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

## SORRY FOR THE LATENESS OF THIS ISSUE

from Carolyn Weinberger

This issue of the EFMLS Newsletter is about a month late. I apologize for that, but I'm currently recovering from back surgery and could not get sit or stand for three weeks prior to the surgery and of course for a week or so after. I'm on the road to recovery now and hope to see many of you in Syracuse at the EFMLS / AFMS show this July.

## LAST CALL FOR SYRACUSE!

from Bob Livingston

The final two items have been added to the EFMLS web site, so if you did not get a packet or misplaced it, no problemo -- everything including the field trips and all the forms for exhibiting, registration, volunteering to be a demonstrator, field trips; it is all there.

Antique appraisals for Charity are a growing thing in the Syracuse area. For the first time we have added it for 3 hours only on Friday July 9 from 1 to 4 pm. So if you have some pre -1910 jewelry, or old coins, stamps or painting that you want to learn the value, bring it into the show that afternoon and experts will be on hand to tell you about it and estimate its value. Cost: a whopping \$2 per item or (3) for \$5. Bring something along to support a good cause.

We will also have two national mineral magazines on hand so you can thumb through their issues, talk to them first hand, get a deal on their subscription, buy other related books they publish etc. The two are: Matrix, and Rocks and Minerals. We should have special "show deal" subscription forms to Rock and Gem, as well.

There will be commemorative convention pins featuring the New York State fossil -- Eurypterid (we did quartz in 1994). Don't hold me to this as absolute, but the price will be in the neighborhood of \$4 each. You would get them at the Syracuse club booth at the show.

In closing off this fifth and final article in this series on the 2004 Big Show for All America, and convention, we wish to thank Carolyn Weinberger for putting in her two newsletters all the info we have supplied. We thank too, all you local club newsletter editors who have kept your members abreast of the news on the show. We are grateful for all the ink you have given this 2004 event. It really is a show for all of us, not just



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Eastern or Syracuse but all of us who got involved in this great hobby because we enjoy it. It will be a jam packed, long weekend of good times here. Come and see for yourselves and be amongst the finest anywhere -- America's rockhounds. I already look forward to St. Louis in 2005.

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## SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

from Matt Charsky, President



If you're old enough to remember the words to that song, then you're dating yourself just like I am. As odd as that phrase sounds right now, it's true. This is the last EFMLS Newsletter until September. By the time you receive your next newsletter, we will have already completed one Wildacres session and fully recovered from the AFMS/EFMLS convention and show in Syracuse, NY. Because the EFMLS Newsletter takes a summer break, this is my last chance to get you to "Pack Your Bags and Be There" at both functions. Since they're both going to be memorable occasions, I don't think I have to do a major sell job. I'm also reminded of the old saying "that a good product will sell itself." Both Wildacres and the Syracuse Show will be good products.

Regarding the AFMS/EFMLS Convention, I have one request for all the individual clubs in the EFMLS - PLEASE HAVE YOUR HOME CLUB REPRESENTED THROUGHOUT THE CONVENTION AND SHOW ACTIVITIES! It would truly be a shame for all the time and effort put forth by members of the EFMLS and the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse only to have a fraction of the clubs represented in person. This is YOUR Federation, come and show us that your club is really interested in being part of the EFMLS.

Although some activities begin earlier, I would like everyone to start their EFMLS festivities at the Cracker Barrel session on Friday evening, July 9th, beginning at 7:30 PM at the Ramada Inn. An AFMS/EFMLS Cracker Barrel will include lots more fun than our typical "casual business" sessions. Wait until you see what the Syracuse club has in store for you. This will truly start your weekend off in grand style.

Saturday, July 10th, is a big day for the EFMLS with our:

- \* annual business meeting in the morning at the Ramada Inn
- \* annual auction in the afternoon at the Jewelry and Mineral Show, and
- \* social hour/awards banquet in the evening back at the Ramada Inn.

At the annual business meeting, we will conduct an election for two offices, because there's more than one nominee per office. The annual auction will have its usual array of unique and one-of-a-kind items, maybe even at a bargain. The awards banquet will honor the accomplishments of a number of special people in both the AFMS and EFMLS and, it's at that time, when winners will be announced for both the AFMS and EFMLS raffles. Good food, good fun, and a good time will be had by all!

