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

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

by Hazel Remaley, Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Time is running out for you to make your reservations for the 2005 EFMLS Convention in Sayre, Pa. I have already told you about our location and the origin of our name. Now, I would like to tell you what you might be able to do while you are here in northern Pennsylvania. That is, in addition to the 34th Annual Rock and Mineral Show.

The Railroad Museum in Sayre is located in an old railroad station and currently under renovation. Hopefully, it will be open when you are here.

If you have checked the maps I talked about in the December 2004 issue, you will see just how close we are to Elmira, New York and Corning, New York. Elmira has a fine museum and a War Plane Museum. It is also a well known soaring location and has a museum, but it might be something that you will have to come back in the summer to enjoy.

Then you have Corning. The tour that you take and the glass that you see is outstanding. Very well worth the 45 minute drive. Check out their website for information. There will be brochures in the hotel lobby covering all of these and more attractions. These are just a few of the March-type things you can expect to do while you visit the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania.

Packets with event tickets and more information about these and other area attractions will be avail-

able in the lobby of the host Hotel on Friday from 10 AM to noon, and also at the annual meeting at 1:00 PM and the cracker barrel at 7:00 PM, at the host Hotel.

Don't forget that our host hotel, The Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, is holding a block of rooms at a special reduced rate until February 17. Call them at 570-888-7711 to make your reservations. Be sure to mention that you are with the EFMLS Convention. After February 17th the unreserved rooms will be released; the regular rate may be charged or a room may not be available. Don't delay.

For more information on the show, or reservation forms, visit the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org>.

Hope to see you there.

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CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, March 18

1:00 P.M. - EFMLS Annual Meeting,
Best Western Grand Victorian Inn.

4:00 P.M. - Exhibitors set-up,
Athens Volunteer Fire Company Hall

7:00 P.M. - EFMLS Cracker Bar-
rel. Best Western Grand Victorian

Saturday, March 19

9 A.M. Che-Hanna Show Opens
2:00 P.M. EFMLS Annual Auction
- Athens Fire Hall

6:00 P.M. - Show closes for day
6 - 7:00 P.M. Social hour - Best
Western Grand Victorian Inn
7:00 P.M. EFMLS Awards Ban-
quet - Best Western Grand Victorian

Sunday, March 19

8:00 A.M. - Editors Breakfast -
Best Western Grand Victorian
10:00 A.M. - Show opens
5:00 P.M. - Show closes

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SAFETY FIRST - EYE SAFETY

Eyes require protection at all times of the year, whether it is protection from the sun on the way to a collecting site, protection from flying particles at a collecting site, or protection from chemicals, dust, or particles while processing our finds back home in the shop.

Eye hazards include particles, dusts, mists, vapors, fumes, gases, and ultraviolet light. Many of these hazards are encountered by rock hounds in pursuit of their passion.

Safety glasses or spectacles are designed to provide impact protection from flying particles and have heavier frames than normal spectacles with impact resistant lenses, usually of poly carbonate. These lenses can be tinted to protect the eyes from laser or ultraviolet light and the sun's rays. As most particles enter the eyes at an angle, it is recommended that the frames accommodate and are worn with side shields or have them "built in". Safety glasses are available with corrective lenses, even bifocal and multi focal lenses. Do not use spectacles intended for protection from radiation and glare from the sun indoors where your vision may be impaired by the tinted lenses. Spectacles should be fitted to your eye and bridge size and temple length and should fit comfortably over the eyes. The frame should be close to the face and supported by the bridge of the nose. Keep spectacles clean and clear of scratches. Store spectacles in a dry clean place where they will not fall or be stepped on. Scratched or damaged spectacles interfere with vision and do not provide protection for the eyes from fumes, vapors, liquids, and large particles and should be discarded.

Safety goggles provide a secure shield around the entire eye area to protect against hazards coming from many different directions and spread the force of impact over a larger area around the eyes than spectacles. Goggles are most effective when

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

worn with safety spectacles and are also provided with impact resistant lenses that can be tinted if required. Goggles that are unvented or indirectly vented will provide protection from splash hazards. Goggles may be provided with fog free coatings.

Face shields are required when pouring hot liquids, using acids to clean rocks or fossils, breaking rocks with hand or mechanical equipment, and while dressing grinding wheels. Face shields should never be used without goggles and safety spectacles and are available with protective head gear and chemical hoods.

