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WHAT'S A CHE-HANNA?

by Hazel Remaley



In this installment of my notes to you, I would like to tell you a little bit about Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, host club for the 2005 EFMLS Convention.

What, you might ask is a Che-Hanna? Most of you have named your clubs after a town, city, state, museum, or a location. Well, when the founders of this club were looking for a name, they really were original. Since at that time the club met in a facility in Athens, PA. near the confluence of the Chemung River and the Susquehanna River, they contracted the name, taking the Che from Chemung and the Hanna from Susquehanna. Thus the name. And since there are some of the original members still with us and active, we hope that you will come to meet them in March.

You can get more information about Che-Hanna on our website <www.che-hanna.org>. If you have not received your information packet or wish not to use those forms, you are able to download the forms from our website or the EFMLS site at <www.AmFed.org/EFMLS>.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Convention in Sayre, PA. on March 18th for the meeting and cracker barrel and the 19th and 20th for the 36th annual Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club Annual Show. The EFMLS auction will be on Saturday afternoon, the awards banquet on Saturday evening, and the editor's breakfast on Sunday morning.

Plan to attend for a fun weekend in Pennsylvania.

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Each One Teach One Award
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January 15, 2005

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February 1

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WONDERFUL WILDACRES WORKSHOPS

from Wayne Sukow, Director



Opportunities abound at the Eastern Federation Wildacres Workshop sessions. There are two sessions in 2005, the first is June 3 - 9 and the second is September 12 - 18. Each session includes many wonderful opportunities for you to learn a new skill, hear from a world-class speaker, and either renew old friendships or make new ones.

Our week is divided into two "semesters". Classes being offered run either 1 semester (2 days) or 2 semesters (4 days). If you take a 4 day class you are limited to taking only one class. If you decide on 2 day class, then you get to take 2 different classes during the week.

Separating the semesters is a "free day" when you can "follow your nose" as my wife and I say: visit mineral dealers in this mineral rich region of North Carolina, visit mineral museums or historic places, go on a field trip with a group or do a self guided one, go hiking in this scenic area, go birding, or just stay at Wildacres relaxing in a rocker on the patio and enjoy the view across the valleys.

Other activities during the week include a "good stuff" auction, tail gate session, and fun night. We guarantee - you won't be bored!

Each workshop has a "speaker in residence" who provides us with informative programs each day. In June we'll have the Assistant Curator at the Harvard Mineral Museum, Bill Metropolis and in September, Fred Ward will regale us with programs on precious gems and jewelry. This may be your last opportunity to hear Fred on the east coast as he's just relocated his home to the west.

EFMLS WILDACRES is often said to be one of the best kept secrets of the Eastern Federation. It need not be and the way to ensure that is to get more newcomers involved so they

can enjoy it too. The current EFMLS Wildacres Director "discovered" it in 2000 and is now one of the many repeat participants. It's economical too at \$280 for a session and that includes the home-cooked meals. In addition, most classes have a small materials fee which is paid to the instructor during the session.

You say, "Great, but I don't see any course I would be interested in taking." It's your Federation, so suggest one and send it to me for consideration along with the name and address of a possible instructor. Consider it another opportunity and join the pilgrimage to EFMLS Wildacres. Incidentally, like many other club and federation activities the Wildacres Director, Registrar, Functioning Committee (the overseeing "board"), and instructors are all volunteering their time. Do the same and join us.

Want to learn more about what Wildacres is all about? We'll be glad to send you a short movie on CD that's loaded with pictures about the Workshops. Just drop a note to our Editor, Carolyn Weinberger (see page 2 for info) and the free CD will be on its way to you. The program might be nice to show at your next club meeting - it only takes about 8 minutes to watch and we think you'll see what you've been missing.

A listing of the classes we plan to offer during our 2005 Wildacres Workshops are listed on page 3 and 4. An application form is on page 10. Applications will be accepted beginning January 1 and we suggest that you make your reservations early as space is limited. You'll need to send a deposit of \$140 per person with the balance due 30 days prior to the session you plan on attending.

