

EFMLS NEWS

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



BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE – THINK WARM THOUGHTS

by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Workshop Committee Chair



So far, this has certainly been a cold and unusual winter. Here in my area (the drainage basin of the Patapsco River), we've had several snowstorms, an ice storm, and below average temperatures since the beginning of December. Brrrr! Time to think about warmer times and the coming of spring.

Speaking of spring, have you sent in your reservations for the April session of our EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres yet? If you've answered "no", why not? You definitely will have a pleasant and enjoyable time in one of the loveliest places I know of here on the east coast. And you'll be warmed by the skills that you'll learn, knowledge that you'll gain and friendships that you'll make.

The spring session begins on Monday, April 11 and ends after breakfast on Sunday, April 17. The speaker-in-residence for this workshop will be Dr. Gene LeBerge who comes to us all the way from Wisconsin. Now retired, Gene and his wife have travelled extensively to some of the best mineral and gem bearing areas and he'll share several of his adventures with us. In addition, Gene and his wife will be on campus with

us during the week so that everyone can get to know them better.

The fall session begins on Monday, September 5 and ends on Sunday, September 11 and the speaker-in-residence will be Dr. Steve Chamberlain. Steve is the Chairman of the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Like Gene, Steve and his wife Helen will live on campus with us during the week.

Cost for the week at Wildacres is \$350 per person. This includes lodging in motel style rooms, all meals and gratuities. We'll have six talks from our speaker, an auction, fun night, tail gate, field trip, free day, and other activities in addition to the classes that are being offered.

You can obtain a full description of the classes via the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls>. Just click on the Wildacres tab. A registration form can be found on page 9 of this issue. I suggest you register as soon as you can to ensure getting your first choice of classes. Be sure however to indicate other options, as class size is limited to ensure maximum learning.



Join us for a warming spring or fall experience at wonderful Wildacres Retreat. I look forward to welcoming you there.

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FROM THE TOP!

by Betsy Oberheim, EFMLS President

As much as I love collecting rocks, making jewelry from them and learning about them, I enjoy even more sharing them, especially with kids. The looks on their faces, their delights and wonder at the beauty and lore of minerals is priceless. One little girl told me after a rock show; "This is the best day of my life!" (OK-so the child led a sheltered life, its still gratifying!) Our club welcomed a sweet intelligent pebblepup, after a year or 2 we also got a wonderful new secretary (her mother) and now a new vice-president (her father)! Sometimes children bring more than just the interest and wonder; they bring the future of your club! The more you interest the youth, the more your club will prosper, although keeping their interest is like herding ferrets. One really neat way is to use the "Mini Miners Monthly" by Diamond Dan. I have several past years issues and constantly refer to the fascinating information geared toward the pebblepups. And now (don't you love a bargain!?) Dan has offered to all our rock club members a half price subscription. What a great asset to your youth adviser, your library, and your personal files. This monthly newsletter reflects lots of research, hard work, and innovative ideas. Check <diamonddan@rockester.rr.com> for more information. Dan (or Darryl) will be at the EFMLS convention in Syracuse if you have any questions.



We are hoping to see you at Syracuse in July. Make your reservations now and plan on a super time! Packets, with all the details about the convention, will reach your mailbox shortly.

Hang in there; spring and field trips are coming soon. As you plan your programs for the year; don't forget the wonderful shows you can borrow from the large library the EFMLS offers, especially the one that explains Wildacres and tempts you to enjoy a week in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina with other rockhounds, learning new techniques and making many new friends.

AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

from Ellery Borow

The Penobscot Mineral and Lapidary Club would like to submit its Secretary, **Ruth Siebert**, to be Rockhound of the Year. Ruth has done an absolutely phenomenal job with assisting the club in countless ways. To name just a few of Ruth's accomplishments - Ruth established and maintains club databases for meeting minutes, field trips, membership and finance. Ruth is the club's bulletin editor and webmaster. She is starting and coordinating a junior membership program, helps with the annual show in numerous ways, and produces slide shows of the club's activities. Ruth, has prepared the new membership "Welcome" packet, designed and prepared club volunteer T shirts, and chaired club picnics and rock swap activities. Ruth truly deserves to be the Club Rockhound of the Year.

submitted by the Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club

SAFETY MATTERS - RADIOACTIVITY

by Ellery Borow, Safety Chair

When I asked EFMLS President, Betsy Oberheim, if she had any thoughts about subjects of interest to her for future safety articles, she related a story that really troubled me. Earlier, I'd heard a few similar stories from Kathleen Collins, our EFMLS Region I Vice President. Since then I have gathered more stories of equally great concern ... all about the same subject. The subject of concern? Radioactive minerals.

The stories I've heard go something like this: A knowledgeable collector goes up to a dealer's table and comments about what an extraordinary and large specimen of cuprosklovdowskite they have on their table. The collector asks why it is so prominently displayed and unprotected on their table, especially with it being such a highly radioactive mineral. Dealer responds that it is not dangerous. Collector thinks, well, I would not want that specimen anywhere near me for any length of time, and walks away. This particular mineral specimen, so prominently displayed on the dealer's table, was relatively large and had the flaming green, fuzzy look of a typically "hot" specimen. Who was right in their opinion of the mineral's safety - the dealer, or the collector?

Maine has quite a few minerals containing uranium. We often see interesting halos (radiation burns) around a dark spec of material in some of the minerals we collect. Over the years, I have heard a great many do's and don'ts with respect to collecting minerals with traces of uranium and other radioactive elements in them. I recently asked myself which radioactive minerals are safe to collect and which ones require special precautions when collecting and storing in ones collection. As I am not

in the habit of talking to myself, I did not have an answer.

A friend of mine in Connecticut is a collector of radioactive mineral specimens so I asked him a few pointed questions about the subject. He and I chatted at length about: dangers; protections needed; handling, shielding and storage; daughter elements, salts and oxides; alpha, beta, and gamma particles; and so on. At the end of our conversation I asked him if there were any authoritative articles, books or other sources of information about radioactive minerals I might read to be better informed. His answer was disappointing. He knew of no single source of comprehensive information about collecting and storing radioactive minerals.

Over the next few days I voraciously reread my many mineral reference books specifically researching a few minerals that typically vary from just barely above background radiation levels to levels that require substantial precaution when handling and storing. The minerals I researched were autunite, betafite, beta-uranophane; cuprosklovdowskite, samarskite, uraninite, and uranophane. A great amount of information was to be had in the reference literature regarding crystal systems habit, color, hardness, optical constants diffraction lines, lattice constants, and chemistry. No mention was made of radioactivity, handling precautions, or storage requirements. The books were very authoritative and informative except with regard to the questions I carried and that mattered most to me in my search.

My friend's comment at the tail end of our conversation had finally hit home. The best way to know

which minerals required the most caution would be to become knowledgeable about mineral chemistry (and the various radioactive elements and daughter elements) and have specimens in question checked by someone who has use of and is knowledgeable in the operation of a Geiger or scintillation counter. There are numerous means of safely storing commonly available radioactive mineral specimens (light metal shielding water jackets, exotic metal storage containers to name a few) but each specimen must be evaluated to determine its own requirements.

Unless specifically sought, rare and exotic radioactive mineral specimens don't usually find their way into the average mineral enthusiast's collection. But if there is a question about a particular mineral's radioactivity it would be wise to check out any minerals of concern with a Geiger or scintillation counter and then respond accordingly. The best advice one can offer is to ask the pertinent questions and be the knowledgeable collector. It has been my experience that dealers are often reasonably knowledgeable about their wares.