Select the proper level of eye protection prior to starting any activity and remember that the risk of bypassing a level because "it will only take a second and I will be careful" could cost you one of your most precious possessions, your sight.

On another note...

Warnings about those plug-in air fresheners are making the news again. If you use one of these, be aware that in some instances, the plastic housing (the part that's plugged into an outlet) has melted and caused a fire. If you use these, it's best to check them often.

WILDACRES CD

Want a quick look at Wildacres and the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops?

You can request the new Wildacres CD just by writing to the Editor and asking for it.

AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

from Cathy Gaber, AFMS ACROY Chair

I would like to recognize Lorraine Campbell, the co-founder of our Junior Rockhounds program and our first Junior Rockhounds teacher, as the 2004 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society in New Jersey. Lorraine came up with an innovative program including providing a box for each child to keep their specimens in, some simple tools and a notebook for their lessons. At each of our 10 monthly meetings per year, Lorraine would provide a mineral or fossil specimen for each child, a handout explaining it, and an activity for them involving the specimen. All specimens were donated either by club members or by Lorraine herself. Lorraine proved herself to be a wonderful teacher, preparing each lesson with care. She was warm and encouraging, and her smile lit the room. The club also provides a gift for each child at our holiday party (gold in 2004). Still an active member, Lorraine moved to Tennessee a year ago, leaving myself and our Field Trip Chairman to conduct the Juniors' classes. This has opened my eyes to what a responsibility and effort the preparation and teaching are! Her move has not prevented Lorraine from attending meetings and Executive Board meetings - an 18 hour drive. This is my 21st year with DVESS

and I can honestly say that Lorraine stands out of all Rockhounds I have met for her thoughtfulness, dedication and ability to inspire.

*Submitted by Ann Benson
President, DVESS*

The Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club (Pennsylvania) nominees for AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year are an indispensable couple, Clyf and Joy Bourne. Clyf is our outstanding club Treasurer, EFMLS Liaison and Show Hospitality Chairman. He teaches cabochon making at the show as well as making dozens of cab preforms in preparation for the show. Joy is Club Newsletter Editor and in 2004 was inducted into the Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame. She has served for many years as Club and Show Publicity Chairperson, spends endless hours on various other printing projects for the club and demonstrates faceting at the show. Clyf and Joy host the club board meeting and a summer picnic at their home, have done junior and adult meeting programs, donate to every club auction and event and take on so many other tasks it is impossible to list them all.

Submitted by Fran Sick, President

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

by Kathy Hrechka, EFMLS Junior Activities Chair

Junior mineral collectors are very important to the growth and longevity of our clubs. The American Federation along with the Eastern Federation are reaching out to juniors who are interested in our mineral hobby. The AFMS has a great Merit Badge Program recently designed by Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Chair. For details, email him at jbraceth@adelphia.net, or phone (805-659-3577). The EFMLS has an extensive slide and video collection just for juniors. The Eastern Federation Directory 2004 contains a complete listing on pp. 22-33. To obtain programs, contact Richard Harrison at rlh-ss@infoblvd.net, or phone (607) 698-4933.

For any questions or junior interest, contact me at: kkhrechka@msn.com, or phone (703) 765-3187. I would like to hear from you.

SLATE OF CANDIDATES

from the Nominating Committee

For 2005, the Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate Fran Sick of Dushore, PA (Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, Inc., PA) to fill in the remaining term of 2nd Vice-President. The term of the nomination will start on March 18, 2005 and end on October 31, 2005.

For 2006, the Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers, who's term will begin November 1, 2005:

President:

Wayne Sukow, Fairfax, VA
Northern Virginia Mineral Club

1st Vice-President:

Fran Sick, Dushore, PA
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

2nd Vice-President:

Ellery Borow, Waterville, ME
Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society

Treasurer:

Lou Budell, Marcellus, NY
Gem & Mineral Soc. of Syracuse

Editor:

Carolyn Weinberger, Glyndon, MD
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

Short biographies of each nominee will be included in the March Newsletter. Additional nominations can be made to Matt Charsky, Nominating Committee Chair or any other member of the Nominating Committee. Nominations can also be made at the annual meeting as part of the EFMLS annual convention in Sayre, PA.

Nominating Committee:

Currently, we are still looking for two nominees to each serve a three year term beginning November 1, 2005. Members interested should contact either Matt Charsky, Nominating Committee Chair or any other member of the Nominating Committee. (See next to last page for contact information.)