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 (Tentative)	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 (Tentative)	More advanced projects utilizing skills learned in the basic class. 2 day class. 2nd Semester
Silversmithing Advanced	TBA	Students must be proficient in soldering and basic silversmithing techniques. 4 day class.
Beadcraft - Basic	Andi Gooch	Learn basic knotting techniques used in stringing beads. 2 day class. 1st Semester
Beadcraft - Advanced	Andi Gooch	More advanced knotting techniques will be taught. 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 <i>NEW CLASS</i>	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

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	DESCRIPTION
Judging & Exhibiting	B. Jay Bowman	See Spring Description. 4 day class
Faceting	Steve Weinberger	See Spring Description 4 day class
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	See Spring Description 2 day class. 1st Semester
Cabochons - Intermediate	Al DeMilo	See Spring Description 2 day class. 2nd Semester
Wirecraft - Basic	Lisa Roberts	See Spring Description. 2 day class. 1st Semester
Wirecraft - Advanced	Lisa Roberts	See Spring Description. 2 day class. 2nd Semester
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.
Soapstone Carving	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.
Crystallography	Jennie Smith	Learn to identify and use crystal shapes in the study of mineralogy. 2 day class. Semester to be determined.
Forging	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.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Fran sick

I am writing this article on December 1, 2004, for publication in the January 2005 issue of the EFMLS Newsletter. To date I have not received any nominations for the 2005 Each One Teach One Award and the deadline is December 20. However, I have heard from some club officers that nominations are on the way. If you are reading this prior to December 20 you still have a little time left since that is the deadline for entries to be either e-mailed or postmarked. To all who have submitted nominations for the 2005 EOTO Award, thank you from myself and from those nominees who will receive awards at the 2005 EFMLS Convention Awards Banquet in Sayre, PA, on March 19, 2005.

It has been my privilege to chair

the Each One Teach One Committee the past few years. I have had an opportunity to meet many wonderful people and learn a lot about who is doing what to help the EFMLS grow and prosper. One of the best parts of the "job" is the dedicated people who have served on the EOTO Committees and done a superb job of judging the entries, sometimes with very short deadlines. This year is one of those short deadlines and I know the committee will come through with flying colors, as usual. I want to take this opportunity to recognize the 2005 committee members, Barbara Sky, Clyf Bourne and Gay Richards.

Thanks folks. You make my job easy.

ALL-AMERICAN AWARD

by Hazel Remaley

This message is going to be short and to the point. I have told you about all I can about the All American Club Award. The entry forms have been published and you have my phone number, home address, and email address. So, if you have not started to organize by now, well, I suggest you better get a move on !! The deadline I have set to receive the scrapbooks is FEBRUARY 1st, 2005.

So, that is short and sweet. Madame Editor will have to use a filler in all the space I have leftover !!!!

Here's the filler.....





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carl Miller, EFMLS President

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that another year is gone; time just speeds past! It is amazing to me that it is already the year 2005. I was born in 1962 and the year 2000 always intrigued me. I'd say it was my age, growing up in the 70's and 80's, but I am still fascinated by dates, time, etc. It seemed that I spent my whole life anticipating 2000 (or later 2001 when I realized that 01/01/2001 was the actual turn of the millennium) and it took a very long time to come. Now it seems as though the year 2000 was just yesterday, and yet we are five years past it.

It seems that every year time goes by faster. They say there is a reason that people perceive that time goes by faster as they get older. A simple explanation is that when you are four years old and you have to wait for your birthday, you are waiting one-quarter (25%) of your life for it to come. However, when you are fifty you only have to wait one-fiftieth (2%) of your life for your birthday to come around again.

With the New Year, clubs and individuals will be making plans for activities for the coming year. I hope all of our club editors got their submissions in for the Eastern Federation Bulletin Editors Contest. It is a wonderful opportunity for editors and members contributors to get recognition for the very important job that they do. I have always said that a club can live with out anything except its newsletter. If you don't believe it try going without one for a few months!

Speaking of the Bulletin Contest, I hope you are all making plans to attend our annual meeting and show hosted by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club in Sayre, PA. That area of Pennsylvania, north-central, is very beautiful any time of year. The Che-Hanna club is a great club that is very active. Let's have a good turn out in March at the convention to support your Federation, the Che-Hanna club, and your club as well.

It is time to start planning for the coming year's hobby related events. The Wildacres Functioning Committee recently announced spring 2005 dates for Wildacres. The EFMLS spring session

will be held June 3-9. Bill Metropolis, Assistant Curator at Harvard University will be the guest speaker. Our fall session will be held September 12 - 18. Fred Ward, noted author and gem expert will be the guest speaker. Wildacres is truly the gem of the Eastern Federation. If you have never attended you can't imagine what you are missing. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for information on registering for the spring session.

Maybe you would like to try something new this year? I still have two open committee chairs that I need to fill. If anyone is interested in helping out with these or any other committees please don't hesitate to contact me. The two open positions are for the Conservation & Legislation and Ways & Means committees, however there is always room to help on any of the other committees. Maybe there is something that you would like to learn more about in 2005?

In closing I want to give a progress report on a couple of our goals for this year that are well underway. All of the necessary documents for the baseline audits of the new Wildacres and Supplies accounts are in hand, and the audit of the main EFMLS accounts is almost completed. One more meeting of the Audit committee will have all of these accounts' audits completed and in order.