The last, but not least, EFMLS function for your weekend is the Editor's Breakfast on Sunday morning, July 11th, at the Ramada Inn. This is where we recognize the articles written by your fellow members and editors and thank them for a job well done during the past year. There's nothing more gratifying than watching club members pick up their awards in person in front of a room full of their peers. Show your club support by being there in person.

Remember there's also a Jewelry and Mineral Show with over 50 retail dealers plus over 10 other dealers in a wholesale section to help get you really excit-

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ed about your hobby. At the show, I hope you spend some quality time and visit the large number of YOUR exhibit showcases. This is truly an opportunity where EFMLS can show off our hobby to the rest of the country and to "wow" all show attendees with what you and/or your club members can accomplish.

Finally, you can participate in the Syracuse club's 3 planned field trips on your visit to the area. Here's a great way to find a special mineral or fossil and always remember your trip to upstate New York.

Having been born and raised in upstate New York, I know there's a lot to see and do in Syracuse and the surrounding countryside. We are all in this hobby because we choose to do so. We like what we do and we like to share what we do with others who share the same passion for our hobby. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and come and join us at what the Syracuse club is billing as "The Big 2004 Show for ALL America." Enjoy all your summer hobby-related activities, stay safe, and I'll talk to you again in the fall.

See you in Syracuse!

**Matt**

## NEW ADDRESS

from William Lema

Show Coordinator William Lema has moved. Please make a note of the new address and correct your copy of the EFMLS Directory.

74 Ninth St  
E. Providence, RI 02914

All information about your upcoming shows should be sent to that address. Some show information sent earlier may have been misdirected by the postal service. If it does not appear here, please resend.

## 2004 AUCTIONS

from Bruce Gaber

A is for action. Our Wildacres and EFMLS auctions are action packed. The auctioneers are lively and entertaining and the bidders can get pretty spirited vying for that special something.

U is for unusual. This is your chance to bid on unusual, possibly one-of-a-kind items that you may never see for sale again.

C is for contribution. Without contributions, there is no auction. The funds raised help keep the cost of the Wildacres sessions low and contribute to the EFMLS treasury.

T is for talent. We have many different kinds of talent in the federation. Donations of jewelry, micromounts, fossils, faceted stones and stone carvings are more than welcome.

I is for inspiring. Be inspired to do something for Wildacres or the federation. Think outside the box for donations - lessons in cabbing, faceting, wirewrapping or carving, supplies,

tools and equipment, books, t-shirts, anything that would be deemed desirable by another rockhound.

O is for ownership. When you are the successful bidder, you get to take the good stuff home with you!

N is for Now. We are the only ones who can make the auction a huge success both by donating and by bidding. Start thinking about what you can do for the auction now.

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

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

Thanks!

## AND THE NOMINEES ARE

from Larry Vandergrift and the Nominating Committee

Delegates to the annual meeting in Syracuse will be asked to vote for officers to serve EFMLS during the coming year as well as 2 members of the nominating committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor just prior to the vote.

The Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates:

President - Carl Miller  
Current 1st VP

1st Vice President - Bill Longley  
Current 2nd VP

2nd Vice President  
Dan Settles, Danville, KY  
Wayne Sukow, Fairfax, VA

Secretary  
Mary Bateman, Arlington, VA  
Fran Sick, Dushore, PA

Assistant Treasurer  
Millie Heym

Nominating Committee  
(2 to be elected for a 3 year term)  
Harvey Brickman, Cayuta, NY  
Reivan Zeleznik, Stamford, CT

## Don't Miss Out

from Jean Charsky

The 2004 Eastern Foundation (EFF) Raffle for 2004 is well underway. This is your final reminder via the EFMLS News to participate in the 2004 EFF Raffle.

Hopefully, each local club has sold their initial allotment of tickets. If you have sold the initial allotment of tickets and need more write to me at 2430 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207-3536) or telephone me at 703-522-7415 and request additional tickets. Another option you might want to consider is to send me your check along with your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, and I will fill out your ticket(s) for you. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS." If the initial allotment of tickets received have not been sold ... please ... try, try, and try again!!!

All tickets provided to local clubs whether sold or not need to be returned to me no later than June 14, 2004.