WONDERFUL WILDACRES

from Wayne Sukow, Director

In recent days I've spoken to a number of people who tell me that they plan on attending Wildacres this year. "Have you sent in your registration form yet?", I ask. "Not yet" is too often the reply. If you're like the people I'm referring to, my question is

"What are you waiting for?"

We've put together what I think are two dynamite sessions for 2005. The first, June 3 - 9 features Bill Metropolis as our "expert in residence". Bill is the Assistant Curator at Harvard University; a terrific, knowledgeable speaker and a darn nice fellow. He'll present several programs during the session which are sure to be of interest to everyone. His slides are always great too.

The second session, September 12 - 18 will feature Fred Ward as the "expert in residence". Fred has travelled the world and is extremely knowledgeable about gems - both precious and semi-precious. He's authored a series of books on such topics as Emeralds, Rubies, Diamonds and will regale us and with talks about these and other gem materials. His photographs are outstanding and his tales about the travel done for research are amazing.

We've been able to add two silversmithing classes to the fall lineup - one basic and one intermediate. We're also pleased to tell you that Lisa Roberts, our Wirecraft instructor has confirmed for both spring session and fall sessions and we've added Mia Schulman as our beading teacher for the spring session.

So...What are you waiting for?

A complete listing of classes and an application form are included in this newsletter beginning on page _____. Come and join the fun at Wildacres in 2005!

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION DOINGS

by Bob Livingston, Scholarship Foundation Coordinator

I've just finished my 3rd year of handling this, and thanks to many of your good efforts, I am happy to report that Eastern clubs and individuals donated the most of the last 3 years and so we were able to turn over a nice dollar amount to American.

That doesn't mean we can slack off, however. In fact, one of our fellow Regional Federations has laid down a challenge to the rest of us to match what they intend to do -- send in a dollar (in unspecified funds) for every member in their federation. In Eastern's case that would be a little over ten grand. We may not make it, but let's give them a run for their money. The need is greater than ever with education costs going out of sight.

The 2005 EFMLS Directory will show updated percentage levels for all clubs. In addition, Certificates showing donation percentage level increases since the last convention, will be presented to relevant participating clubs at the 2005 Eastern Federation convention in Athens, PA.

Meantime, since my last report, here are donations as received with the current increased percentages shown.

Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore
3900%

Dakota Matrix Minerals
in memory of Jay Lininger

Manasota Rock & Gem Club
in memory of Sanford Shepardson
1500%

Bob Livingston
in memory of
Jay Lininger and Angie Teixeira's son
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
3500%

Barbara Sky
in memory of Gerri Schaefermeyer
Micromineralogists of the National
Capital Area - 200%

So, I am happy to accept and pass on your donations in memory of someone dear, or just plain donations to the cause. And if you mark your check "Unspecified," yours will help with the Federation's match challenge which has been thrown down for this year only. Just send your tax deductible check made out to AFMS Scholarship Fund, to: Bob Livingston, Coordinator, 59 Ely Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Fran Sick

Last month I indicated that there had been no nominations received for the 2005 Each One Teach One Award as of December 1, 2004. However, all that changed by the December 20 deadline and we have received three excellent nominations. Thank you to all who submitted these nominations for this prestigious award.

The nominations are in the hands of the committee members and by the time you read this the judging of the entries will have been completed. Each of the nominees will receive an

award certificate at the EFMLS Convention Awards Banquet in Sayre, PA, on Saturday evening, March 19, 2005. In addition the top award winner will receive a beautiful plaque.

I hope to see you at the banquet where you will learn who these outstanding 2005 award winners are.

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND NEWS

by Joy Bourne, EFF Chair

Happy New Year Greetings, and best wishes to all of our clubs for a growing and successful year in 2005.

The Eastern Foundation Fund received two memorial gifts in honor of Elaine Solé during the closing weeks of 2004.

The Queens Mineral Society of East Rockaway, NY remembered Elaine as a faithful and valued member of their club, and Irene and José Solé also memorialized their mother and wife as one who "loved the study of minerals, learning about them and sharing her knowledge about them with others." We deeply appreciate these tributes and the thoughtful gifts to EFF in Elaine's memory.

In December, we also received generous annual contributions from Wendell and JoAnn Mohr, of the Gem. Lapidary and Mineralogical Society of Montgomery Co., MD, and from the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club of Sayre, PA, in memory of deceased members, Helen Lewis and Ray Pond. We deeply appreciate these individuals and clubs who make contributions on a planned yearly basis.

