

# EFMLS NEWS

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## WE'RE GOING TO ATHENS IN 2005!

The 2005 EFMLS Convention  
will be hosted by the  
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club  
March 19 - 20, 2005  
Athens, Pennsylvania

## CALLING ALL JUNIOR ROCKHOUNDS

by Kathy Hrechka, Junior Activities Chair

FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE

A new "Future Rockhounds of America" merit badge program is now available for juniors. Jim-Brace Thompson, AFMS Junior Chair, has recently developed a comprehensive challenge for interested juniors.

The new program consists of a FRA membership badge, 9 merit badges, and a "Rockhound" badge that will go to kids who earn 6 of the 9 merit badges. A 100 page guidebook describes and outlines ideas and requirements for each of the 9 badges. There are 52 activities to choose from, or about a half dozen activities per badge.

Checklists in the guidebook make it easy for youth leaders to sign off on activities as each child completes them. Guidebooks are available in both hard copy (photocopied), or the AFMS web site [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org). You may call Jim at (805) 659-3577 or

email [jbraceth@adelphia.net](mailto:jbraceth@adelphia.net). To save costs to the program, which is being provided entirely free to members, we encourage you to download a copy from the web.

Merit badge categories:

1. Rocks & Minerals
2. Earth Resources
3. Fossils
4. Lapidary Arts
5. Collecting
6. Showmanship
7. Communication
8. Field Trips
9. Leadership

I had the pleasure of meeting Jim this past July at the combined AFMS/EFMLS show in Syracuse, New York. We enjoyed promoting the mineral hobby to our youth, and are looking forward to participation in this new program.

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[www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls)

## NEW OFFICERS?

Keep us informed when you change officers or when an officer moves. Send any corrections to the EFMLS Editor and Secretary (addresses on page 2).

## MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING IN SYRACUSE WILL BE IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

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## IT'S TIME FOR ME TO HAND OFF THE BATON!

by Matt Charsky, EFMLS President

As the saying goes, "All Good Things Must Come to an End," and this message directly ties

into one of my last duties as President. It is time for me to hand off the baton to the next President. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the EFMLS as President over the past year. I thank you for this opportunity and I hope you share my belief that the EFMLS really tries to support all the hobbies of its members. Beginning November 1st, Carl Miller will be the EFMLS go-to guy.

I am not one for reminiscing about the past, but I would like to let you know what functions I found inspirational to me as President. The highlight for me was the combined AFMS/EFMLS Convention in Syracuse, NY. I cannot begin to express my appreciation to all the members of the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse (GMSS) for their countless hours of preparation and planning. It was truly a wonderful weekend, and I will cherish those memories for many years to come. Thank you GMSS! Besides GMSS, I also want to acknowledge that many EFMLS Officers, Regional Vice Presidents and Committee Chairs spent a lot of time and effort preparing for this Convention. Although some of this work was done in the public eye, a great deal was also done behind the scenes. Many of you truly go above and beyond the call of duty.

Another activity I enjoyed was visiting as many individual club shows and meetings as I could. I attended every club meeting or show in the Washington, DC area, most in Baltimore, and several in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. Each club may perform their activities differently, but what came through to me loud and clear was the dedication that these members have for their hobbies. I also found that

these clubs were proud to be members of the EFMLS and they want to support the ideals on which it was founded.

As President, I also had some not so happy times. First was the passing of Bill Longley. Whether you knew Bill for a short time or for decades, like many of his friends in Region 1, I have heard the same sentiment from everyone, "Bill was one of the good guys." I do know that Bill loved his hobby and he loved to share what he knew freely with others. To me, that is what set Bill apart from everybody else and explains why the EFMLS will dearly miss him.

Another activity that I did not enjoy this year was the time I spent trying to find volunteers to serve on several EFMLS committee positions. The EFMLS must have members step forward and take on a task, since that is what makes the EFMLS the organization that it is. If you have an interest in being involved, please contact Carl Miller or myself. We want you to share your talents with the EFMLS. Volunteers are always needed.

Since this is my closing article, I would like to share with you my thoughts as to how individual clubs can make the EFMLS a better organization. Although not in any particular order, I would like to see more clubs: 1) speak up and tell their EFMLS officers what's on their mind - I mean tell the EFMLS what we are doing right or give the EFMLS any suggestions for ways to improve in the future; 2) send representatives to the annual convention; 3) submit entries into the annual BEAC contest; 4) support Wildacres; 5) bring youth activities into club functions; and 6) share your club's knowledge with other clubs in your area - we should try to visit other club meetings and shows and see how other clubs "do what they do."