Tickets will also be available for purchase (\$1.00 each) at the Wildacres "summer" session (June 26 - July 2, 2004) and at the AFMS/EFMLS Annual Convention in Syracuse, NY (July 8-11, 2004). The eight raffle items can be viewed on the EFMLS web site.

I am committed to accomplishing my goal for the EFF Raffle of selling a record number of tickets and only with the support of all EFMLS members can it be achieved. We're off to a great start ... together let's make it happen!

Don't miss out on the possibility of owning one of the terrific prizes! The drawing will be held during the AFMS/EFMLS Awards Banquet in Syracuse, NY on July 10. You need not be present to win.

## All American Club Award

from Hazel Kemaley

Greetings to you all !!

I would like to start my message to you by again explaining exactly what the All American Club Award is. Most of you do not seem to know, or perhaps do not care. It is a way for your club to keep a scrapbook of your events, accomplishments, awards, etc. As I have stressed before, many clubs have the category "Historian", but, what happens to all that history when that person moves on? If it was organized neatly in a scrapbook, it could be easily displayed at shows and meetings. If you will look at the AACA Entry Form which was printed in the Dec. 2003 issue of this newsletter, you will note that there are 7 categories. I believe that I mentioned Section 2 in a previous message. This section counts for a total of 30 points, and covers your documentation of meetings, guests, door prizes, junior groups, shows, specialty groups (faceting, micro, lapidary, etc.) , field trips, social events, programs, club library, club workshop, club displays, and board meetings. You might think that your club does not do or have all of these features, but you will be surprised when you get thinking about it, and discover how many you might score on.

The key is documentation. Do not let this word scare you. Think of it as your club's scrapbook, and it will make it easier. If you have questions about how to start or what you should be doing now, contact me at 570-888-7544 or email <northridge@infoblvd.net> .

The last thing I would ask is that all of you officers who get this newsletter, Please, Please , share it with your members. They need to know what is going on in our federation. Also, if you receive the AFMS Newsletter, that is an excellent read, and should be shared.

Have a good summer of rocking !! Hope to see many of you in Syracuse in July.

## Junior Rockhounds

from Kathy Hrechka

This month I wish to provide an update from the American Federation which will soon unveil a merit badge program for our youth. There will be nine merit badges and a "Rockhound Badge" that will go to youth members who complete all of the activities. The new program will be presented at the combined Eastern and American Federation Show in Syracuse, new York on July 7-11.

This years show, "The Splendor of Quartz 2004" will include many activities for juniors, along with educational show cases. I will also be at the show demonstrating new program ideas for kids. If you have any ideas for programs or activities, please let me know.

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## Summer Recess

from Carolyn Weinberger

The EFMLS Newsletter takes a break for July and August. Our next issue will be in September with an August 1 deadline.

Included in the next issue will be a listing of all the "winners" from the various competitions - competitive displays at the show, All American Club Awards, Ways & Means Raffle winners, and Bulletin Editors Awards.

We're looking forward to the "big show" in Syracuse this July. The folks of the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse always put on a wonderful show and provide a great weekend of fun activities.

Have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer.

# AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

from Cathy Gaber

Here are the latest group of club members selected for recognition by their club in the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year program. Congratulations to all!

If you've not yet selected someone (or a husband and wife duo) from your club, remember that the rules are quite simple. Pick someone (or a couple) and tell us (in 50 words or less) why this person or couple is so special to your club. You're allowed one submission per calendar year so you still have time for 2004.

Send your "Rockhound" information to me at <bg@his.com> or mail it to me at 5707 Northfield Rd; Bethesda, MD 20817.

I nominate Donald Garrett as the Gem & Mineral Hunters' (VA) AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Don has belonged to the club for many years and has always been an active, enthusiastic and willing participant in the club activities. He has been editor of the club newsletter for nine years and treasurer for four of those years; positions he is still holding. For all his extraordinary service, Don is more than worthy to be the club Rockhound of the Year.

*nominated by Jennie R. Smith, President  
Gem and Mineral Hunters*

As President of the Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia, I had the pleasure of proposing to our membership that we nominate Paul and Jennie Smith as AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year. In so far as both Paul and Jennie have admirably served as past presidents of MSDC, as well as for their leadership in collaborating with other local and national mineralogical clubs, in so far as each has shared their knowledge by giving excellent talks, by publishing interesting articles and leading adventuresome field trips, as well as by generously donating their minerals to MSDC auctions and sharing

their audio-visual equipment and expertise to make our monthly meetings run smoothly, for their unrelenting dedication in promoting the increase and diffusion of mineralogical knowledge, with all these and other contributions in mind, I asked the MSDC membership to second my nomination of Paul and Jennie Smith. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the members attending the April meeting.