We hope that one of your resolutions for the New Year is to be sure that your club is represented on the growing list of Eastern Foundation Fund

supporters. If you have not yet seen your club listed as a contributor, why not ask your officers to consider including this vital resource as part of your annual service project? If you do, you will be among those being served!

All contributions received, including memorial contributions, are recorded to the credit of the club designated by the donors for the purpose of recognition at the next EFMLS convention.

Certificates will be presented to each club achieving the 100% level, i.e. contributions of \$1 for each club member of record for that year. Cumulative totals of giving are also maintained for each club, and when the club's cumulative total reaches 1,000%, the club name is inscribed on a brass plate which will be added to the Roll of Honor Plaque, and displayed at each succeeding convention. We hope to see at least three new plates added to the Roll of Honor this year!

This year, EFF presentations will be made at the EFMLS Convention in March at Sayre, PA. We look forward to meeting you there as we recognize your club's special contributions to the building of the Eastern Foundation Fund!

INFO AND DUES NEEDED

from Lou Budell, Treasurer

Federation dues were due on January 1 and based on your club membership as of December 31, 2004. Please don't wait until your current members renew with your club for 2005 before sending in your Federation dues. By delaying you're risking the chance of either forgetting and thus allowing your Federation membership to lapse (no more insurance eligibility, or use of the Program Library, Wildacres etc.) or you risk the chance of not having your club listed in the new Directory which will come out shortly.

Dues remain at \$1.25 per voting member. We've included a copy of the information form in this newsletter for your convenience - we know things sometimes get lost or mis-filed. Please don't delay...we'd hate you to lose out on all the great things coming your way through Federation membership.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

from Mary Bateman

Each EFMLS member club is entitled to two votes at the annual meeting. In order to insure that your delegates can vote on issues brought to the floor during the meeting, you have to notify the Federation 30 days in advance of the meeting - this year that's February 15.

Included in this newsletter is a delegate registration form for your club to fill in and return - by the February 15th deadline. It's important for your club to be represented so that you have a voice in the activities of the Eastern Federation so we encourage you to send at least one person to the meeting on Friday, March 18 at 1:00 P.M.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

from Sir Barkley Bigfoot, Assist Editor
and Caesar, Chief GoFer

If you are no longer the President or Editor or Liaison of your club and would like to continue receiving the EFMLS Newsletter you can do so with a subscription or via the EFMLS website.

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You can also receive the newsletter via e-mail at no charge simply by sending the editor a note asking to be added to the Federation e-mail list. Be sure to include your name, e-mail address and club name.

And finally, you can also download the newsletter from the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org> at no charge. Both the e-mail version and web version require Adobe Acrobat Reader, a free download from Adobe Software.

WILDACRES WORKSHOP CLASSES

from Wayne Sukow, Director

Here is the listing of classes we currently plan to offer at the two EFMLS Wildacres Workshops for 2005. When you send in your application form, be sure to specify your class preferences. We will make every effort to honor your 1st or 2nd choice, but should a class be filled, we need to know your other preferences. An application form is included on page 10 and will be accepted beginning January 1 for both sessions. The earlier you register the better your chance of being assigned to your first choice.