Oh, the answer to the question as to which one was right, the knowledgeable collector or the dealer, is that the collector was right. The dealer apparently had not properly informed himself of the radioactive nature of his cuprosklovdowskite specimen. The knowledgeable collector was right in assuming there were many special precautions needed in that mineral's display, handling and storage. The lesson - be the knowledgeable and cautious collector.

see Safety on page 5

DEADLINES!!!

by Hazel Remaley, EOTO Chair



We all have deadlines. I am certainly no exception. I have set my deadline that I must receive your nominations for the honor of Trophy Award winner of the

EACH ONE TEACH ONE program for 2011. That date is May 1, 2011. May I add that there are no losers. All nominees are recognized.

I have been writing articles hoping to meet the editor's deadline each month. When your club has that special person who goes to the library to present a program, they have to gather paperwork, specimens, DVD's, etc in order to provide an informative, teaching program. When another club member is the person who spends his or her time with a scout troop so that they can earn their geology badge, they are a candidate.

I have talked enough about deadlines. Have to get a move on. I have another article to write and a deadline for that !!

Just a reminder - the entry form was published in the December 2010 issue. [You can download it at <www.amfed.org/efmls/newsletters.htm> and clicking on December 2010]. Take a look at it, then take a look around at your fellow club members. I'm waiting! Questions? Get them to me.

I hope to see many of you in Syracuse in July.

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

by Fran Sick, EFF Chair



As I write this message in late January I am very pleased to report that the New Year 2011 has started out on a very promising note for the Eastern Foundation Fund. Contributions remembering Roger Barnett continue to be received, this month with a very generous gift from **Shirley Greenberg**. Contributions have also been received from **Wendell and JoAnn Mohr, Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club** and **The Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD**. Many thanks to each of you for your continuing support.

By the time you read this there will be only about two months remaining to send in donations by the May 31st deadline if they are to be included in determining awards to be presented at the 2011 Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies Awards Banquet in Syracuse, NY, in July. So don't delay - send your contributions to me today at PO Box 5, Dushore, PA 18614.

THE DEAL

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS ACROY Chair

Running low on time? Don't feel as though you can write an article for the EFMLS News? Well, have I got a deal for you!

Every club has members who go above and beyond the call of duty with their effort to support our clubs. My deal to you is that, if you are running short of time or feel that writing articles is not your cup of tea, you can simply jot down a few notes about the extraordinary effort and accomplishments made by your clubs extraordinary people and send those notes to me. I'll be happy to shape your notes into an American Club Rockhound of the Year article suitable for publication in both the EFMLS and the AFMS newsletters.

To have your member's accomplishments recognized for the ACROY, simply jot down your notes (including the name of the club and the name(s) of the candidates) and

send them to me. It's that easy! If you feel up to writing an article of your own, please feel free to do so. As publication space is limited, please be brief and keep your article to 70 words or less.



The fine print: a club may submit one member (or a couple) and one junior member per year to be the ACROY. My address is listed under Club Rockhound of the Year at the back of this issue.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

EDITOR'S CORNER

by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair

The Decade Club



The editor is one of the most important positions in any club. Editors are the communicators of our clubs and are often the go-to-person for informa-

tion about the club. In most cases, the longer an editor serves, the more valuable he/she becomes to the club by knowing what and when to get information out to members by keeping up to date on what's going on in the club.

Edith Hammond set the record for the longest, continuous serving editor in the Eastern Federation—a half century. With her passing in December, we are now looking for the longest, continuous serving editor in the Eastern Federation. If you have served ten (10) or more years as an editor, please let us know so that we can make sure that you are in that elite group of people who are part of the "Decade Club" made up of editors who have served as an editor for ten (10) or more years.

At the same time, we are looking to acknowledge the top three editors who have served the longest. Information needed is the name of the editor, club, title of club newsletter and how long the editor has continuously served as the editor. The top three, longest, continuous serving editors will be announced during Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters during the EFMLS/AFMS Convention in Syracuse, NY on July 10. Entries are to be e-mailed to Mary Bateman at <mbateman1@verizon.net> by May 15, 2011.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the entries that you entered into this year's BEAC contest will have been received back from the judges. The top entries in the AFMS eligible categories will soon be sent to the AFMS judges. All entries will be acknowledged at Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters in Syracuse where winners of this year's contest will be announced. In addition, AFMS awards will also be announced and distributed at the Breakfast. Good luck to all of you.

Speaking of the convention, have you marked the EFMLS/AFMS Convention and Show dates on your calendar? Better yet, are you making arrangements to attend? Why not get a group of your fellow club members together, go to the convention, and then, take a few days and make a field trip of it? For example, you could attend the convention and the Editors Breakfast (Sunday) and afterward take advantage of the Herkimer diamond collecting areas that are nearby. The convention will be attended by rockhounds, fossil collectors, micromounters, and lapidary and jewelry artists from all over the United States.

This is a perfect opportunity to get to know someone from a state where you wish to do some collecting, and to get some inside information on collecting sites. Showcases will highlight displays from all across the country. Don't hesitate, mark your calendar now and plan to go to Syracuse. The dates of the Convention are July 7-10 at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY and sponsored by the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY. Show packets will be in the mail shortly or you can find a link to the information on the EFMLS website.

VERY LAST CALL!

from Lou Budell

Look at the date on the mailing label of this issue. If it says "10" then time is running out for your club to renew its membership in the EFMLS.



As per our bylaws, clubs not renewing by that date will lose their insurance if they have it through the federation program, no longer be able to borrow programs from our library, take part in the AFMS Junior Rockhound program, have members attend Wildacres unless space is available after all EFMLS members have been placed, etc.

If your mailing label shows that ominous "10" please take a minute to contact your treasurer and urge him/her to fill out the requisite form (page 11) and mail the copies along with your club dues check to the individuals listed on the form.

Time is of the essence. Please do not delay – we would truly hate to lose your club as a member.

SAFETY

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For this month's review of an important safety matter please check out Jim Doran's great article on winter field trip plans in the March 2010 issue of the EFMLS News. It is, after all still winter.

Don't have a copy of the article? It may be found on the EFMLS website www.amfed.org/efmls. Click on the 'Newsletter' tab and then download the issue. It will arrive as a pdf file.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

MOTIVATION: CAREFUL! IT'S CONTAGIOUS!

by Michele Yamanaka, former Midwest Federation Jr. Activities Chair
from the MWF Newsletter, January 2011

Transmission: Rockhounditis can be caught all year around, but it is more noticeable in warm weather. It can be transmitted via people, sunshine, museums, rock piles, and many other ways.

Incubation period: Variable. Genetic? Probably not part of any chromosome, but susceptibility or the tendency seems to run families.

Duration: Once caught, it usually is permanent. However, if caught when young, it may enter a period of remission and become re-activated later in life.

Symptoms: Has trouble sleeping before a field trip; keeps eyes on the ground, parks car in driveway because garage is full of rocks; gets up at preposterous hours to drive in ridiculous weather just to dig around in dirt or mud; may return from a vacation with suitcases full of rocks; accumulates boxes of rocks, minerals or fossils in the basement, under couches and beds, in closets and generally any formerly empty space; and, most importantly, is always giving specimens away to any willing soul.

CASE HISTORIES

1. Older brother gives younger brother a favorite rock because he has entered rockhounditis remission. Younger brother checks book out of library to see what the rock is and decides it's "cool."

2. Son shows parents some multicolored petrified wood and an amethyst geode. Because they are pretty, parents enjoy them. Then son asks them to look for petrified wood

for him on parent's trip. Parents look for petrified wood and are amazed at the variety. Parents bring back rocks to give him, keeping the best for themselves. Parents thereafter search out rocks without being asked.

3. Unsuspecting girl walks along river by school. She sees something shining in the sunshine in the river rock dumped to control erosion. She finds glassy crystals that remind her of jewels. She takes them to her science teacher, who points her to the library and a mineral book. She discovers a whole world of crystals and begins walking the river frequently to look for more.

4. Teacher takes class on field trip to the state museum. Boy takes good look at a piece of granite and sees for the first time how it is made of many different minerals. He decides he should look at other rocks and discover what he has been missing.

5. Old neighborhood rockhound keeps pile of interesting fossils and rocks on his porch. Neighborhood girl comes by just to see what's new. The old rockhound loves to tell her about each one. She is amazed at how different each is from the others. He invites her and other neighborhood kids on a collecting trip and she finds her own really neat fossils. Girl decides she wants to be like him and tell people about fossils and rocks.

A final note: Rockhounditis is extremely contagious and knows no age limitations. However, getting a good case usually requires being near a rockhound who is so excited about rocks that he/she can't help



showing, speaking about and sharing rocks with others.

HOW TO SPREAD IT

Opportunity, enthusiasm, interaction and education are all involved in spreading "rockhounditis" to a younger generation. To get a junior program in a local club, consider:

1. What activities can you offer potential young rockhounds to expose them to the wonderful world of rocks, minerals or fossils? Some possibilities include interaction in 4-H; scouting, home school, public or parochial school programs; junior meetings during club business meetings; and junior games at rock shows.

2. Who in your club is enthusiastic about the hobby?

Encourage, support and assist such people in reaching out to juniors.

3. Where can you take juniors to experience collecting? If no actual collecting sites are near, how about creating a "salted" rock pile in a member's yard?

4. How can you simplify what you know about rocks, minerals and fossils in order to communicate it to an 8-year-old? Use "hands-on" methods and keep it very simple.

The love of rocks is contagious. Be willing to share it.

CONGRATULATIONS!

from Ye Olde Editor

A huge round of applause this month should be directed to the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium and its Chairman, Dr. Steve Chamberlain who have been presented with the prestigious Carnegie Mineralogical Award for 2010.

The Carnegie Mineralogical Award honors outstanding contributions in mineralogical preservation, conservation, and education that match ideals advanced in the Carnegie Museum of Natural History's Hillman Hall of Minerals & Gems. Established in 1987 through the generosity of The Hillman Foundation Inc., the award consists of a bronze medallion, a certificate of recognition and a \$2500 cash prize. It is presented each February during the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

The Rochester Mineralogical Symposium began after a conversation between participants sitting on the porch during an early EFMLS Wildacres Workshop. Those present, including Dave & Kay Jensen, Paul Desautels, Roger & Peg Marble and Bill Pinch, thought that it would be nice to have a "mineral weekend" somewhere "up north". Since the Jensens and Bill Pinch were from the Rochester, NY area, the symposium was established there and has grown in stature ever since. For information about the 2011 RMS, visit their website < www.rasny.org/MinSymposium/MineralSymp.htm >.



2011 EFMLS DIRECTORY

by Carolyn Weinberger

The 2011 edition of the EFMLS Directory will be in the mail to you early this month. Target date for taking it to the printer is March 5th with mailing on March 10th.



Once you receive the issue, please check the listing for your club to ensure that it is correct. Gremlins sometimes do occur!! If you find an error, please let me know asap so I can run a correction in the next EFMLS Newsletter.

EFMLS CLUB SHOWS

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May:

14-15: 43rd Annual World of Gems & Minerals sponsored by the Berks Mineralogical Society. Leesport Farmers Market Banquet Hall, Rt 61, Leesport, PA.

14-15: 50th Anniversary Spring Show & Sale sponsored by the Cape Atlantic Rockhounds. Clubhouse, Cologne Ave; Hamilton Township. NJ.

21: 22nd Annual Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Ruhl Armory, MD Rt 45 at I-695; Towson, MD.

30 – May 1: 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fair Grounds, Rt. 1, Topsfield, MA.

June:

4: Spring Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Science Association. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA.

4-5: 38th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. Tannehill Ironworks Historical Park, Birgmingham, AL.

July:

6-10: EFMLS/AFMS Annual Convention & Show hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. NY State Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building; Syracuse, NY.

EFMLS Annual Meeting: Friday, July 8
Show: July 9 -10

August:

27-28: 45th Annual Rock & Mineral Show sponsored by the St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club. Madrid Community Park, Madrid, NY.

September:

24-25: 47th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD Rt 32; West Friendship, MD.

30 – October 2: Desautels Micro-mount Symposium hosted by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge MD.

October:

22 – 23: 42nd Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section and Rochester Lapidary Society. Monroe Co. Fair & Expo Center, Henrietta, NY.

A GREAT USE FOR UNUSED EQUIPMENT

by Hazel Remaley, Region III Vice President

I have a story to tell. It all started back in 2007 when I received a communication from a young man, Mike Putney, who is a teacher. He wanted to form a mineral club. Great, I thought, but, his club would consist of 4 adult officers and the rest kids. Yep, kids; his students. At that time I had never processed and admitted a new club to the federation, let alone a bunch of kids so I made a few calls to federation officers and all agreed that it was possible. So the paper work was done, and the **Mineral Minds Club** was admitted to the EFMLS.

Through the years I have kept in touch with Mike and his 4th and 5th grade club members. In an email he sent to me last fall, he told me that since his club had only limited funds earned from a fruit sale, he and his wife (also a teacher) were saving their pennies so that they could buy some lapidary equipment for the club. That's when I got involved. I contacted the Tuscarora Lapidary Society since they use and know a lot about equipment. Great news. They JUST happened to have 2 pieces of equipment that they were replacing and would be happy to DONATE it to the Mineral Minds. When I told Mike the news, he didn't know what to say. He

told me that when he told the club that were very excited.

Pam Wingrod, editor of the Tuscarora newsletter (also one of my judges for the EOTO program) invited my husband Marv and me to attend the annual Tuscarora show in November. The equipment, a Genie and a "one man band saw" was refurbished by Don Schwarzkopf, and when we got to the show was all packed up ready to transport. After browsing and shopping at the show (excellent, by the way) we got loaded up. Frank Warner, Joe Pizzirusso and Don helped. Then Joe remembered that there some cutting rough that one of the dealers had donated to the club. He filled a bag with at least 80 pounds of material and gave it to us. Needless to say, we had a good load in the van. What I haven't told you is that I had talked to Dick Tillett at the PESA Fall Mineralfest and told him about my plans. He happened to see us in the parking lot at the show and surprised us with a donation of a piece of equipment from his own workshop. This added to the load.

So, we had the machinery. We dropped it at our son's house in the Poconos and took off for our 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration vacation in Florida. When we got back two weeks later, we reloaded and headed home to Bradford County, PA. Mike lives in Mayville, NY, in western NY, between Erie, PA and Buffalo, NY. Now the problem. How and when does he get to our house to pick up the equipment? We set the date - Dec. 18th. He made the trip and we had a great day. Marv demonstrated how to use the Genie, so Mike had an idea how to use it.

Since then Mike has set the equipment up in a room next to his classroom and the club members take turns learning how to use it. They are also using the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) program during their regular meetings.

So, this is my story. All of our EFMLS stationary has on it "Communication and Involvement are the Keys To Our Success" .. I do not want a pat on the back. I figure that I was only doing my job as Region III Vice President. I get calls from clubs with problems all the time, but this task was one that I want to give credit to the Tuscarora Lapidary Society and Mr. Dick Tillett. All I did was communicate !!

CONVENTION INFO

from Cathy Patterson

Information packets containing information about the AFMS/EFMLS Convention and Show along with registration forms were mailed out in mid-February. If you've not received yours, you can download all the forms by visiting the Syracuse Club website <www.gmss.us/gem-show.htm>.

For those wishing to bring a display, and we hope you do, a limited number of club cases are available for loan. We suggest that you make your reservations early so as not to be disappointed.

The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, sponsors of the Convention, look forward to hosting you this July.



Mike Putney and Hazel Remaley transferring the donated equipment

2011 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

For Office Use Only

ID # _____
Date _____
Rec'd" _____
Amt. _____
Paid: _____
Ck #: _____
Amt. _____

CHECK ONE: April 11 - 17: _____ September 5 - 11: _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to PAMM BRYANT, Registrar at 2645 Davis Mill Rd, Goochland, VA 23063. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2011. (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You may photocopy it as needed.) **Please write legibly!**

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 \$350.00 per person. Deposit is \$175 per person, payable with registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$175 is due 30 days prior to start of session.

No Postdated checks will be accepted.

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 paying your tuition? Yes No

Name of roommate: _____ (If none, one will be assigned).

Are you: Male Female (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes No

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes No

If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Do you have material for exhibiting that you would be willing to display at Wildacres? Yes No

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

Class Pre-registration.

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website for class offerings. <www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm>

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. **All participants must take classes.**

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? We will be preregistering you for classes you indicate. When a class is full NO others will be assigned to that class, and you will be assigned your next class choice(s). No class placement is guaranteed.

1st _____ 3rd _____

2nd _____ 4th _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2011)

Mail to: Pamm Bryant, Wildacres Registrar; 2645 Davis Mill Rd; Goochland, VA 23063

If you have any questions, please contact either

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July 8, 2011

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*(The president of each society is a Director of EFMLS. Please list the president's name only
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DIRECTOR'S

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

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(Elected by society members)

ALTERNATE

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(To represent society of Delegate cannot attend meeting)

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER

From the EFMLS Bylaws:

(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 fifteen (15) days prior to
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Please RETURN by June 23, 2011 to:

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2011 EFMLS Club Information Form

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

Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Club website: _____

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

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

President: _____ Telephone: _____

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Bulletin Name: _____

Meeting Date: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Show and/or Swap Date: _____ Location: _____

INFORMATION FOR THE EFMLS WEBSITE:

The EFMLS website will list the name, location and meeting time and information for your club as well as the date and location of your annual show or swap. We would like to list at least one contact person as well so that interested persons know who to contact for information about your club. Please indicate the name(s) of your contact people plus the info that you wish to have placed on the website for each. (i.e. Editor: Barkley Bigfoot, <milkbone@dogbreath.org>)

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Contact information for web: _____

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

Please verify your check is for the correct amount (\$1.75 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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from Matt Charsky

March:

5-6: 48th Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, Newark, DE.

5-6: Annual Show sponsored by the New York Mineralogical Club. Holiday Inn, 440 W 57th St., New York, NY.

11-13: 23rd Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Aiken Gem & Mineral Society and Augusta Gem & Mineral Society. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St; Augusta, GA.

12-13: 21st Annual North New Jersey Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society. The Benway School, US Rt. 202; Wayne, NJ.

18-20: 41st Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center; Hickory, NC.

19-20: 47th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem, Mineral & Lapidary Society of Montgomery Co., MD. Mont. Co. Fairgrounds, 116 Chestnut St; Gaithersburg, MD.

25-27: Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society. Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando, FL.

26-27: 42nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Athens Township Volunteer Fire Hall, Sayre, PA.

26-27: 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show "Elephants in Your Backyard" sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society. Eire Co. Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

26-27: Western Mass Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Holiday Inn at Ingleside (I-91, Exit 15), Holyoke, MA.

April:

1-3: Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. Registration: S. Weinberger <cscrytals2@verizon.net>.

2-3: Annual Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineral Society & Delaware Paleontological Society. LuLu Temple, Plymouth Meeting, PA.

9-10: Annual New York Southern Tier Show sponsored by the New York Southern Tier Geology Club. Johnson City Senior Center, Johnson City, NY.

16-17: 28th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society. University of South Maine, Sullivan Gymnasium, Portland, ME.

30 - May 1: 39th Annual NJESA Show sponsored by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society in conjunction with the NJ Earth Sciences Assoc. and Sterling Hill Mining Museum. Franklin School, Franklin, NJ.

30-May 1: 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rt. 1, Topsfield, MA.

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If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to Matt Charsky, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 2430 N Glebe Rd; Arlington, VA 22207 or e-mail at <Charsky.Matthew@epa.gov>.