*Nominated by Andy Thompson  
President, MSDC*

Cal Pierson is the 2004 Rockhound of the Year for the Baltimore Mineral Society. He has served as the organizer of the annual Desautels Micromount Conference sponsored by the Society for many years. He contacts the speakers, organizes the program for the weekend, and has the award plaques made for the new inductees to the Micromount Hall of Fame. Cal also provides space in his home for the group's extensive collection of library and micromount material.

*Nominated by Steve and Carolyn Weinberger*

Bill & Charlene Freundlich, of the Rochester Lapidary Society in New York, volunteer a great deal of their time in areas such as teaching wirewrapping classes, serving as club officers, helping at the annual picnic, working on the show committee and pitching in at a myriad of other activities within the club. Along with other members, they also assist at the annual Rochester Mineralogical Symposium sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section. They are always very generous in donating to the show raffle and club auction. Every club should have at least ten like these two but most would be grateful for having only one. We, at least, have two. They truly deserve to be our AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year.

*nominated by Dan Imel, editor*

Gene Ridall is the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year nominee of the Gem and Mineral Society

of Syracuse, New York. Joining as a youngster in the early 1950's, he has held many major assignments in the club including vp and twice as president. A natural salesman, Gene is typically our motivational guy. An avid mineralogist, he has been a dealer as Gem Hunter Minerals for years in many area shows from Buffalo to Albany. Gene has been dealer chair for many years and this year is also co-chair of the Big 2004 Show for All America, the EFMLS and AFMS combined show and convention. Gene's life revolves around four things -- family, minerals, volunteering at the local zoo and coaching girls softball. We are happy to honor him as our special person for 2004.

*nominated by Don Kalea*

The Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club proudly nominates Betty Jones as our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for 2004. For nearly two decades she has provided exhibits for our annual club show and educational exhibits at public locations from her incredible collection of minerals, shells and mineral stamps from all over the world. She invites area scouts to her home to learn about minerals, writes outstanding monthly articles about minerals for the club newsletter and is generally recognized as the club's mineral identification expert. She serves as club librarian, maintaining the club library and workshop at her home. She has hosted the July club picnic for many years and provided mineral identification games. She coordinates the Christmas party, represents the club at Senior Expo and at Federation conventions. Betty has served as club president and has been an active board member for over ten years. She served as General Show Chairman for the 1996 EFMLS Convention and can always be counted on to help with any club activity. This is just a small sample of her contributions.

*nominated by Fran Sick, and Joy Bourne*

# EDITOR'S CORNER

from Mary Bateman, BEAC Chairperson

## Decade Club

Since the Decade Club was founded in 1991, the world of editing has changed dramatically. In 1991 most bulletins were typed on a typewriter and many were put together by the cut-and-past method. With today's modern computers (and even those that are a few years older), it is a dream to compose a newsletter compared to then. Formatting, spell check, the ability to change letters and even whole paragraphs, and moving material around without re-typing the entire page are wonderful time-saving devices on the computer.

I will be finalizing the program for the Syracuse's Editor's breakfast around the 10<sup>TH</sup> of June. I would like to update the list of those qualified for the Decade Club. The Decade Club is an elite group of bulletin editors who have served their clubs for ten or more years. A list of the current members of the Decade Club follow:

Nancy Ballard  
Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society  
of Montgomery Co., Inc.

Sandra Chemlovsky  
Moraine Rockbuster

Peggy Gochenour\*  
Bluegrass Gem & Mineral Club of  
Central Kentucky

Mary Lou Gosse  
Florida Panhandle  
Gem & Mineral Society

Edith Hammond  
Southeastern New Hampshire  
Mineral Club

Bill Longley  
Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society

Earl Melendy\*\*  
Mineralogical Society of Brattleboro

Shelley Monaghan\*  
Micromounters of New England  
North Shore Rock and Mineral Club

Carolyn Summers\*  
Ohio Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Marion Wheaton  
Lakeshore Gem and Mineral Club