Spring - June 3 - 9, 2005

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	DESCRIPTION
Judging & Exhibiting	B. Jay Bowman	Return to the roots of EFMLS Wildacres by participating in the Judging & Exhibiting class with the inimitable Jay Bowman. There will be four days of discussion moderated by Jay along with real judging experience questions that participants have had or have heard about. Discussions are spirited and this is complemented by some practice judging on exhibits prepared by Wildacres participants...often with a deliberate flaw to keep you on your toes and alert. Then hear the debriefing...what an experience! 4 day class
Faceting	Reivan Zeleznik	You CAN do it! The mystery of faceting is out the window! Like hundreds of other "never-before" faceters Reivan has worked with at WA you will take home with a gem you've created with your own two hands. And, it will be better in quality than 90% of the gems (other than diamonds) in your local jewelry store. Spend a week with Reivan and enjoy unlocking your untapped talent. 4 day class
Cabochons - Basic	Al DeMilo	Hands on instruction will be given to show how to transform a rough piece of rock into a shiny well formed cabochon with no flat spots. The use of a trim saw as well as techniques to grind, sand and polish the stone into a standard size and shape will be covered. Slabs will be provided but you may use your own with instructor's approval. 2 day class. 1st Semester
Cabochons - Intermediate	Al DeMilo	Prerequisite: Know how to use a trim saw, dop a stone, and use a grinding, sanding, and polishing machine. This course is an extension of already learned skills. It will focus on the crafting of cabochons of difficult shapes or sizes. Much one-on-one attention will be given. Slabs will be provided but you may use your own with Instructor's approval. 2 day class. 2nd Semester
Wirecraft - Basic	Lisa Roberts	Learn the basics of twisting gold-filled and sterling silver wire to create wonderful wire-wrapped jewelry. 2 day class. 1st Semester
Wirecraft - Advanced	Lisa Roberts	More advanced projects utilizing skills learned in the basic class. 2 day class. 2nd Semester
Silversmithing	Richard Zolweg	Level and length of class to be determined.
Basic Beadcraft I	Mia Schulman	Students will learn how to form knots between beads (essential for pearls and attractive for other beads) and how to finish necklaces using a variety of clasps. They will also learn to make a Spiral rope necklace using seed beads. 2 day class. 1st Semester
Basic Beadcraft II	Mia Schulman	We'll make a bracelet using the Peyote stitch which can also be used to fabricate pendants, amulet bags, and even pictures. Students will also learn how to "read" and design their own patterns. The "netting" stitch will also be taught which is useful in making chokers, necklaces and our project, a Christmas ball. 2 day class. 2nd Semester.
Introduction to Precious Metal Clay	Cathy Gaber	Precious Metal Clay is sterling silver embedded in a clay. The clay is shaped into various forms, then fired in a kiln causing the clay binder to burn off and leaving only the silver. You'll learn how to use the material as you make a variety of small objects. 2 day class. 1st semester.
Mineral ID	Cathy Gaber	Learn to use your powers of observation to identify minerals. To aid in your investigations, several hundred mineral specimens, a microscope and various mineral reference books will be provided in class. The many properties of minerals, from hardness to crystal group to color and more, will be explored. There will be specific assignments, an indoor "field trip" and free time to target your own specific interests. 2 day class. 2nd Semester.
Pewter Casting/Fabrication	Bruce Gaber	Learn to make functional and decorative objects from a wonderfully versatile metal. Pewter is easy to work, and easy to solder. This allows one to make a variety of forms in a much shorter time than working in silver. Pewter can be finished in everything from a glossy high luster to a deep rich matte. The surface can be further embellished by embossing and the addition of an etch or patina. Join Bruce to explore this most ancient and traditional material. Oh, and by the way, modern pewter contains no lead. 4 day class.

WILDACRES FALL SESSION CLASSES

September 12 - 18, 2005

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Wax Modeling & Casting	Dave Alberts	Learn how to work with wax to make models used in casting during the 1st half of the class, then how to cast your items during the 2nd half. 4 day class.
Cabochons - Basic	Al DeMilo	Hands on instruction will be given to show how to transform a rough piece of rock into a shiny well formed cabochon with no flat spots. The use of a trim saw as well as techniques to grind, sand and polish the stone into a standard size and shape will be covered. Slabs will be provided but you may use your own with instructor's approval. 2 day class. 1st Semester
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Micromounting	Paul Smith	Micromounting is the art of preparing small mineral specimens so they can best be viewed under a microscope. You will learn how to trim off excess material, mount your specimen on a pedestal and then in a small box. For those wishing to stay in the class both semesters, the additional skill of photographing minerals through the microscope will be introduced. 2 day class offered both semesters or can be taken as a 4 day class.
Crystallography	Jennie Smith	Learn to identify and use crystal shapes in the study of mineralogy. 2 day class. Semester to be determined.
Silversmithing - Basic	Richard Meszler	Students will complete several projects geared to teaching and learning the basics of silversmithing - annealing, bending metal, soldering, piercing and polishing. 2 day class. 1st Semester.
Silversmithing - Intermediate	Richard Meszler	Students will use skills learned in the basic class to complete a bezel set cabochon pin / pendant. Prerequisite: soldering, filing, basic silversmithing skills. 2 day class. 2nd Semester
Soapstone Carving (Tentative)	TBA	Learn how to create lovely small carvings from a soft material. Minimal tools are used to achieve lovely results. Let the object hidden in the stone come alive under your hand. 2 day class offered both semesters.
Forging (Tentative)	TBA	Using hammers and a variety of shaped stakes can produce lovely pieces of jewelry. No soldering or other metalworking experience is required. 4 day class.

