

EFMLS NEWS

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



EFMLS / AFMS CONVENTION ALMOST HERE!

by Cathy Patterson, Convention Chair and Bob Livingston



I must admit while I sip my orange juice in Florida, four miles from Walt Disney World, it is hard to get in the frame of mind of our super show and convention 1200 miles to the North, so I sought some help with this important article. By the time you read this, it will be less than 2 1/2 months to show and convention time. Seems like I have written a half dozen of these now, so if you are still on the fence re whether or not to come, I hope my Bakers Dozen reasons why, will definitely have you hop off saying YES!

1. This is a HUGE show --hosted by the largest club show between Cleveland and Boston with good mix of dealers. For some who always wonder, yes the building is air conditioned. That was not always the case. And yes for a couple of you who have asked, the 14-feet of snow Syracuse received this winter will be gone by then. Hate to disappoint some, but it has already melted.

2. We are truly unique -- we provide a large wholesale section for those of you with a valid state tax resale number (you will have to validate

same to our "checkers"). For those of you who need summer supplies or whatever, the extra convenience of this could hopefully save you on travelling and shipping \$\$.

3. The phenomenal **Bob Jones** is honoring us with his first time presence here in Syracuse and will do his thing at the Saturday night Awards Banquet. If this time's the charm for Bob, we should be good enough for YOU! Be on the lookout for his "On the Rocks" column soon in Rock & Gem magazine where he tells you lots of what to expect in Syracuse. Bob will bring a few copies of his brand new mineral book which you can purchase and he will gladly autograph.

4. The popular Editors' / Webmasters Breakfast is FREE if you stay in the Headquarters, Ramada Hotel. You don't come across a deal like that very often now do you?

5. Our "Learning Center" right at the show not far from our special Kid's area will offer you 8 time slots to sit in and pick up new hobby related knowledge from our interesting speakers. Next month I should be able to list the Topics covered.

6. We have at least (3) collecting trips planned for you on Monday and Tuesday following the show.

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7. You will get to see the fine exhibits of others from all around. You too are encouraged to put in a case in either Competitive or Non-Competitive class of your handwork or your favorite specimens. We had 90 cases in 2004 and hope you all won't let us down this time.

8. We have those coveted, dazzling Herkimers which you can go collect while out here. Depending on your preference you can go after

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FROM THE TOP!

by Betsy Oberheim, EFMLS President

Greetings and happy spring! You know with raising three children and teaching so very many years, I don't remember how many times I have advised "You really need to share"! I just realized I must practice what I preach! I haven't been sharing a very valuable commodity; the EFMLS Directory.



A concerned program chairman recently asked me why they don't get a copy of all the wonderful resources in the program library. I was thinking how he (and other chairpersons) could get that information when it hit me; the presidents and editors of our clubs who are the ones who receive the Directory should be the ones to perhaps copy pages 23-36 and make them available to their program committee. I wonder how many have actually looked at the Directory to see what information is there and how it can be of help to their club members.

Ken Tudor, and his predecessors) have done such an excellent job of organizing our program library. Ken is very prompt at sending out whatever you need for your club meetings. Many program chairmen (and members) don't even know that this valuable resource exists. Our EFMLS library contains so many informative and entertaining programs that your club would really enjoy viewing at meetings and they are all available for borrowing at no charge (except return postage).

The Directory is really a wonderful source of information. Carolyn Weinberger is amazing in organizing and coordinating it. It is a huge job and I never really appreciated all the information contained in it until I became president. Now, I've worn out the 2010 issue and have used the 2011 version many times already. Here are just a few of the resources contained in it:

- Are you or your members traveling this year? Check what clubs are in the area and when they meet. Maybe you can meet lots of people with your interests, and take a field trip with a club member. Check out the websites in the states you intend to visit to see what's available.

-Questions about the EFMLS? Check with your regional VP; they are there to help (I know my VP, Hazel Remaley, has been a great help to me). If you need EFMLS publications or patches, you can order them from Suzie and John Milligan. A list is in the Directory.

- Who are the honorary Scholarship Recipients for EFMLS and where were our past annual conventions held? Info is in the Directory.

-Who are the various EFMLS committee chairs and what do they do? Info is in the Directory.