Carolyn Weinberger  
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

Pearl Badaloni\*  
Thames Valley Rockhounds

Lois Barnhart\*  
Central Pennsylvania  
Rock & Mineral Club

Ken Boynton\*  
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Violet Carr\*\*  
Rhode Island Mineral Hunters

Dennis Fleming  
Staten Island Geological Society

Marie Grande  
Northern Berkshire Mineral Club

Henry Henning  
Danbury Mineralogical Society

Walter Johnston\*  
Bluegrass Gem & Mineral Club of  
Kentucky

Eleanor Kammer\*  
Beaver County Rock & Mineral Society

Helen Ladd  
Manasota Rock and Gem Club

Kenneth Lawrence\*  
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Cal Richmond\*  
Gem City Rock and Mineral Society

Albert Spaulding\*  
Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association

Ceci Stevick\*  
Gem and Mineral Society  
of the Virginia Peninsula

Inga Wells\*  
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club

Nancy Wiser\*  
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Reivan Zeleznik  
Stamford Mineralogical Society

\* Emeritus

\*\* Deceased

To date I have one person to add to this list—Barbara Fenstermacher—Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society. Congratulations, Barbara!

If you or your editor have been editing your newsletter for ten or more years and do not appear on the above list, please let me know by no later than June 10 (<mbateman1@verizon.net> or 703.521.4614). We would like to acknowledge all new Decade Club members at the Editors Breakfast on Sunday, July 11.

The EFMLS Newsletter will be taking a break over the summer and so will the Editors Corner. Look for the September issue which will list the awards given at the Editors Breakfast. Of course, if you attend the Editors Breakfast, you won't have to wait until September to find out who won the trophies.

A fun, relaxing summer to all. See you at the Editors Breakfast in person and will be back in the Newsletter in September.



# SAFETY FIRST

from Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chairperson

## Sun and Heat Safety

Now that the warmer weather is with us, so are the dangers associated with sunlight and hot temperatures.

Exposure to the sun for excessive periods of time can cause sunburn, premature aging of the skin (leathery, rough and wrinkled), and long term risk of developing skin cancer.

Eye exposure to Ultraviolet (UV) rays can cause cumulative destructive changes in the structure of the cornea and lens of the eye. Visible light, if too intense, can cause eye strain, headache, and destroy eye retina tissue. Infrared radiation transmits heat to the eye causing discomfort, and if prolonged, can contribute to the development of cataracts. Sunlight reflected from sand or leftover winter snow and water can also increase damage to the eyes and skin.

To avoid exposure to the skin, wear long sleeves and pants (not shorts) of dense cloth, hats, sun glasses with UV protection, and a non-allergenic waterproof sun screen with a Skin Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15 on the remaining uncovered skin. Reapply the sun screen every two hours. Protect your skin and eyes even on cloudy days which can be when you will receive the worst exposure. UV damage can be more severe at higher elevations where the air is thinner and filters less out of the sunlight. In exceptionally hot parts of the country, such as the Desert Southwest, avoid exposure to the sun between 10 AM and 3 PM when the sun rays are the most intense. Some newspapers and TV stations forecast a Sun Intensity Index with the weather, which tells how many minutes it takes for fair unprotected skin to redden. This time is then multiplied by the SPF of your sun screen to give you an estimate of how long you can delay becoming sunburned. If the index is not available and you usually sunburn in 20 minutes, then multiply by the SPF

(15) and you should be protected for 300 minutes or 5 hours before you sunburn.

Recent studies have shown that sun screen does not protect against skin melanomas, a serious form of skin cancer, and that sunburns can lead to skin cancer 10 to 30 years later. Do not believe the myth that a sun tan will protect your skin from sunburn.

The core of the human body works at an optimum temperature of 98.6F, plus or minus 1.8F (Internal organs and cavities, not skin). Heat cramps, heat exhaustion (also known as heat prostration), and heat stroke may occur if this core temperature rises above this value. A persons ability to think and reason may also be impaired.