A REGISTRATION FORM IS INCLUDED ON PAGE 12

A ROCKHOUND'S BANQUET

by Wayne Sukow, EFMLS 1st Vice President

Siblings have a way of remembering interesting bits of one's history, as well as one's activities, likes and dislikes. In our family, a proper roasting at the time of retirement has become a tradition, and after my retirement from the National Science Foundation on September 30, 2004 it was my turn. As my brother quipped, "We've been waiting for this for a long time," so I knew I was to be well roasted. It's amazing what they remembered about me, but I believe some of it was generated for the occasion. After all, most of them had retired already and I doubt if all retirees' recollections are to be taken as truths.

My turn began with dinner on October 9, 2004, providing the title for this article. When my brother invited me to the dining room, I immediately noticed the centerpiece on the table, a mineral and rock floral bouquet, which is pictured.



The menu started with **LAPIDARY JOURNAL BEVERAGES** to remind me of my rockhound and lapidary publications in the *Lapidary Journal and Rock & Gem*. It continued with many unusual courses:

GRILLED MASTODON (Chicken Breast) to remind me of the mastodon tusk I found in the Kinnikinic River Valley in Wisconsin.

GRILLED SABER-TOOTHED TIGER (Pork Tenderloins). The truth in this item is the **GRILLED**.

LAKE SUPERIOR AGATE BAKED BEANS to remind me of 43 years and counting of collecting Lak-ers and displaying them.

ROSE QUARTZ GERMAN POTATO SALAD to remind me of my German heritage and my lapidary work with star-rose quartz.

DATOLITE RELISH with many different colors and tastes to remind me of my collection of Michigan's Copper Country datolite nodules of many colors from many mines.

WISCONSIN CONGLOMERATE FRUIT SALAD to remind me of the many hours my sibs and I "collected" rocks on our farm fields. *They were cobbles* in the glacial till that covered our part of Wisconsin and there wasn't a "keeper" in the tons we picked.

GREENISH-BLUE TURQUOISE BROCCOLI SALAD to remind me of my summer working at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and the turquoise I obtained there and the resulting jewelry my sisters liked.

KEWEENAW COPPER RIBBON SALAD to remind me of my love of Michigan's Copper Country and the copper I've collected with the silver pick.

MOONSTONE SHRIMP COCKTAIL to remind me of my days collecting "Wausau Moonstone" near Wausau, Wisconsin. I still have the first tie-tack cabochon I cut showing the soft blue chatoyancy of this material.

AUSTRALIAN OPAL GRAPE SALAD to remind me of my brother's and my passion for getting mail-order

parcels of Australian Opal and cutting many opal cabochons and setting them in rings, stick-pins, pendants and bracelets. Some of them are still beautiful after 40 odd years.

BLUE DENIM LAPIS GERMAN WINE to remind me of my brother's and my purchase of the first collection of a retired rockhound's materials. It included blue lapis that cut very nice cabochons. In that purchase were two pieces of museum quality lapidary equipment designed, built, and painted blue by William "Bill" Bingham, who has Minnesota's Binghamite named after him.

LAYERED SANDSTONE LOAF which I think is another one of those recollections that is open to question. It was delicious and I thought it was the dessert. How wrong I was!

Dessert, in fact, was **LEVERITE CHOCOLATE CARAMEL CAKE** to remind me of my great love for sweets. Actually, it was a collection of five **CHOCOLATE CAKES with CARAMEL FROSTING**, but that's another story.

My siblings didn't miss much in describing my life-long passion for this rockhound hobby. I know that retirement will give me even more time to indulge it. I will begin by learning the ropes for being 1st Vice President of the Eastern Federation. I will continue by volunteering as Director of the EFMLS-Wildacres Workshops twice a year for one week in Spring and one week in Fall. I plan to see many of you at Wildacres June 3-9, 2005 and September 12-18, 2005, as well as at club meetings and shows. Be there and share you memories and expertise.

Although not "rockhound" related, these two stories are interesting. Read through both to their conclusion.

Story Number One:

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but also Eddie got special dividends. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago city block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him.

Eddie did have one soft spot, however. He had a son whom he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had the best of everything: clothes, cars and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object.

And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name and a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he

knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified.

Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he would ever pay.

Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion and a poem clipped from a magazine. The poem read:

The clock of life is wound but once
 And no man has the power
 To tell just when the hands will stop
 At late or early hour.
 Now is the only time you own.
 Live, love, toil with a will.
 Place no faith in time.
 For the clock may soon be still.

Story Number Two:

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier.

Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship he saw something that turned his blood cold, a squadron of Japanese aircraft were speeding their way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing

to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet.

Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 calibers blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now-broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly.

Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival he reported in and related the event surrounding his return.

The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had in fact destroyed five enemy aircraft.

This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W. II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man.

So the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

So what do these two stories have to do with each other? Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.

DIRECTOR, DELEGATE & ALTERNATE INFORMATION

55TH Annual EFMLS Board of Directors' Meeting

Best Western Grand Victorian Inn
Sayre, Pennsylvania
Friday, March 18, 2005

Please print clearly all information requested

NAME OF SOCIETY: _____

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(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)

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(Elected by society members)

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(To represent the society if Delegate cannot attend meeting)

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER

From the EFMLS Constitution
(Article V, Sec. 3):

It shall be the responsibility of each Member Society to notify the Secretary in writing of the names of its Director, Delegate and Alternate who expect to attend the Annual Meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening date.

DATE

RETURN by February 15, 2005 to:
Mary Bateman
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2005 EFMLS Club Information Form

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

Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____ Zip Code _____

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

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

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Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Bulletin Name: _____

URL of Club Website: _____

Meeting Date: _____ Time: _____ Meeting Address: _____

Show and/or Swap Date: _____ Location: _____

Do you have competitive exhibits at your show? Yes _____ No _____

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

Please verify your check is for the correct amount (\$1.25 per voting member) and that you have completed all of the information on the form. Mail your check and one (1) copy of this form to the EFMLS Treasurer, and one (1) copy of the form to the EFMLS Directory Editor. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS".

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Signature of individual completing form: _____ Date: _____

2005 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: June 3 - 9 _____ September 12 - 18 _____

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, 2005. (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>

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, 2005)

Mail to: Debbie Bard, Wildacres Registrar
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Warfordsburg, PA 17267

If you have any questions, please contact either Debbie Bard, Registrar at <debbard@frontiernet.net> or 717-294-3667 or Wayne Sukow, Director at <cnsukow@erols.com> or 703-280-8108

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from William Lema

February:

26-27: 12th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and the New York State Academy of Mineralogy. New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.

26 - 27: 46th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. A & I Buildings, State Fairgrounds at High Street; Jackson, MS.

March:

5 - 6: 42nd Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical and Community College @ I-95 Exit 4B, Churchmans Road (Rt 58) Newark (Stanton), DE.

5 - 6: Annual Gems, Minerals, Fossils and Meteorite Show, sponsored by Excalibur Mineral Corp. and hosted by the New York Mineralogical Club. Holiday Inn -- Midtown, 440 W. 57th Street, New York City, NY.

12-13: 16th Annual Clifton Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society. Pope John Paul II Elementary School, 775 Valley Rd; Clifton, NJ.

18 - 20: 36th Annual Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Show and 55th EFMLS Convention & Show. Athens Township Fire Hall, Sayre, PA. Show March 19-20. EFMLS Annual Meeting - March 18 at 1 P.M.

19-20: 41st Annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show presented by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD

19 - 20: 46th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa FL.

April:

1-3: Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromounters of the National Capital Area. MD Hospital Center, Elkridge, MD. For info & registration, contact Steve Weinberger <cweinber@bcpl.net>.

2 -3: 37th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society, Hamburg Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

9-10: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair presented by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. The LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA

23-24: 33rd 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.

30 - May 1: 42nd New England Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Coolidge Hall & Trade Building. Topsfield, MA

May

21: Annual Swap and Sell at Goucher sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Goucher College, Kraushaar Pavilion. Dulany Valley Rd at I-695; Towson, MD.

21: Annual Micromineral Symposium sponsored by The Micromounters of New England. Hudson, MA Elks Club. For further information contact Mike Swanson at (413) 773-3867 or <mismicros@crocker.com>

July

9 - 10: 44th Annual Western Maine Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Festival sponsored by the Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association. Crescent Park School, Bethel, ME.

August:

16-21: AFMS / MWF Convention and Show. St. Louis, MO.

September

17 -18: Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, Zembo Shrine Auditorium, 3rd & Division Streets, Harrisburg, PA.

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