-Where are the other Regional Federation and AFMS Convention being held and who are their officers? Info is in the Directory.

The next time you see Carolyn, give her a pat on the back for a job very well done, and don't forget a biscuit for Sir Barkley Bigfoot and Caesar the GoFer! But most of all, don't forget to share yu EFMLS Directory with your club members.

I look forward to seeing you in Syracuse at the convention this July. Have you made your reservations yet?

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them the hard rock mining way or you can sift for them from other's rubble. Either way, you will find they are not far from the early Erie Canal route an hour plus east of your hotel in Syracuse.

9. You will get to be part of the our Syracuse club's Diamond Jubilee (60 years) and see first hand how a club celebrates same.

10. You get to get in on a really different Crackerbarrel on Thursday evening which will include a narrated ride (sans Mule) on the actual original Erie Canal and across a recently replaced aqueduct. It is really neat to do. For those more exercise minded, you can take a stroll on the original towpath for a hundred feet or a mile-and-a-half. If you are from Ohio or west, the Erie canal played a huge role in Westward expansion. And if you just plain like big boats, the St. Lawrence Seaway and the famous Eisenhower Lock where you can see ocean going ships flying many of the world's flags is about 3 1/2 hours North.

11. I have to tell you, I love the west and the rocks and special beauty, but here you can ride thru the Finger Lakes and do some wine tasting or cheese tasting and enjoy our beautiful lakes and hills -- everything is really GREEN come July. And the extraordinary Corning Museum of Glass is only 2 hours south.

12. We only charge you \$6 for admission to our show plus when you bring back your stamped ticket on Sunday you get in FREE. And you get yet another bonus either day -- for only \$2 plus showing your ticket for our show, you can

get in to the interesting Metaphysical Show a couple hundred yards away. While it is not for everybody, if you have never been to one it is a learning experience. And they are good for our dealers business as they buy and use a lot of crystals in their healing. Maybe an idea for your neck of the woods?

13. Lastly, if all this hasn't "Sold You," hopefully I saved the best for last. You get the camaraderie of being with and exchanging tales with the best darn people on the planet -- us Rockhounds!

As Woody the Woodpecker always says, "That's All Folks!"

Ed Note: You can obtain further information about the show --- hotel, camping, exhibitor registration and function registration by visiting the AFMS website <www.amfed.org/show2011.htm>. A registration form for the various activities is on page 10 of this issue.

**45th Annual
Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, and Bead Show**



Gems and Minerals Along the Erie Canal
Combined AFMS and EFMLS 2011 Annual Convention
Sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc. www.gmss.us
A 501-c-3 not-for-profit hobby club

**July 9-10, 2011 Saturday - Sunday
New York State Fairgrounds Syracuse, NY**

AFMS Annual Meeting - Thursday
AFMS-EFMLS Cracker Barrel Social - Thursday
EFMLS Annual Meeting - Friday evening
Huge show at the NY State Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday
EFMLS Auction - Saturday
Awards Banquet - Saturday Night
Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters - Sunday morning

- * Headquarters Hotel: Ramada Inn - Buckley Road, Syracuse
- Ramada 315-457-8670 Special rate for convention attendees, newly remodeled and expanded
- * We look forward to Welcoming YOU to the Crossroads of Central New York
- * 60 retail and wholesale dealers
- * Spectacular exhibits from around the world
- * Lectures, demonstrations, workshops, fun for the whole family
- * Air conditioned, restaurant, acres of parking

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

All events at Ramada Inn unless noted.

Wednesday, July 6

2 pm - AFMS Uniform Rules Mtg.
7 pm - American Lands Access Association Meeting

Thursday, July 7

8:30 am - AFMS Mtg. registration
9:00 AM - AFMS Annual Meeting
AFMS Scholarship Foundation meeting immediately after.
12:30 pm - Presidents' Luncheon (open to everyone)
4:30 pm - AFMS Cracker Barrel - Erie Canal Park, Camillus

Friday, July 8

8:00 am - Convention Registration
10:00 am - Show set up.
NY State Fairgrounds
6:30 pm - EFMLS Mtg. Registration
7:00 pm - EFMLS Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 9

10:00 am - Show Opens
NY State Fairgrounds
2:00 pm - EFMLS Annual Auction
Fairgrounds
6:00 pm - AFMS/EFMLS Awards Banquet Social Hour
7:00 pm - Awards Banquet -dinner

Sunday, July 10

8:00 am - Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters.
FREE for those staying at the Ramada Inn
10:00 am - Show Opens - NY State Fairgrounds
4 pm - Show closes

Host Hotel - Ramada Inn, Buckley Rd. 315-457-8670. Convention rate is \$99 per night plus tax and includes a hot buffet breakfast. You must call the hotel directly in order to obtain the convention rate and you must mention that you are with the AFMS/EFMLS Convention.