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## HANDING OFF THE BATON

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To those of you on the Executive Board (Officers and Regional Vice Presidents) and Committee Chairs, I say thank you for completing your tasks throughout the year. I know I needed you more than you needed me. I believe each one of you is a valuable asset to the EFMLS and I hope you will continue to serve the EFMLS for many years to come. If you give Carl Miller the same support that you have given me, I can predict a successful year for EFMLS in 2005.

I continue to be proud of the work performed by all of the members of the Wildacres Functioning Committee. They put on two quality workshops every year without exception. Although I was not able to attend the "summer" session in June with over 100 people, the feedback I received was very positive. I hope to finally have my share of fun by attending the fall session.

Here are four "housekeeping" items that you should be aware of:

1) On August 17, 2004, Wayne Sukow agreed to serve as 2nd Vice-President to fill in for the remainder of Bill Longley's term. Thanks to Wayne for taking the job a few months earlier than planned.

2) The Executive Board is currently selecting someone to serve as 2nd Vice President from November 1st until an election can be held at the 2005 Convention. Results will be announced in the next newsletter.

3) Carl Miller is conducting an election for the Region 1 Vice-President position to fill in the remaining term vacated by Dan Kavanaugh. Again, results will be announced in the next newsletter.

4) At the end of August, I was extremely pleased to receive a bid from the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, located in Sayre, PA, to host the 2005 EFMLS Annual Convention. The EFMLS Executive Board has approved President Fran Sick's bid for her club to host the convention. So mark your cal-

endars for March 19 - 20, 2005, details to follow.

And now as I hand off the baton, I will mount the EFMLS black stallion and ride off into the sunset. With that, there is only one thing left to say ...

Happy Trails to You!

Matt

## ALL-AMERICAN CLUB AWARD

from Hazel Remaley

Well, folks, it is going to be crunch time for us all. With the announcement of a mid-March convention, all entries to competitions will need to be "kicked up". That means that you will indeed have no time to delay finalizing your scrapbook entries. I am setting Feb. 1st as my deadline to receive your books. I realize that that does not give you much time to work on them in the new year, but you should already have nine months of information ready to be compiled into the sections where they apply. Remember, the book is in 7 sections, with 6 of them judged and scored. The information will be for the year 2004. The form for entry will be printed in the next issue of this newsletter and of AFMS.

I would really like to see more participation this year. There are 140 clubs out there in the Eastern Federation, and to have only 2 entries does not fare well. Your entries will be forwarded on to be judged at the American Federation level, and the awards will be made in St. Louis in August. Please, make the Eastern Federation proud !!!!

## ADVERTISING YOUR SHOW

from Carolyn Weinberger, Editor

In recent months I've had several inquiries from Eastern Federation clubs asking for a list of hobby related publications that have a calendar of events that can be used to publicize club shows and swaps.

Here's the list which I have. Remember, most of these publications have a 3 - 4 month "lead time" so you'll have to get your information in to them early enough to meet their deadline.

### Mineral News

Send to: The Editor, Mineral News, PO Box 2088; Peekskill, NY 10566-2088.

### EFMLS News

Send to: Bill Lema, 74 Ninth St; E. Providence, RI 02914. <williamlema@cox.net>

### Lapidary Journal

Send to: Lapidary Journal Calendar, 60 Chestnut Av, Suite 201; Devon, PA 19333-1312. <eric.vanosten@primedia.com>

### Rock & Gem

Send to: Rock & Gem Show Dates, 290 Maple Ct; Suite 232, Ventura, CA. <editor@rockngem.com>

### Rocks & Minerals

Send to: Coming Events, Rocks & Minerals, 1319 Eighteenth St NW; Washington, DC 20036-1802. <rm@heldref.org>

### Mine Design (on the web)

<www.gemdata.com/show.html>

Include date, place, sponsoring club, name and address of show chair or contact for info. Some also allow space for listing of speakers, admission and show times.

## EACH ONE TEACH ONE DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

by Fran Siek

This is the first request for nominations for the 2005 Each One Teach One Award but because of the early date of the EFMLS Convention the deadline for receipt of nominations must be December 20, 2004. While this does not allow as much time as usual to get your forms submitted I hope we still receive lots of entries for this special award. The entry form is included in this issue of the EFMLS News and entries can be mailed or e-mailed to me at the address found on the form.