Best wishes from my family to yours for the coming year!

Get out there!
Carl

AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

from Cathy Gaber

On behalf of the Twin Tiers Rock & Mineral Club (New York), I would like to nominate Tom and Virginia Milligan as the AFMS Club Rockhound Couple of the Year. I can't think of anyone more deserving of the honor as they are such terrific role models. They belong to at least three clubs and are active participants, working shows, teaching classes, and going on field trips. Both Tom and Virginia have also served EFMLS in many capacities at Wildacres in North Carolina. They give freely of their time, knowledge, and resources to further interest in our hobby, teaching and supporting newer members like me. I want them to know how much they are appreciated. I especially want to thank Tom for driving Virginia to meetings all these years for "her" hobby.

submitted by Karen Vogler, Secretary



This month begins a new year for submissions to the AFMS Rockhound of the Year recognition program. Why not take advantage of this wonderful way to say "thank you" to an individual or husband and wife team who have made a difference in your club?

The requirements are really simple. Pick someone (or a couple), then tell everyone in about 50 words why your selection is valuable to your club and then send it to me (see inside back page for info). Every club is allowed to submit one entry per calendar year so what are you waiting for? Any club member, officer or group of members can send in the submission. We'll help you brag about your member by printing the information in both the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters.

Share your good fortune with the world!

COLLECTION SAFETY

As we form our mineral, fossil, and rock collections, we pride ourselves with knowing what everything is, where it came from, how fragile or sharp it is and hopefully if any hazards are associated with any of the specimens in it. If you follow the auctions on the internet, you see many wonderful specimens from locations that have long ago played out or are closed. Many of the descriptions for these specimens declare "from an old" or "estate" collection or/and do not provide any other data because of the lack or loss of a label. Occasionally these specimens are so classic that there is little doubt as to what they are and where they came from and if any hazards are associated with them. Most probable these items are being disposed of by relatives of the original collector who have no knowledge of or interest in them. Many times collections and materials used to prepare them, such as grits and chemicals, just end up as land fill to dispose of them.

We are now aware of the hazards of disposing of household and industrial cleansers and chemicals because of strict labeling and disposal laws and education. But what about those rocks and minerals that have been dumped in back yards and landfills that may contain hazardous or break down into hazardous chemicals?

And what about the specimen that may represent one of the finest examples of its "species" or the fossil that is the original specimen ("type") of a species new to science, to which all other specimens of that species are compared? Many scientists described new species from specimens found in private collections.

Even if unlabeled specimens find their way into another collectors holdings, not knowing what it is may lead to it's destruction or create a hazard to the new owners health. Many minerals, such as sulfates and salts, will

absorb moisture from the air and with time break down. Unstable Pyrite and Marcasite will break down into sulfuric acid which will destroy specimens, labels, specimen boxes, and storage units. I have seen entire cabinets filled with white powder, where fine pyritized specimens from Alden, New York, France, and other locations were once stored, because the specimens were not properly stabilized. Some minerals are affected by sunlight or even indoor light and will alter into other chemicals (i.e. Eglestonite) or lose their color with prolonged exposure (i.e. Kunzite). Rocks that are poisonous can enter the water table or body tissues if not properly identified, labeled, handled, and stored. Some highly toxic or radioactive minerals are quite pretty or very plain and give no hint that they are dangerous and can enter the body if licked or the dust given off by them is inhaled. Cutting and polishing fluids used to polish hazardous rocks and minerals can also constitute serious health hazards.

The key to avoiding these problems is to properly label everything with name, location, geologic age, and formation when available or if a fossil, and any special handling instructions or hazards. The labels should be tied to a catalog and specimen by a permanent catalog number. If the specimen is valuable, have a price and date of purchase on the label and clearly identify as rare. This information may also help appraise a collection for donation or sale. "Type" specimens of fossils should also be clearly identified on the specimen and label, with the original reference describing the new species sited on the label and in the catalog. It may be prudent to donate "type" specimens to a Museum that provides specialized storage for such materials. Bare in mind that there is only one specimen of each species, the "type", and as such it is priceless and irreplaceable. Label all grits, chemicals, and cutting fluids used in specimen and jewelry preparation, identifying any

that may constitute a hazard.

Proper storage of specimens is very important. Make sure that the containers and paper you place or wrap specimens in is suitable for long term storage and free from acids and other chemicals that in time could damage the specimens. Do not wrap specimens in newspaper or place in colored specimen boxes (even black) that give off chemicals or attract fungus and mold. Consider the weight of specimens that are to be placed on shelves and in storage units. Also consider the floor weight limit. Keep collections in areas that are not too cold or hot, are dry, dust free, insect free, and away from areas that tend to flood. Keep small, sharp, heavy, and hazardous specimens away from small children.

As a good indoor winter project, label and properly store your collection and associated materials, so it can be safely enjoyed for years to come.

REGISTER AND VOTE

from Mary Bateman, Secretary

With the early EFMLS Convention this year, it's time for me to remind every club to send in their delegate registration forms. According to our Bylaws, each EFMLS club is entitled to two votes at the Annual Meeting. Your club president is automatically a Director of EFMLS and you can also send a Delegate who also has a vote at the meeting.

Although everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Meeting, only those Delegates who are officially registered by February 15 will be able to vote on the issues presented. We've included a form in this newsletter for your convenience.

Become a part of YOUR Federation! Take part in the Annual Meeting and let your voice and opinion be heard on the issues presented.

CALL FOR 2005 FEDERATION DUES AND INFORMATION

from Lou Budell, EFMLS Treasurer



I know you've heard and read the phrase "dues are due" before in your own club newsletter. To continue your club membership you must pay your dues. The Eastern Federation is no different - in order for your club to continue being members of the Federation and to continue receiving the benefits of membership - you must renew your membership. Dues are due.

Dues for membership in the Eastern Federation are \$1.25 per voting member and are based on your membership as of December 31, 2004. Of that fee, \$.50 is sent on to the American Federation as the EFMLS' dues to that group. We keep \$.75 which is used for the programs that you and your club members benefit from.

Some of these benefits include:

- the Slide and Video Library. Your club can borrow programs from the library at no charge other than return postage and insurance. There are currently over 100 slide programs and nearly 200 video tapes!
- the Federation arranged insurance policies. Your club can purchase liability and/or accident insurance at reasonable rates
- a newsletter 10 times per year bringing you news about the Federation and its programs.
- a Directory of Member Clubs. loaded with useful information about the Federation and the clubs belonging to it.
- two EFMLS workshops at Wildacres that your members can attend.
- information on pending Federal legislation that might impact our collecting possibilities.
- help and guidance for your club via the Regional Vice President program
- a variety of recognition programs for your club, newsletter and members.

You can readily see that membership in the Eastern Federation is a valuable asset for your club and its members.

Please complete the form sent to the Treasurer listed in the 2004 Directory in duplicate and mail one copy to me - with your check for 2005 dues. The other copy of the form should be mailed to our Directory Editor, Carolyn Weinberger for use in compiling the 2005 Directory. We ask that you type or print as legibly as possible on both copies so as to reduce the chance of errors. Mailing information is on the form....and we've included one on page 8 for your convenience.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Hard copy subscriptions to the EFMLS Newsletters are \$3.50 per year (10 issues). Checks should be sent to the Editor (see page 2) along with your name, address and club affiliation.

Copies of the EFMLS Newsletter can be downloaded from the Federation website at <www.amfed.org/efmls> at no charge. Back issues are also available on the website.

You can also receive issues of the EFMLS Newsletter via e-mail. Just contact the editor and ask to be placed on the e-mail list. Be sure to include your club affiliation with your request.

WHAT'S A LIAISON?

from Carolyn Weinberger

One of the more frequently asked questions is "What's this Liaison you ask for on the Club Information Form? The answer is quite simple.

Your club Liaison is the person who should be sharing Eastern Federation information with your club. He or she also might be the person you select to ask questions of our Federation officers when you club needs help or advice. In some Federations, the Liaison person is called the "Federation Director".

Don't panic! The Liaison person does not need to be an elected club officer so you won't have to revise your Bylaws. In most clubs, the Liaison person is an appointed position - usually someone who is willing to give a short report to the club at each meeting, and help the editor select pertinent information from the newsletter to reprint for your members.

If you select a Liaison who is not one of the usual newsletter recipients (i.e. your President and Editor) we'll also send your Liaison person a copy of the Newsletter each month and Directory when it's issued.

We want to keep the lines of communication between your club and the Eastern Federation open. Please help us by selecting someone to fill this position in your club.

NOMINATIONS

from Matt Charsky

It's not too late for you to send in a suggestion for a candidate for one of the EFMLS Elected Offices. Send me the name, address, phone and e-mail along with some supporting information and the office you think the person should fill. My mailing info is on page 10 of this issue.

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: _____

President: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Vice President: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Secretary: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Treasurer: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Liaison: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Editor: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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".

Lou Budell, EFMLS Treasurer, 2718 Falls Rd; Marcellus, NY 13108-9783

Carolyn Weinberger, Directory Editor, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

Signature of individual completing form: _____ Date: _____

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: _____

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 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
2700 South 9th Street, #203
Arlington, Virginia 22204-2328

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)

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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.

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

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.

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.

April 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. Dulaney Valley Rd at I-695; Towson, MD.

July

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

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