed all to the 57th Annual Board of Directors meeting.
5. Welcome from 2007 Show Committee: Andrea Kords of the Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club, Newark, New York welcomed all to this year's show.
6. Introductions: President Fran Sick introduced AFMS President, Dr. Robert Carlson and Past Presidents and Officers, Regional Vice Presidents and Past Presidents who were present. Past President, Steve Weinberger was most recently honored as inductee to the Rockhound Hall of Fame.
7. Quorum Confirmation: Secretary Cathy Patterson verified that there was a quorum.
8. Adoption of Convention Procedures: A motion was made by Bill Lesniak, seconded by Roger Warren, and carried to adopt the convention procedures.
9. Approval of agenda: A motion was made by Bill Lesniak, seconded by Roger Warren, and carried to adopt the agenda.
10. Approval of Minutes of 2006 meeting: The minutes were approved.
11. Officers' Reports
 - a. **President - Fran Sick:** Fran reported that AFMS President-Elect for 2007-2008 will be Joy Bourne, Jay Bowman was honored with the Wildacres Appreciation Award, elections for odd numbered Regional Vice Presidents resulted in all four officers being reelected for another term, Natalie Darling will step in for Bill Gilbert as Bulletin Editor Advisory Committee Chairman, articles were written in every issue of the EFMLS newsletter, difficulty in presenting a balanced budget due to increasing costs and declining membership may necessitate a nominal increase in EFMLS dues, and many thanks were given to committee chairmen and officers during Fran's term of office .
 - b. **First Vice President - Ellery Borow:** Ellery attended the AFMS Convention and Scholarship meetings in Roswell, New Mexico, the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) and the Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain Federation. As chairman of the Budget and Finance committee he reported that the budget for 2007-2008 was completed. Many thanks were given to all who provided their support and cooperation all year.
Results of Regional Vice President Elections were as follows for 2 year terms:

Region I – Kathleen Collins	Region V - Judy Budnik
Region III – Hazel Remaley	Region VII - Betty James
 - c. **Second Vice President, Mary Bateman:** Mary reported that she has been in touch with all the Regional Vice Presidents, sent a congratulatory letter to a new club, and visited 17 clubs in the EFMLS as well as assisting three clubs and giving advice.
 - d. **Secretary, Cathy Patterson:** Cathy attended the AFMS Convention in Roswell, New Mexico and

- thanked all who helped her get started in this position.
- e. **Treasurer - Lou Budell:** Lou Budell submitted statements of receipts and disbursements from November 1, 2006 through August 1, 2007 and November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006 as well as the Wildacres Financial Report for 2006.
 - f. **Assistant Treasurer - LaReene Heath:** No report
 - g. **Editor - Carolyn Weinberger:** The EFMLS newsletter is published monthly providing Federation news to member clubs. Carolyn shared her concern of the lack of EFMLS information that is published in club bulletins. She suggested that information about Wildacres programs, Safety, and recognition programs be published in club bulletins. She also expressed appreciation to many who regularly submit articles for the EFMLS newsletter.
 - h. **Immediate Past President - Wayne Sukow:** Wayne reported much work was done serving as temporary chair of the EFMLS 2007 Nominating Committee, and responding to requests from EFMLS officers and club members. In addition Wayne was active serving as Director of the Wildacres Workshops. He is resuming his role as Northern Virginia Mineral Club President and is appreciative of all who helped him with this year's work.
 - i. **Past Presidents' Advisory Council, Carl Miller:** Not present, no report
 - j. Regional Vice Presidents:
 - 1) **Region I - Kathleen Collins:** In 2007 Kathleen visited 9 clubs (with 5 more to visit) and brought Federation greetings to 3 hobby related events putting almost 3,000 miles on her car for Federation business. She presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Edith Hammond who has been club editor of the Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Society for 40 years! The club for children, the Central Maine Junior Geologist Club, is very active and had a popular booth at the Maine Mineral Symposium. Three Central Connecticut clubs are sharing ways to work together by combining field trips, sharing information about their speakers and programs, sharing show mailing lists and welcoming other club members to their programs. Kathleen gets much information from club officers when attending their shows. New England clubs are having difficulties with their show facilities. Attendance previously falling is now on the rise now that the shows put on educational events for kids.
 - 2) **Region II - Michael Kessler:** Not present, no report
 - 3) **Region III - Hazel Remaley:** Hazel reports that she is getting less than 1/3 of the newsletters from her region clubs. They are spread over quite a distance so she communicates with them via phone, email or their newsletters. One club, the Delaware Valley Lapidary and Mineral Society disbanded. She welcomed a new club, the Mineral Minds to the EFMLS.
 - 4) **Region IV: Dee Tinsley** newly elected to replace Bill Gilbert No report.
 - 5) **Region V Judy Budnick:** Not present, no report.
 - 6) **Region VI Doug Dover** Not present, no report.
 - 7) **Region VII - Betty James:** Betty reports she stays in touch with her region clubs via phone and receiving club bulletins. Some of her regional clubs have auctions, parties and picnics, and offer field trips and good programs at their meetings presented by club members. The Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society is sponsoring the 2008 EFMLS meeting in February highlighting their 50th anniversary. Packets will be mailed out in late October or early November. Gold will be the featured mineral.
 - 8) **Region VIII - Barbara Ringhiser:** Barbara reports she visited with all the clubs in her region via telephone. Good classes increase membership. Her region's clubs offer many varied

classes geared to the needs and desires of the members. Three of the clubs in the region increased their membership with Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club increasing by 150. The success of this club lies in more daytime classes, offering workshop materials at cost by bulk ordering, and expanding the offerings of classes.

12. Committee Reports:

- a. **AFMS All American Club Award - Pat Pitkin:** One entry in the Scrapbook competition from Pat's club, the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association, was reported. Pat learned a lot about her club doing the entry and how national judges score. She hopes to receive more entries in 2008.
- b. **AFMS Boundaries - Carl Miller:** Not present, no report.
- c. **AFMS Conservation and Legislation - Clyfton Bourne:** Several articles were published during 2006-2007 in the EFMLS News. Most of the current conservation and legislation activity pertains to areas in the desert southwest. However, recently an amethyst location in Maine was reopened due to overwhelming response from rockhounds who petitioned state officials to reconsider a decision to close the area. Clyf thanked George Loud and Jon Spunaugle for their role in overseeing and reporting on activities in Congress regarding mineral and fossil collecting. Clyf recommends EFMLS members support the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) by becoming members.
- d. **AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year - Cathy Gaber:** Cathy stated that every club can and should participate in this program every year. She will be accepting nominations from clubs in the EFMLS through December 2007 for this year. The following were nominated to be recognized as AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year:
 - Marilyn South – Gem Cutters' Guild of Baltimore, MD
 - Georgia Olmstead – Northern Virginia Mineral Club
 - Jeffrey Carpenter – American Fossil Federation, Maryland
 - Andy and Betty Thompson – Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia
 - Tom Tucker – Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area
 - John Baumler – The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY
 - Laura Paltzer – American Fossil Federation, Maryland (Junior honoree)
- e. **AFMS Endowment Fund - Joy Bourne:** The total amount raised so far is \$5,123. Of the 14 prizes offered this year, EFMLS members won 5 of them in the drawing at Roswell, NM. A special thanks went to EFMLS Regional Vice Presidents who coordinated the ticket sales in their regions and to Fran Sick who handled ticket sales in Roswell, NM.
- f. **AFMS Junior Activities - Betsy Oberheim:** Betsy reports that she wrote a column for every issue of the EFMLS Newsletter in 2007 explaining what activities she has done with her club's youth group and suggesting activities for other youth advisors.
- g. **AFMS Public Relations: Vacant**
- h. **AFMS Safety - Bill Klose:** A Safety First article was published in every EFMLS Newsletter during 2007. After serving as Safety Chairman for 6 years Bill is retiring from this position.
- i. **AFMS Scholarship Foundation Coordinator - Bob Livingston:** Total donations passed on to AFMS were \$3,154 by 8 individuals and 15 clubs. Memorial donations numbered 13 and regular donations were 10. Certificates for clubs increasing their % of participation level is 11.
- j. **AFMS Uniform Rules - Susanna MacInnis:** Only one competitive showcase was entered at the November 2006 convention in West Palm Beach, Florida. At the April 2007 Wildacres session a continuing class and discussion about judging had representatives from all seven Federations.

- At the AFMS Convention in Roswell, NM, Jay Bowman stood in as Chairman for Jim Hurlbut. There were no rules changes for this year. Anyone wishing to discuss any issues or have questions about competitive exhibiting are asked to contact Susanna MacInnis.
- k. **AFMS Ways and Means - Janie Hand.** Not present, no report
 - l. **Audit Committee - Donald Pitkin:** The documented financial transactions appear to present an accurate picture of income and expenses during this period.
 - m. **Budget and Finance - Ellery Borow:** Ellery submitted the EFMLS proposed budget from November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008.
 - n. **Bulletin Editors' Advisory - Natalie Darling:** Natalie was recently appointed. No report was available.
 - o. **By-Laws - Steve Weinberger:** There were no proposed changes to the Bylaws or Operating Procedures this year.
 - p. **Convention Advisory - Matt Charsky:** Not present, no Report
 - q. **Directory - Carolyn Weinberger:** Copies of the 2007 Federation Director were mailed to each member club in early March. Carolyn wishes to remind all clubs to submit their Directory information in a timely fashion so that this valuable resource is complete. Although updates of information are printed in the EFMLS Newsletter it is much more desirable to have it all contained in the Directory before being printed. Additional copies may be obtained from Supplies Chair, Merrill Dickinson for \$4 per copy plus postage.
 - r. **Each One Teach One - Hazel Remaley:** There were 8 entries. The top award plaque and certificates will be presented at the banquet. Recipients names will be published in the EFMLS Newsletter.
 - s. **Eastern Foundation Fund - Mary Jane Boutwell:** Articles in most of the EFMLS Newsletters appeared for most of this year. Response has been fairly consistent. Hopefully more clubs will put the EFF in their annual budget.
 - t. **EFMLS Annual Auction - Bruce Gaber:** We continue to receive generous donations for our EFMLS Convention auctions but from the same group of folks. It is suggested that more club members could be persuaded to send auction items to our annual meetings. Perhaps an announcement to all clubs at the meeting just prior to the convention might get more people motivated to make a donation. "Good Stuff" Auctions at Wildacres continues to provide important revenue for workshops. It was asked that "good stuff" be considered over quantity of stuff brought for the auction.
 - u. **Historian - Susanna MacInnis:** There was a request for pictures of our Past Presidents. A reminder to Past Presidents to send a picture for the Historian's files was made. Any club having information you wish preserved in the Historian's files are asked to send them to Susanna MacInnis.
 - v. **Insurance Coordinator Carl Miller:** All clubs are asked to send payment for their EFMLS arranged insurances. The fees are: EFMLS Liability Insurance: \$3.124 per club member. EFMLS Accident Insurance: \$2.40 per club member. Additional Insured premium charge of \$50 is necessary when a club needs to add someone as an "additional insured" naming an entity (company, municipality, etc.) on a club's insurance for a particular purpose (event, show, swap, meeting space, etc.). Liability Insurance protects your club against covered lawsuits for alleged and actual claims giving the land owner that extra peace of mind. The EFMLS Accident Insurance program for your club members is a very inexpensive way to provide some relief for medical expenses incurred due to an injury while on a club sanctioned collecting trip, meeting, event, etc. Insurance related questions, suggestions and answers should be directed to Carl Miller at <kobold1@erols.com>
 - w. **Operating Procedures - Steve Weinberger:** No proposed changes to Operating Procedures this year.
 - x. **Parliamentarian: Steve Weinberger** No report.



DIRECTOR, DELEGATE & ALTERNATE INFORMATION



58TH Annual EFMLS Board and Directors' Meeting

Jackson, Mississippi
February 22, 2008

Please print clearly all information requested.

**NAME OF
SOCIETY** _____

DIRECTOR: _____

(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: _____

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

DELEGATE: _____

(Elected by society members)

**ALTERNATE
DELEGATE:** _____

(To represent society if Delegate cannot attend meeting)

_____/_____
SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER

DATE

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 at least fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date.

Please RETURN by February 7, 2008 to:

Cathy Patterson
EFMLS Secretary
7725 Van Buren Road
Baldwinsville, NY 13027-9779
<cathypatterson@gmss.us>

2008 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: April 18 - 24 _____ September 8 - 14 _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to BARBARA EDGE, Registrar at 1639 Fowler Rd; Woodruff, SC 29388. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2008. (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 \$330.00 per person. Deposit is \$165 per person, payable with registration. Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$165 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

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
If YES, please contact Steve Weinberger <cscrystals2@verizon.net> . 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>
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, 2008)

Mail to: Barbara Edge, Wildacres Registrar
1639 Fowler Rd
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If you have any questions, please contact either Barbara Edge, Registrar at 864-433-1692 or Wayne Sukow, Director at <d8olite@fastmail.fm> or 703-280-8108.

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<www.amfed.org.efmls>

VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

November:

17 - 18: 41st Annual Gem, Mineral, Bead, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. So. Florida Fair & Expo Center, West Palm Beach, FL

23-25: 28th Annual show sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Salem Civic Center, 1001 Boulevard; Salem, VA.

February:

22 - 24: 49th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show and 58th Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. Trade Mart Building, MS State Fairgrounds, Jackson, MS.

23-24: 15th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and NY State Academy of Mineralogy. New York State Museum, Empire Plaza, Albany, NY.

March:

1 - 2: 45th Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, Churchmans Rd (Rt 58) (I-95, exit 4B), Newark (Stanton), DE.

15-16: Annual Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co., MD. Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD.

15-16: 36th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by The Island Rockhounds. Holy Family School Auditorium, Hicksville, NY.

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

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

April:

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

May:

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



Happy
Holidays

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>.