For anyone not familiar with the EOTO Award and as a reminder for those who are, this award is given each year to the EFMLS club member who has done the most, primarily on a volunteer basis, to teach others about rocks, minerals, fossils, lapidary or any aspect of our hobby. This includes, but is not limited to:

\*Giving lectures or demonstrations, with or without showing or passing out samples, to clubs or federation groups.

\*Presenting educational programs to other groups such as schools, scouts or other youth groups, or other community groups or individuals.

\*Writing educational articles for newsletters or other publications.

\*Leading educational field trips.

\*Supervising or teaching hobby-related workshops, seminars or classes.

These activities need not be in a formal setting. Anything that helps others learn something about rocks, minerals or related topics should be included in the list of activities on the nomination form. And please note that you may attach an extra sheet.

I'm sure almost every member of an EFMLS club knows someone who is outstanding for their willingness to share their expertise with others. These special people keep us inter-

ested and growing in the hobby and attract new members through their efforts with others in the community. Is there a better way to let them know their efforts are noted and appreciated than to nominate them for the 2005 Each One Teach One Award?

If you have submitted a nomination in the past for someone who did not win the top award, please, please, please nominate that person again. As I mentioned last month only 1.25 points separated the top four nominees in 2004. This is just an example of how close the competition often is. If just a little more information is added to update what your nominee has done since they were last considered for the EOTO Award they could be the top award winner for 2005.

If you have questions or if I can help in any way, please let me know.

## HONOR SOMEONE!

from Cathy Gaber

Have you taken time to recognize someone special in your club this year? If your answer is "no", then I ask you, "why not"?

The AFMS recognition program - Club Rockhound of the Year - is a very nice way to say "thank you" to someone who is special to your club. All you need do is tell us, in 50 words or less, who the person is, what club he/she belongs to, and why you want to recognize him. You can also recognize a husband/wife team. Once you've sent me the write up, I'll see that it's published in both the AFMS and EFMLS newsletters so you can share your club's good fortune with everyone else.

Time for 2004 is running short. Send your submission to me now at: Cathy Gaber, 5707 Northfield Rd; Bethesda, MD 20817, <bg@his.com>.

## SAFETY FIRST

by Bill Klose, Safety Chair

### WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

Prior to venturing out in winter weather, first consider if the trip is worth the risk, or if the trip can be delayed until conditions are better.

Winterizing the family vehicle is a must. Make sure that your brakes, windshield wipers & washers, heater and defrosting system, and exhaust are all in good working condition. Check all your fluids for the proper types and levels, such as winter grade oil, proper antifreeze levels and temperature rating, and winter type windshield washer fluid. It may pay to have a tune-up prior to going into winter, to avoid starting problems on damp or colder days. Make sure that your tires are of the proper type (snow or all weather) and properly inflated and the tread condition good in accordance with the manufacture's instructions and State Inspection requirements. Check the battery for good capacity with the connectors clean and tight. Have the brakes adjusted or replaced if required. Make sure all the lights are in working order, including the emergency flashers.

A number of items should be carried in your vehicle in case of emergency. These include the standard jack, lug wrench and lug lock adapter, spare tire or "donut", flash light with spare batteries, matches in a water-tight container, a "survival" candle, emergency flares and reflective triangle, first aid kit with pocket knife, jumper cables or emergency power pack, adequate blankets or sleeping bags, set of tire chains, traction mats, sack of sand for traction and ice melt, small shovel and snow shovel, medicine, energy food bars or dried foods, such as trail mix, and bottled water. Portable radios and cell phones with spare batteries for both are

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highly recommended. Extra clothes, shoes, gloves, hats, and rain gear will be required if it turns colder, you get wet, or you are not dressed for the outdoors, but only for a warm car. A small tool kit that includes screw drivers, wrenches, pliers, a tire pressure gauge, "bungee cords", duct tape, bailing wire, and a rag can be used for minor roadside repairs. Carry a pencil (or pen) and paper to leave a note, and a brightly colored rag to use as a flag.

Before leaving the house, dress warmly in layers of light loose fitting clothing. Run the defroster and heater when warming up the vehicle, which should be driven as soon as possible to avoid damage to engine parts. Allow for extra time for the trip and drive an appropriate speed for road conditions. Keep the gas tank above half full at all times and full at the start of a long trip. Keep an empty clean or new gas container with your emergency supplies. Make sure the windows and lights are clear of snow and clean. Use seat belts and car seats that are properly installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not lean forward in vehicles that have air bag systems and try to give the air bag cover at least 10 inches of clearance to provide sufficient clearance for deployment. Drive with your lights on and mirrors properly adjusted. Use proper turning signals well ahead of time when turning. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead to allow for reaction time and proper breaking. If driving in the snow, the best steering is in the tracks of the vehicle ahead. If you go into a skid, take your foot off the brake and gas and let the engine slow you down, and steer gently in the direction of the skid until you regain steering control. If you have standard brakes, pump the brake pedal gently until stopped. If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), apply firm and constant pressure

on the brake pedal-you will feel the brake pedal pulsate, which is common. Never jam on the brakes. Remember that 4-wheel drive and Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV's) may have higher ground clearance which helps them get going better than other vehicles in heavy snow, but are not immune to winter conditions and have the same basic handling characteristics while braking. Some of them have a high center of gravity and are more prone to rolling over in sharp turns.

When traveling with trucks, make sure the driver can see you, by driving slightly to the left side where you can see his mirror. Remember if you can't see his mirror, he can't see you. If you pass a truck, give him a wide berth, and turn up the speed of your windshield wipers if the road is wet or snow covered. If the road is too slippery, you may consider not passing. Do not follow a truck too closely and stay back a safe distance when at a traffic light or stop sign-he may roll back slightly on a hill before he moves forward (also true of any manual transmission vehicle).

If the visibility gets too bad, pull as far off the road as possible and turn on your emergency flashers. If you have a flat tire, need repairs, or have damage to your vehicle, never try to fix or survey the damage to the vehicle on the highway, get as far off the road to as safe a place as possible, even if it means damage to a tire and rim. If the vehicle is disabled, put out flares or reflective triangles, and if you can't safely effect repairs, call for help and stay in the vehicle for protection from the elements and passing vehicles.

Road rage should be considered during any season of the year. The best way to avoid making other drivers angry and aggressive is to be courteous, content, and considerate. When you merge always use turn

signals and allow plenty of room. If you are cut off, slow down and give the other driver plenty of room. If you are in the left lane and someone comes up behind, move over to the right and let them pass. Use your horn seldom if ever. Do not approach other vehicles with your high beams on or tailgate. Do not make any gestures, even shaking your head, that might make another driver angry. Do not make eye contact with an angry driver and give them plenty of room. It takes two angry drivers to start a fight. Get help if an angry driver is following you and trying to start a fight. Use a cell phone to call police or go to a police station or place where there are people around. Do not get out of your vehicle or go to your home.

Make your trip to a winter rock show or a visit with friends or relatives during the winter season enjoyable and safe.

## SCRIBE CD AVAILABLE

by Dan Imel, SCRIBE Editor

My name is Dan Imel. For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Editor for SCRIBE, an organization for newsletter editors. Every year we issue a new CD full of newsletters from several different rock clubs along with articles, cartoons, clipart, useful freeware software, etc. At the moment we have over 40 clubs e-mailing me their newsletters. We've sold over 300 copies this year so far, it's proven to be very popular with editors. It's not a profit item for us; we only charge enough to cover our costs. For example, this year the price is \$1 at a federation Editor's Breakfast and \$2 by mail. Hardly a profit item.

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As of this writing we do not have a new BEAC chairman. If you are interested in this very important and rewarding position, please contact me or Carl Miller.

The 2005 EFMLS convention will be in mid-March and we are moving ahead with the BEAC contest. Judges are a major player in the BEAC contest. Without them, as I've said many times, we would have no contest. Their diligence and giving of their time and efforts make the EFMLS BEAC contest one that we can be proud of. We need at total of 22 judges for the various categories. Presently, we are recruiting judges. If you or someone you know is interested in judging, please either call (703-521-4614) or e-mail me ([mbateman1@verizon.net](mailto:mbateman1@verizon.net)).

You will be receiving your packet of entry materials around November 1 and entries will be due back by **November 30**. We recognize this is a short-time period, but a necessary one. Getting the entries sorted, prepared and sent to the judges takes time. The judges will need a full eight weeks to do their job and then the preparation for the awards needs another minimum four weeks. As you can see, this is a tight schedule and the holidays come in the midst of it. We also recognize that this shortened time frame means there are some clubs that will not be able to submit their December issues. To those clubs, we apologize, but feel we have no other alternative if BEAC awards are to be ready for the March convention.