The body has it's own internal mechanisms to maintain the optimum core temperature described by the equation:

$$H_s = H_m \pm H_c \pm H_r - H_e$$

$H_s$  = Stored Heat

$H_m$  = Heat gained due to muscular work (Metabolic activity)

$H_c$  = Heat gained or lost by convection from the surroundings

$H_r$  = Heat gained or lost by radiation from the surroundings

$H_e$  = Heat lost by the evaporation of sweat

From this equation you can see that decreasing activity, temperature, the amount of radiated heat and increasing evaporation rate will all contribute to the decrease of core body temperature. This means that staying out of direct sun light and heat or taking frequent breaks in a shady, cool, or air conditioned place will decrease the chances of developing heat disorders. The intake of fluids, especially those containing electrolytes such as sports drinks, will also help the body control core temperature. In hot humid weather, especially above 97 F, it is best to

stay indoors and avoid all strenuous activity, as the body can not sweat enough to properly lower core temperature.

Heat cramps can be caused by muscle exertion during hot weather and are characterized by sudden sever cramping of the skeletal and abdominal muscles, excessive sweating, and thirst. If you should suffer these symptoms, rest in a cool spot, take a drink containing electrolytes, and message the cramped muscles.

Heat exhaustion or prostration, is caused by the body running out of electrolytes and/or water. The symptoms may include profuse sweating, with pale moist cool skin, headache, weakness, dizziness, loss of appetite, heat cramps, nausea (with or without vomiting), urge to defecate, chills ("goose flesh"), rapid breathing, tingling of the hands and/or feet, dehydration, a low grade fever (99 F to 102 F), and confusion.

Heat stroke is caused by profound disturbance of the body's heat regulating mechanism due to prolonged exposure to the sun, high temperature, high or low humidity, and lack of air circulation. Symptoms include red (flushed) dry skin, headache, dizziness, nausea (Stomach pains), confusion, weakness, loss of consciousness, convulsions, weak and rapid pulse and breathing, a high fever (104 F to 106 F) and low blood pressure due to shock.

To treat heat exhaustion and heat stroke, move the victim to a cool spot (air conditioned and with a fan if possible), lay on the back with legs elevated, loosen tight clothing, and place cold compresses on the forehead, neck, and underarms. Water can be sprinkled on the victim, and if conscious and not vomiting, 1 teaspoon of salt dissolved in a quart of water can be administered by mouth at the rate of 4 ounces every 15

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## EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

from Joy Bourne

We are pleased to report that since our last report, The Eastern Foundation Fund has received two very generous donations. These included a gift from the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, Inc., and another from EFMLS President Matt and Jean Charsky of the Gem, Lapidary and Mineralogical Society of Washington, DC.

We deeply appreciate all contributions received during this reporting period. Unfortunately, our receipts for this year have been down from previous report periods. This is due, in part, to the EFMLS convention scheduling, which shortened our reporting period to eight months this year. This period began on October 10, 2003, and will end on June 9, 2004, so there is still a little time for you to add your contribution to this year's totals - if I receive it before the 9th of this month.

However, better late than never - we are still gratefully receiving individual and club contributions to EFF at any time. If you miss this year's deadline, we will count these donations and contributions in the 2005 totals, and cumulative club credits will continue as usual.

Checks should be made payable to "Eastern Foundation Fund" and sent to:

Joy Bourne, EFF Chair  
RR#1, Box 159A  
Towanda, PA 18848-9739

We hope to see you at Syracuse in July!

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minutes. If symptoms persist or the victim is unconscious, seek medical attention or transport to a hospital immediately while continuing treatment.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

from Carolyn Weinberger

Here are a few more corrections to be made to the 2004 EFMLS Directory. Corrections are underlined.

Page 11, 18, 40:

Dothan Gem & Mineral Club.

Esther Dunn address should be 796 Camilla Av. 36360-4520

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American Fossil Federation

George Powell's e-mail is

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club webpage is

<www.affossilclub.org>

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Gem & Min. Soc. of Syracuse

VP is Tim Hart

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Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Soc.

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(Treasurer)

Please notify the Editor and Secretary if you change officers, addresses, e-mails etc. so we can keep the lines of communication open.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

from Bob Livingston, EFMLS Representative

Here is a snapshot of Mid-Year activity. We have received 17 donations since November 1. Total Donations: \$1071.25. Of the above, 58% were memorial donations to some person who has passed on. (It is so nice to remember someone in that way.) Six donations were made by individuals and eleven by our clubs. My mailbox is open all summer to receive your most welcome donations to this most worthy cause. Send check made out to AFMS Scholarship Fund. Send it to Bob Livingston, Coordinator; 59 Ely Drive; Fayetteville, NY 13066.