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

by Fran Sick, EFF Chair



The Eastern Foundation Fund has received a very generous donation from The International Thumb-nail Mineral Collectors. This donation was from the balance of the club treasury at the time the club disbanded and was donated in accordance with the by-laws of the club. Many thanks to Mrs. Steven Pullman, who initiated the transfer of these funds on behalf of the estate of Mr. Pullman. Thank you very much also to Duane and Nancy Leavitt for all their help in arranging and implementing the transfer.

Also this month The Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club has remembered deceased club member, Al Segur, with their annual donation. Al was a longtime dedicated member of the club and he will be greatly missed.

On behalf of all member clubs of the EFMLS who benefit from programs supported by the EFF, thank you to the above named clubs and to everyone whose contributions make these programs possible. Please continue to send your donations to me at PO Box 5, Dushore, PA 18614 -0005.

[Interest earned from the EFF fund can be used for special EFMLS projects such as converting video tapes to digital format (DVD) and other programs that benefit EFMLS member clubs.]

2011 EFMLS SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE

by Betsy Oberheim, President

William L. Blewett is Professor and Chairperson of the Geography-Earth Science Department at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches Physical Geology, Geomorphology, and Geology of National Parks. A native of Swartz Creek, Michigan, he received his Ph.D. in glacial geomorphology from Michigan State University in 1991.



Prior to doctoral study, he was a researcher for *National Geographic* magazine in Washington, D.C., where he was responsible for designing and researching maps and graphics that accompanied stories in the magazine. He received a Bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University in 1981 and a Master's degree from Western Illinois University in 1984.

Bill's primary research interests are the processes and landforms associated with the retreating Laurentide ice margin in the Great Lakes region, especially along the southern shore of Lake Superior. He has also published a number of interpretative materials for the National Park Service, including the book *Geology and Landscape of Michigan's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Vicinity*, which will be published by Wayne State University Press in March 2012. Bill's other research interests include periglacial processes and the influences of topography on soils and plant distributions along the Blue Ridge mountains in central Pennsylvania, which form the basis for much of his research with Shippensburg University students. Bill's research has appeared in a number of scientific journals including the *Geological Society of America Bulletin*, *Geomorphology*, *Journal of Geoscience Education*, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, and *Physical Geography*.

Bill and his wife, Gretchen, live at the base of South Mountain near Shippensburg, Pennsylvania on a stabilized colluvial apron of Pliocene/Pleistocene age.

SEPTEMBER 5 - 11, 2011 JOIN THE "IN CROWD" AT EFMLS WILDACRES!

Info at <www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm>

Registration form on page ____

**HOW CAN YOU EVEN CONSIDER
MISSING ALL THE FUN?**



ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD

by Cathy Patterson, EFMLS Chair



Many thanks to those who may have attempted to create their club yearbook for the All American Club Award Program, but did not get it sent for the competition. Do not despair as we have another opportunity to participate in 2011.

We had one entry representing the Eastern Federation from the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. I'll be sharing some of their experiences making their yearbook and offer some advice and caveats as you try your hand at doing your club 2011 history.

First, this will take an entire year to work on a little at a time and perhaps a few weeks of concentrated effort at the end to put the organized materials together into a book form. Novices worked on this project and became experts in a short time. I applaud their efforts!

Here's why your club should get involved.

- Everyone in the club can participate in this project and become much more familiar with the club and its members.

- The finished product can be admired by all and be used to show new and prospective members all about your club.

- You will become much more aware of the strengths of your club and where a bit of extra effort might be needed.

- You might just win national recognition!

- It's a lot of fun and good hard work creating a club annual history, always important in keeping club

archives, and offers an opportunity for bonding among the organizers

Please download the All American Club "Yearbook" Award application for 2010 (2011) today at <www.amfed.or/AACA.htm>. Print each page and read all 5 pages. This will familiarize you with the overview of the book contents. Next, get a file box and 6 folders labeled with each section mentioned. Then, start collecting documentation of everything your club and your members do in 2011. Go back January – April for clippings, photos and reports on happenings in these months.

THE most important thing to start today is collecting your newsletter for each month, save photos of all club activities and members' visits to other shows, and assign someone(s) to act as AACA organizer. The suggestion from my club organizers was to have between 2 and 3 people involved in putting together this book. You be the judge from your club experience, however. It's ideal to have your president and another officer as well as your editor invested in this project.

Ask everyone in the club to help by giving the organizers; meeting information, field trip reports, newspaper clippings, photos, show brochures and programs, sign in lists from meetings, information about club members involved in community and government agencies, thank you notes from libraries and school groups for exhibits shared, and any lapidary workshop or youth group activities.

Begin today. Don't delay. Have fun with this! More next time on the nuts and bolts. We have all year to work on this in a leisurely way. Procrastinators beware!

JUST A MOMENT

by Ellery Borow, ACROY Chair

Just a moment, yes, just a moment is all it takes to be a great candidate for Club Rockhound of the Year (CROY). I'm sure clubs have within their memberships those dedicated folks who year after year, time after time support our activities. We, here on the CROY committee, urge clubs to submit the names of those dedicated folks to become their club's Rockhound of the Year. Yes, I'm sure every club has such dedicated folks. But then, let us not forget the other ways members support our clubs. Many of the ways our clubs are supported can be brief, fleeting moments of inspired and inspiring good will.

Just a moment is all it took for the following examples I've witnessed: An impossibly busy show chair is racing about the hall trying to be everywhere and do everything. This person stopped dead in their tracks to spend precious time to help a kid find what information they needed for the club's treasure hunt game at the show. A club librarian who was valiantly trying to log in all the books coming and going before the meeting room closed for the evening somehow managed to find time to help a member with their research question. A normally dour and grumpy club member suddenly brightens when asked by another member about a long-closed collecting site. The member asking the question knew it would brighten the day of the usually dour member if they were asked about their long-ago collecting adventures. All of these inspiring events took just a moment, yet no doubt made a great impression, or taught us all a valuable lesson.

Surely, you have your own stories to tell of similar kind acts which not

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CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND EGGS

by Elery Borow, Safety Chair

Chocolate, coffee, and eggs all used to be "bad" for us. Then, they were "good" for us. Next, they went back to being bad. Fortunately, the last time I checked, they are now on and hopefully will stay on (assuming moderate consumption) the good list. Safety rules are another matter. Safety rules do not waffle forth and back as to whether or not they are good for us. It has always been and always will be good and proper for us to wear our safety goggles when hammering rocks. It has always been and always will be good for us to let others know our whereabouts when we go collecting; to bring a first-aid kit with us; to keep our tools in good shape; to wear proper attire for the task at hand; to handle acids with the utmost caution; and - well, I could go on but I think you have the general idea.

It is indeed true that things change. For example, hammer metallurgy will improve, but it will never be wise to use a nail driving hammer for hammering rocks. Different types of hammers are designed to do different things. Nail hammer metallurgy will improve but the hammer will still only be designed to hit nails, not rocks. The steel in hammers used to drive nails is not hardened the way the steel in rock hammers is hardened. To use the wrong hammer is to risk certain damage to the hammer but more importantly risk injury to ourselves.

Glove material will improve, goggles will improve, chisels will improve, diamond drills will improve. Our hands however will always need protection and so will our eyes, toes, bare arms, and so on. The technology will change but for the foreseeable future there will be a continuing need to protect ourselves.

We sometimes think of risks as not applying to us. Here in Maine we may think of rattle snakes, scorpions and old mine shafts as dangers for those folks who do their collecting way out west. Well, let me set the record straight. While the only scorpions we see in this state are usually encased in clear glass or plastic display domes, we should be mindful of the fact that the New England states do indeed have their share of dangerous snakes, including rattlers. One can also find extremely dangerous mine shafts, adits, loose talus slopes as well as shear rock walls and cliffs. Mine shafts and adits are never wise to explore. If you have ever seen any of those Discovery Channel or National Geographic programs about old mine, cave or similar underground exploration, you will have, no doubt, noted the most elaborate and extensive preparations needed for those explorations. Such explorations are best left to the professionals. The dangers are very real and the rules for working with, in and around them do indeed apply to us. Your safety should be of the utmost concern. Your safety matters.



For this month's safety refresher please see the September 2006 issue of the EFMLS News for Bill Klose's fine article on hammer safety and maintenance.

Stay well and be safe - your safety matters.

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only support the hobby but each other as well. Truth be told, such kindnesses were probably not one of a kind events but instead glimpses into truly dedicated individuals - ones who also deserve to be recognized as your club's nominee for Club Rockhound of the Year. Let's hear it for these good folks who help in either the grand or small (yet still grand) ways. Let's hear about your club's good folks!

The rules - clubs may submit the name of one person (or couple) per year as well the name of one junior. Along with the name of your candidate, please send me a brief, 75 words or less, write-up of their story in supporting your club. Any club member may make a submission for their club. Please find my address under Club Rockhound of the Year toward the back of this newsletter.

Thanks, and hope to hear from your club soon.

DIRECTORY UPDATE!

from Carolyn Weinberger

Page 1:

E-mail for Secretary Gerry Cox should be

<gerryannec@verizon.net>

Please make the correction to your copy.

Additional copies of the Directory may be purchased for \$4 each plus postage from supplies chair Suzie Milligan. See page 11 for her address.

TAKE A CHANCE!

by Carolyn Weinberger

The AFMS Endowment Fund invests any money earned and uses the interest to help make some of the AFMS sponsored programs work better. Two programs that your club may be using are:

🍏 New programs are given to EFMLS each year for our program library. These programs are funded by some of the interest earned by AFMS Endowment Fund investments. In 2010, our library gained several new programs that your club may borrow to use at monthly meetings.

🍏 Many of our clubs have Future Rockhound of America youth groups. AFMS Juniors Chair, Jim Brace-Thompson has created an extensive program that EFMLS clubs may use for their kids programs. Participating juniors may earn badges to indicate their completion of various steps in the program -- and these badges are provided free of charge with monies provided by some of the interest earned by the AFMS Endowment Fund investments.

To raise additional funds that can be invested...and therefore provide additional services to clubs and club members, the AFMS has sponsored a drawing for prizes for the past several years. There are now 28 wonderful prizes that ticket holders may be fortunate enough to win when the drawing is held during the Awards Banquet at the Syracuse Convention. The good news is that ticket holders do not need to be present in Syracuse to win (but we hope that you will be).

You can see a full display of photographs and read the descriptions for each of the prizes, by visiting the AFMS website <www.amfed.org/endow2011.htm>. The estimated

CLUB SHOWS

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27-28: 48th Annual Gem & Mineral Festival sponsored by the Capital Mineral Club. Everett Arena, Concord, NH

September:

10 - 12: 48th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. American Legion Post #90, Rte 7; Pownal, VT.

17 - 18: 42nd Annual Mid-Hudson Show - The Fossils of New York sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Dutchess Co. Fairgrounds, Rt. 9, Rhinebeck, NY

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 Micromount Symposium hosted by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge MD.

October:

15-16: 38th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show & Sale sponsored by the Kanawha Rock & Gem Club. So. Charleston Community Center, So. Charleston, WV.

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.

November:

5-6: 7th Annual Rock & Gem Show sponsored by the Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club. Brewer Auditorium, Brewer, ME.

19-20: 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. So. Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East; West Palm Beach, FL.

value of each of the prizes ranges from \$50 to \$450 and many of the prizes are hand made by award winning artists.

The really bad news is that you have to have a ticket to have a chance to win! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and all monies raised goes into the Endowment Fund investment -- remember that only the interest generated from the fund can be used and the higher the fund gets, the more interest that can be used.

To participate in the drawing, send your check, payable to "AFMS Endow-

ment" to me at PO Box 302, Glyndon, MD. Include your name, address, phone number and a self-addressed stamped envelope so I can return the ticket stubs to you. Deadline for my receiving your request is July 1.



2011 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

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

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!**

| For Office Use Only | |
|---------------------|-------|
| ID # | _____ |
| Date Rec'd | _____ |
| Amt. Paid: | _____ |
| Ck #: | _____ |
| Amt. Paid: | _____ |
| Ck #: | _____ |
| Paid in Full: | _____ |

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

Pamm Bryant, Registrar at <pjbryant6@juno.com> or 804-457-4698 or

Fran Sick, Director at <ednfran@epix.net> or 570-928-8313.



Eastern Federation
of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc.
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60th Annual EFMLS Board of Directors' Meeting
Ramada Inn, Buckley Road
Syracuse, New York
July 8, 2011

Please print all information requested clearly.

NAME OF SOCIETY: _____

DIRECTOR: _____ E-MAIL: _____
(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: _____ E-MAIL: _____
(To represent the society if the president cannot attend the meeting)

DELEGATE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
(Elected by society members)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
(To represent 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 fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date.

RETURN BY MAIL by June 23, 2011 to:
Gerry Cox
EFMLS Secretary
2304 S. Rolfe St
Arlington, VA 22202-1545

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM
 AFMS/EFMLS CONVENTION
 Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
 Syracuse, NY July 6 – 10, 2011



Primary Registrant (Registration will be recorded under this name – please print name and title as you want them to appear on your name badge.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Federation or Club Affiliation: _____

Check all that apply:

- AFMS Officer Past President Delegate Alt. Delegate Dealer Competitive Exhibitor
 EFMLS Officer Editor Judge Demonstrator Non-Competitive Exhibitor

| CONVENTION ACTIVITIES | NUMBER | AMOUNT |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AFMS Uniform Rules Meeting - July 6, 2011. 2 p.m. | _____ | N/A |
| Presidents' Luncheon, all are invited. July 7, 2011, 12:30 P.M. \$20.00 Picnic lunch: grilled hamburgers, Syracuse's famous Hoffman hotdogs, condiments, home style baked beans, salt potatoes, garden salad, farm fresh sweet corn on the cob. | _____ | _____ |
| AFMS Annual Meeting, Thursday, July 7, 2010. 9 A.M. | _____ | N/A |
| AFMS - EFMLS Cracker Barrel, Thurs., July 7, 2011, 4:30 P.M. at the Camillus Erie Canal Park | _____ | N/A |
| EFMLS Annual Meeting. Friday, July 8, 2011, 7:00 P.M. | _____ | N/A |
| AFMS / EFMLS Awards Banquet. Saturday, July 9, 2011. 6 PM All entrees include mixed green salad, fresh bread and butter, chef's choice potato or starch, fresh vegetables, coffee, tea, decaf, soda and milk. • <i>Special order for VEGAN. Please specify your dietary need.</i> - \$22.00 • Stuffed Portobello Mushroom stuffed with sautéed spinach, tomato, onions and provolone cheese - \$24.00 • Chicken Francaise chicken breast sautéed in butter, lemon, capers and white wine - \$29.00 • Prime Rib of Beef aux Jus - \$36.00 | _____ _____ _____ _____ | _____ _____ _____ _____ |
| Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters. Sunday, July 10, 8:30 A.M. - \$20.00 <i>Free for those staying at the Ramada Inn</i> | _____ | _____ |
| Show Admission - \$5.00 - <i>second day free with hand stamp</i> | _____ | _____ |
| Camping at the Fairground - \$25.00 per day | _____ | _____ |
| Field Trip - Monday, July 11, 2011 - Herkimer Diamond Mine (<i>Fee paid at venue</i>) | _____ | N/A |
| Field Trip - Tuesday, July 12, 2011 - TBA (<i>Fee, if any, paid at venue</i>) | _____ | N/A |
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April:

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

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. 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.

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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:

9 - 10: EFMLS / AFMS Convention & Show hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse.
AFMS meetings: July 7-8.
EFMLS Annual Meeting: July 8

30-31: 32nd Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, So. Burlington, VT.

August:

6-7: 41st Annual Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society. Mt. Merici School, 152 Western Ave; Waterville, ME.

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

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