Before your packet arrives, you can speed the process along by going through your back issues for the year and deciding which bulletins, articles, poems, junior articles, drawings, etc. you want to submit. No matter what you decide to submit, we hope that you will enter your bulletin and the work of your contributors in the

various categories (articles, poetry, junior articles, drawings, etc.)

It has been an honor and a privilege to be the BEAC chairman for these past several years. It has been a rewarding experience seeing all those bulletins and their contributors being judged and then rewarded for their efforts. I have been proud to be a part of the system that rewards these editors' and their contributors' time and efforts. They deserve a great deal of credit and the Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee contest permits this recognition from those both inside the clubs and those outside the clubs.

One of the disappointments over the years has been the small percentage of clubs that have entered the contest. Those that have entered know the rewards that are returned to their club and the recognition that a job has been well done. Some clubs have an annual ceremony to present the awards to those that could not attend the editors' breakfast—recognizing the contribution a newsletter plays in keeping club members informed. My hope is that if your club has not been entering the contest, you will do so. The rewards and recognition far outweigh the time spent in sending in the entries.

Another disappointment, and especially this year, has been the number of articles by youth. If our records are correct, and I can only assume they are, there are more than 700 youth registered in EFMLS clubs. In the 2004 contest, there was only one junior article entered. Yes, you read that correctly, "one" entry. 1/700? What happened? Where are the other articles? I challenge each and every club that has even one youth member to encourage the youth of our Federation to write an article and then submit it for judging. We need to be encouraging our youth. They are the future of our



Federation and our hobby.

In closing, I encourage you to submit your bulletins and your contributors' contributions for 2005 and to especially encourage your youth to write an article.

## SCRIBE CD

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Now, for why I'm writing. This is blatant begging. I would love to include as many different club newsletters as I can on the next CD. This is your chance to get your club noticed by other clubs and help your fellow editors. All without costing your club money to mail exchange newsletters.

You don't have to be a member of SCRIBE to have your newsletter or other items included on the CD. The only thing I request is that you send it to me in an electronic form I can read. PDF files are the best but I can also read and convert Publisher, Word, WordPerfect and quite a few other PC formats. Send as many different months, even past years, as you can, we'd like to keep the CD growing.

You can e-mail them to me or send a CD/diskette. Either is fine. My e-mail is [lapidry@aol.com](mailto:lapidry@aol.com) and my address is Dan Imel, 4 Lanaray Park, Fairport, NY 14450-8443. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I would love to include your club's newsletter on the 2005 CD.

# EACH ONE TEACH ONE NOMINATION FORM

Please type or print all information clearly  
Use a separate form for each nominee  
Forms may be duplicated as needed

Name of Club or Society: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominates the following named club member to receive the Each One Teach One Award for the year 2004

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone, including area code: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain briefly why this person should receive this award. (A single page may be attached.)

Name of Club or Society that nominee is affiliated with: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club officer presenting nominee's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone including area code: \_\_\_\_\_ Club office held: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
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***All entries must be received by December 20, 2004***

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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)>*

### September:

18-19: 39th Annual Gem, Mineral and 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. 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:

1 - 3: 26th Annual Show & Sale sponsored by the Gaston County Gem & Mineral Club. Gaston County Park (formerly Biggerstaff Park), Hwy 279, Dallas-Cherryville Hwy; Dallas, NC. Info: [Doug Dover @ ddoover@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ddover@carolina.rr.com)

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. (Rte88) Newark NY

8-10: Paul Desautels Micromount Conference sponsored by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MD Hosp. Assoc., Elkridge, MD. For information & registration, contact Cal Pierson [cperson@mhsonline.org](mailto:cperson@mhsonline.org).

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.

23-24: 32nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Bristol Senior/Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

30-31: 33rd Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. Community College of Rhode Island - Knight Campus, Rt 113, East Ave; Warwick, RI

### 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)

13: 13th Annual Fall Rock Swap & Show sponsored by the Richmond Gem & Mineral Society. Hours 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ridge Baptist Church Meeting Hall, 1515 E Ridge Rd; Richmond, VA.

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

### March 2005:

19-20: Annual Gem & Mineral Show and EFMLS Annual Convention sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Athens Fire Hall, Athens, PA.

### April 2005:

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