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR WILDACRES?

from Esther Dunn

Our Summer Session at Wildacres is a sell out! Those who will attend at the end of this month will have the pleasure of hearing Bob Jones, our featured speaker. We know that those in attendance will have a grand time in the peaceful mountains of North Carolina, taking classes, sitting in the rocking chairs and enjoying the company of fellow rockhounds from all over the EFMLS and AFMS,

If you missed out on the chance to join this group, there is still another opportunity for you to find out what Wildacres is all about as we host our fall session, September 20 - 26. Featured speaker is Dr. Steve Chamberlain, well known NY mineral collector, college prof., Hosta collector, and bon vivant. Steve's been down to the depths of the Pacific Ocean in the Alvin, even collecting some of the "black smokers" that he and the team were studying. Steve's a terrific guy and a wonderful speaker.

In addition to Steve, the session will offer a variety of classes:

4 -day classes:

silversmithing

faceting

certified judging

micromounting & microphotography

wax modeling & casting

2-day classes:

cabochons

wirecraft

soapstone carving

The cost for the week is \$280 which includes your room and board. Meals are always good, and accommodations are in "motel style" rooms. You always learn a great deal and get a chance to meet some wonderful folks.

Need an application? You can download one from the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls>. We hope to see you there.

# CONVENTION FIELD TRIPS

from Bob Livingston

Trip 1 - Gouverneur Talc Co. dumps at Balmat, NY - Friday, July 9th

This, our biggie, will be a collecting trip to Gouverneur Talc Co. dumps at Balmat, NY (due South of Gouverneur, NY) on Friday, July 9. For this trip, we encourage car pooling.

Entrance into the mine will be at 9:30 am. You will need to leave the Ramada by 7 am. You should be back, able to go to the show by approximately 3 pm. We offer a Huge thanks to our sister club, the St. Lawrence Mineral Club in Upstate NY for helping as out with this one. Persons going on this trip will be going into an operating mine and will be required to sign in and assure each of you are members of a club with federation insurance in force. There will be a \$5 fee collected. You will need water, hard hat, safety glasses, hard toe shoes and we suggest gloves, rock hammer, 5 gallon buckets etc. and maybe a sledge. You will be working on huge piles of mine tailings and you will have to cart your stuff a ways to vehicles.

What are you likely to find? Some cutting but mostly minerals -- foliated talc, Tremolite, chrome tremolite (beautiful green), hexagonite (a nice purple tremolite) and wollastonite. Most of the hexagonite specimens you will find will have sharp needles which can be a pain if you get them in your arm or hand. If you have sharp eyes and are lucky you may be able to find some solid purple Hexagonite which can be cut into slabs etc. Talc and Wollastonite are the two products the mine is after. The later is used in paint and paper manufacturing.

On the day of the trip, if conditions are right and the timing ok, you may be allowed to go into the dumps of a second mine in Harrisville, NY. In this case, you would be

led caravan style to the second mine which happens to be on the way "home." At the second mine dumps you would find massive blue calcite and large unakite that is not as fine grained as the Virginia material. Similar to Mexican, the calcite is ideal for mini mines, giant show specimens and for busting up into smaller pieces for kids. Some people report success in cutting and cabbng this material.

If this trip tickles your fancy and you can delay for a few hours going to the show, fill out the Trip Reservation slip and mail it with your \$5 per person to Lou Budell, 2718 Falls Road, Marcellus, NY 13108- 9722. Make out check to: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse.

Trip 2 - Alden, NY for Pyritized fossils - Monday, July 12th

This trip was set for this date (1) to not conflict with meetings or the show, as it is approximately 2 1/2 hours west of Syracuse via the NY State Thruway (1-90) and just east of Buffalo, NY by approximately 18 miles. Number (2) reason for the date is several persons from areas west of the Mississippi approached us early on with a strong desire to see Niagara Falls while out here. It makes solid sense to tie in the two as "the falls" and attractions there are just a little further North and West from Alden. Falls-bound folks can leave by 2 or 3 pm and have plenty of time to get settled into pre-reserved spaces or motels before dinner.

What does one find? Mid-Devonian fossils such as trilobites, brachiopods, pelycypods, and gastropods are there. The really neat thing is the vast number of them have been replaced in the shale by Pyrite

giving you a really special fossil. At times this location can be a little wet depending on creek level so boots or old sneakers may well be in order plus maybe some bug repellent. You will be digging out your finds from soft shale and/or the creek bed, so you may need a chisel, rock hammer, old screwdriver and the like plus a box or pail, whatever, to carry your finds out in. Paper towels and plastic baggies will help to keep these fragile specimens intact for the trip home. Again, persons attending should be current members of clubs with federation insurance coverage in force. You will be signing a Trip sheet. We will provide a trip leader for this FREE trip and we plan to leave our vehicles and enter for collecting approximately 11 am. This gives persons with 5th wheels or driving motor homes time to get disconnected early Monday AM at the Fairgrounds or wherever and make the trip west to the meeting point in time. If this is a trip you want, complete the form on the reverse side, indicate Trip 2 and mail.

Trip 3 - Mid-Devonian Fossils - Location, Date and Time to be Announced Nearby, 30 minute drive, for collecting Mid-Devonian Fossils like trilobites, cephalopods, bivalves, brachiopods, gastropods and rarely, parts of a sea lily. Depending on pre-registration interest, this trip may or may not occur. If there is sufficient interest shown, during the Friday night Cracker barrel session, we will try to schedule this on a day and time mutually agreeable. Unlike Trip 2, only some fossils collected on this trip will be pyritized. No fee for this trip. Ditto above on active club insurance being in force. Use the mini Trip Reservation form to indicate your trip interests for Trip 3 or for any or all of the trips.

**Field Trip Reservation Form** Mail by June 15 to Lou Budell, 2718 Falls Road, Marcellus, NY 13108-9722  
 Make out check to: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse.

| Trip   | Indicate number of persons | Fee per person | Extended Amount |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Trip 1 - Balmat, NY mine dumps                           |                            | \$5.00         |                 |
| Trip 2 - (opposite side) Alden, NY for Pyritized fossils |                            | Free           |                 |
| Trip 3 - Mid Devonian Fossils (nearest)                  |                            | Free           |                 |
| Total amount included with this form                     |                            |                |                 |

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## VISIT A SHOW

from William Lema

*If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to William Lema, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 74 Ninth St; E. Providence, RI 02914 or e-mail <[williamlema@cox.net](mailto:williamlema@cox.net)>.*

### June

12: 1st annual Rock Swap sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. Woodridge Church Hall, 546 Budlong St; Cranston, RI.

### July:

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

10-11: The 43rd Annual Western Maine Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Festival sponsored by the Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association. Crescent Park School, Bethel, ME

24-25: 25th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, nr. intersection of Dorset Street and Kennedy Dr., S. Burlington, VT. Info: <[www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org](http://www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org)>

### August

6-7-8: 55th annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by The Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC at the Ramada Inn in New Carrollton, MD.

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

### September:

11 - 12: 54th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show sponsored by the Danbury Mineralogical Society. NEW LOCATION: New Milford High School cafeteria, Route 7, New Milford, CT.

11-12: Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. VFW Hall, Rt. 2 at the base of the Mohawk Trail, North Adams, MA

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

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

25-26: 16th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Rd; Hiddenite, NC

### October:

2: Autumn Mineralfest sponsored by Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Assoc., Inc., Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA., eight miles southwest of Allentown.

2-3: 11th Annual Wayne County Jewelry, Gem, Mineral Fossil Show and Sale. St. Michael's School, 320 Main St.(Rt 88) Newark NY

2-3: 14th annual Show sponsored by the Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. National Guard Armory, Airport Rd., Lexington, KY

16-17: 35th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Mid-Hudson Civic Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY.

23-24: 34th Rochester Gem, Mineral and Fossil show sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society and the RAS Mineral Section. Minett Hall at the Dome Center (Hylan Drive Exit off 390 to Calkins Road) Henrietta, NY.

### November:

6 - 7: Golden Anniversary Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry & Gem Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. New location: Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Av; Old Greenwich, CT.

6-7: 35th Annual Gemarama Fine Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. CFS, School at Church Farm, Business Route 30 & Route 202, Exton, PA.

13-14: 42nd Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Nassau Mineral Club. SUNY College at Old Westbury, New York info: [www.nassaumineralclub.com](http://www.nassaumineralclub.com)

20th - 21st: Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Student Union II Building, George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA.