

# EFMLS NEWS

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## NEW VIDEO PROGRAMS

from Richard Harrison

Through the generosity of the Rochester Mineral Symposium, we are pleased to announce receipt of the following new programs. The majority are in DVD format, making them much easier to handle and less costly for you to return. They represent the talks given at the 2005 Rochester Mineral Symposium held last April. Each program runs about 60 minutes.

183R *New York State Field Collecting: Powers Farm & Treasure Mountain* by Michael Walter

184R *What's New in Minerals* by Jeff Scovil

185R *Graphite! Revealing its Secret Beauty* by Dr. John Jaszczak

186R *Mineral Masterpieces: Gold & Gems at the Houston Museum of Natural Science* by Mark Mauthner

187R *The Four "C's" of Calcite* by Terry Huizing

188R *Travels of a Collector in China* by Jeff Scovil

189R *New Mineral and Old Mines of Atacama, Chile* by Dr. Georg Gebhard

190R *The Foote Mine* by Jason Smith

191R *Rediscovery of the Elements: Sites Where They Were Discovered* by Jim & Jenny Marshall

We are also pleased to announce the addition of the following programs donated courtesy of the AFMS and the AFMS Endowment Fund.

### VHS Format

V577 *Rhodochrosite- Red Treasure of the Rockies* about 80 minutes. Narrated by Karl Maclenberg.

V578 *Meteorites- Menace From the Sky* about 42 minutes

PowerPoint Program  
#110A *Those Fabulous Thunder Eggs*

DVD  
V570A *Tree Stories* by Ruby Lingelbach.

Quick Time Movie on CD  
V570B *Tree Stories* by Ruby Lingelbach.

Slide Program  
#112 *Exploring Meteorite and Tektite Mysteries*- 80 slides

A complete listing of all available slide and video programs in the EFMLS Library can be found in the 2005 EFMLS Directory (every club President and Editor received one). These and other programs may be ordered at no cost to EFMLS member clubs by contacting the Program Librarian, Rick Harrison. See page 9 for information.

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## "TWO FER" ONE

from Mary Bateman, Secretary

Did your club elected new officers this spring after the Directory was printed? The only way for us to be able to send EFMLS communication to the correct officers is for you to let us know who they are.

If you have new officers, please send me a list of who they are ...name, office, address, phone & zip so we can update our records. I'll forward them to our Editor and to the AFMS so that their records for the newsletter are up to date as well. It's a "TwoFer" offer that's easy to take advantage of. My e-mail and snail mail contacts are on page 2 of this issue.

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## GOOD "OLE SUMMER TIME - PART 2

by Carl Miller, EFMLS President



After several months of writing these messages a month in advance, you would think that I would finally be used to it... but I'm not. This is the oddest one of all, writing for when Summer will be "over" and yet there is still several weeks left. In fact August is the busiest summer month for many of us. There are a lot of mineral and lapidary related activities between now and Labor Day. I hope that when you read this you will have fine memories of many such activities for the month of August 2005.

At this writing I am looking forward to the combined Midwest Federation / American Federation of Mineralogical Societies convention and show in St. Louis, Missouri in a couple of weeks. The convention, hosted by The Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc., will be a memory when you read this, but as I predicted for our EFMLS show and convention in Sayre, PA this spring, I'm confident that the MWF/AFMS show and convention will have been successful and a lot of fun!

The EFMLS Fall Wildacres session is just a couple of weeks away on September 12-18, 2005. Although this session is filled it's definitely not too early to think about attending the spring or fall session next year. For those of you who have never been to Wildacres it is a wonderful place. The facility sits on top of a mountain just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland, North Carolina. It is such a great opportunity for our members to attend. The current \$280 fee covers your room and board for the entire week. Mark your calendar to remember to look for an announcement of the Spring 2006 dates in the January 2006 EFMLS newsletter. If you have never attended Wildacres it is a must do! It is truly the jewel of EFMLS.

Now is also the time of year when the EFMLS president-elect and EFMLS committees are looking for new people to get involved with committees for the coming year. Whether it is as a committee chairperson or committee member or helper your help will be appreciated! Make this the year that you try something new. Contact your Regional VP or any Executive Committee officer to find out how you might get involved with a federation committee.

The ad hoc committee to study and advise on questions and issues that were discussed at the 2005 Cracker Barrel meeting in Sayre, PA, regarding the EFMLS Regional system and Regional VPs, has been formed. Current EFMLS 2nd Vice President Fran Sick has agreed to chair the committee, and other committee members will be announced in a later newsletter. The committee is interested in input from any member of the EFMLS. Please direct comments or questions to either Fran Sick or me. The committee will report its findings to the Executive Board by December 1, 2005 for any decisions on proposed actions.

I hope that you have had a great Summer so far, but don't forget that Summer is not over until September 22nd. So until then...

Get out there!

CARL

## JUNIORS GET ACCLAIM!

by Cathy Gaber

By popular demand, we will start accepting submissions for the AFMS Club Junior Rockhound of the Year. Juniors (under 18) deserve to be recognized for their contributions too. This junior honor will be in addition to the previously recognized AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year, which has been used only for adults.

The rules will be the same. Anyone in the club can submit a candidate for either or both of these programs. Information needed to process the submission includes: name of the honoree, name of the submitter, name of the club, home state of the club and about 50 words describing why the honoree deserves to be recognized.

In the case of juniors, I will leave it to your discretion to include the child's age or not. Each club can have one person in each category every single year. We will continue to accept couples in the adult category.

These submissions are printed in the AFMS newsletter and in the Eastern Federation Newsletter as well. I would encourage your club editors to also print this information. That gives both the adult and junior members credit throughout the country.

What an honor! Surely you know someone who would appreciate being recognized from your club. We still have 3 months left in this calendar year, so please send in your recommendation to me as soon as possible.



## AND THE HONOREES ARE....

from Cathy Gaber, AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year Chair

It's with pleasure that I announce the latest people named by their club as their AFMS Rockhound of the Year.

The Board of Directors of the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, Maryland has chosen *Kristen Westbrook* to be our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for 2005. Kris has served the society as secretary and as vice president. She has also served as chairman of the committee to judge earth science exhibits at the Montgomery Area Science Fairs to determine who would be recipients of our awards at Senior and Junior High School levels. She has helped at our annual shows and set up the case displaying members' favorite specimens and lapidary pieces. She helped at our auction in October and is a willing worker wherever and whenever needed. She also took it upon herself to write notes of welcome to new members. Unfortunately, Kris is moving from our area but is sure to join a club when she gets settled in Florida and they will be fortunate to have her as a member. Our loss is their gain.

*Submitted by Nancy Ballard, editor*

*Milton Wiser* has been selected as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc. Milton took over the job of Field Trip Chairman at a time when the club was at a low point and the position urgently needed to be filled to give the club a great boost. And did Milton get us field trips! Milton got the club into new sites. Milton got the club into sites that had previously been closed to clubs. Even the most ardent field-tripper would have little room to complain. In addition to his work finding field trips, Milton assists in other club activities where he can, such as finding a new and great site for the club picnic that was not so far away, thus helping to revive the annual event. Milton also assisted in the

picnic festivities such as by helping in the selection and delivery of the food. Milton has contributed substantially to the success of the club.

*Submitted by Georgia Olmstead, Editor*

On behalf of the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area, I submit *George Loudas* our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. A member for several years, he served as a director until 2000 and has been treasurer since 2001. George occasionally writes for our bulletin and gives talks to our club and others about specific collecting sites. His exhibits at the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium are always well received. He is also active in two other local clubs and in the Eastern Federation. For the latter, he served on the Legislation and Conservation committee for many years and wrote the regular column "Loud and Clear" for the EFMLS newsletter. George deserves to be recognized for all his contributions.

*Submitted by Bruce Gaber, past president*

*Cynthia Payne* is our choice for AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for the Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia. Her record of continuous service to the club is unequalled. Starting in 1979, she became president of the club for two years. In the years following, she held the office of treasurer for ten years and has been vice president since 2002. She has always been a great supporter, not just of our club, but of other local clubs, the federation, and the Mineral Sciences Department at the Smithsonian as a volunteer. She still exhibits competitively and is a certified exhibit judge. She has shared many of her mineral travel stories in the bulletin and as the speaker. Cynthia also donates generously to our club's auctions. Many thanks, Cynthia!

*Submitted by Andy Thompson, president*

## JUNE WILDACRES A SUCCESS

by Esther Dunn

Our EFMLS Wildacres Workshops keep getting better and better. That's what our returning participants keep telling us.



This June about half of our "students" were first timers and after about 5 minutes of gaping and looking around, they jumped right in and had a ball. Surveys we received back from them indicate that they had a wonderful time...plan to return, and plan to encourage more of their members to join them next year. What else can be said for success?

Bill Metropolis regaled the group with his talks and anecdotes about being a collector and museum curator. Bill's a knowledgeable and wonderful speaker and we all enjoyed the time he spent with us.

In September we'll have Fred Ward as our speaker. Fred's moved out to California and I'm sure he'll have some tales about life out there on the "left coast". In addition, we'll be joined by representatives from each of the AFMS regional federations as they take our Judging and Exhibiting Class from Jay Bowman. This is the 3rd year that we've hosted a group like this and are honored that AFMS has selected the EFMLS and our Wildacres program for this national judges training endeavor.

Our 2006 session should be an exciting one. We have two new to Wildacres speakers on tap and we're now waiting to learn our scheduled dates from the Wildacres Foundation. We're hoping to have them by the end of the year, so watch this space for an announcement.

Next month we'll fill you in on what you missed by not attending the September session.

## ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD

Did you ever sit down at your computer or even your typewriter ( those of you who remember what that is) and draw a complete BLANK ?? Well, that is where I am right now. I have read some of my previous messages to you, and now I am thinking "How corny is that?" Those of you who know me will expect that. I am a a spur of the moment person, a real procrastinator and just what I have been telling you what NOT to be. The old adage applies here - Do as I say , and not what I do !!

We have a situation that I have not dealt with before. The 2006 AFMS convention is in Nashville, TN. in mid July . The 2006 EFMLS convention is in Florida in November. So, I will have to have

by Hazel Remaley, EFMLS Chair

your entries early enough for them to be judged by my committee and then sent off to the AFMS group. Stay tuned.

I told you in the June-August 2005 message about Section 1 and 2 of the AACA competition entry. Now, let's go on to Section 3 . This is where you talk about your club bulletin and publicity for your club meetings and your annual show.

I hesitate to go further until I hear about any changes that are anticipated in the entry forms. But stay tuned for the next installment of the ongoing saga. Our editor will be publishing the new revised forms as soon as she has them. We will proceed at that point.



The lobby of the North Lodge at Wildacres  
Photo C. Weinberger



You see lots of smiles when you're at an EFMLS Wildacres session. This is Roger Barnett.

photo: C. Weinberger

## SAFETY FIRST - HAND TOOL SAFETY - PLIERS & FILES

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

Slip joint pliers, which include the well known water pump pliers, have serrated jaws with a rod-gripping section and are used to hold objects. The slip joint accommodates objects of different sizes. These pliers may also have a cutting edge for soft wire and nails, however cutting large or hard items will spring the jaws. Arc joint pliers are similar, but may have straight or curved jaws and will accommodate a variety of object sizes. The tightening of bolts or nuts with slip joint or arc joint pliers is not recommended and will usually result in damage to the nut or bolt and may lead to knuckle injuries if the pliers slip. Use wrenches for tightening nuts and bolts. Vice grip pliers are designed to provide a tighter grip, but are still not to be used to tighten nuts and bolts. Parallel jaw pliers are designed to hold flat surfaced items, such as sheets of metal.

Flat nosed and round nosed pliers have a fixed pivot jaw and curved handles which may or may not be equipped with insulated grips. The flat nosed pliers may have smooth or serrated jaws and are designed to bend light sheet metal or wire. Round nose pliers are used to make loops in soft wire.

Diagonal cutting pliers have a fixed pivot and curved handles that are offset 15 degrees so as to provide the operator enough knuckle clearance while making flush cuts in soft metal. These pliers are designed for cutting small, light pieces of wire, cotter keys, solder, etc., and should not be used to hold or grip items. When cutting, restrain the piece that is to be cut off so that it will not become a missile hazard. End cutting pliers, or nippers, are used to cut off wire flush to the working surface, thus keeping fingers away from the wire ends. Hand shears are made with straight or curved cutting blades and are used for cutting sheet metal. Shears are made for right-handed operators so that the cutting line is always in full view for accuracy. Straight blade shears are used for cutting straight

lines and curves, while curved bladed shears are used for cutting short straight lines and curves and small intricate designs.

When using diagonal pliers, end cutting pliers, or shears, keep fingers away from the jaws and cutting edges and always wear eye protection. Do not attempt to cut material that is heavier than the tool is designed for. Do not use pliers or shears as hammers or pry bars. Keep shears sharp with an oil stone or file. Grinding is not recommended and shortens shear life. Keep pliers and shears clean and lubricate the pivot point with a light oil. Store in a dry location on hooks or a shelf, protecting the cutting surfaces from contact with other tools. A thin coat of oil can be applied to protect from rust. Do not remove insulation from handles or oil insulated handles. Replace pliers or shears that have broken handles, cutting edges, or jaws.

Straight lip jaw thongs have a fixed pivot point, two straight jaws and long handles and are used for placing hot items into and picking them out of pickling solution. These thongs should be made of materials that will not react with the solution and discolor the metals being handled.

Files come in many types and sizes and are used in metal smithing and soap stone carving. Some general safety precautions for using files are:

1. Never use a file without a securely attached file handle (unless it is a swiss pattern type).
2. Do not oil files which will cause the file to slide across the work, preventing fast cutting.
3. Do not use files for anything but filing.
4. Clean files often, as clogged files will scratch the work. Always use a file scorer and file cleaning brush

## ROCKHOONDING:

### PORTRAIT OF A PASSION

by Carolyn Weinberger

There is always speculation, lament, comment, guessing, etc. about the status of our rockhounding hobby. Several months ago Tina Tuttle and Kreigh Tomaszewski decided to take a survey to try to discover who rockhounds are, their habits related to their geo-interest, and how they got involved in the hobby.

The results are now in and have been formulated into "Rockhounding: Portrait of a Passion". Sections of the report include "Portrait of a Collector", "How do people get interested in the hobby?", "Collecting habits", and "Implications".

The report is well worth reading and is available in *pdf* format in its entirety by visiting:

<[www.Tomaszewski.net/Kreigh/Minerals/RockhoundsReport.v.4.pdf](http://www.Tomaszewski.net/Kreigh/Minerals/RockhoundsReport.v.4.pdf)>

NEXT MONTH....

AFMS CONTEST RESULTS!

to clean a file. Do not strike against another tool or object to remove filings.

5. Store files in a file rack or box so that the file faces or edges do not touch each other or other tools. Do not store files with lubricants on them. Wrap each file with a water-proofed barrier wrapping paper.

Proper use of hand tools will provide the operator with long tool life, injury free.

## EDITORS' CORNER

by Mary Bateman

Hope all of you had a great summer. Unfortunately, summer is over and for many EFMLS editors, it means back to work. The September issue of most club bulletins will set the tone for the months ahead--what will be happening (field trips, picnics, meetings, parties, tail gates, swaps, etc.). Looking ahead is great for members. It allows them to plan ahead and, therefore, encourages a larger attendance at your club events.

While looking ahead and making sure your members know what's coming up, don't forget the summer that has just passed. Ask members to write articles about what they did--that special vacation, mine visit, rock or fossil collecting site, etc. Ask them for some pictures so you can include one or two with their articles. You can even do a collage of several members' pictures from their summer treks and adventures. Members love to see their picture in the newsletter.

And, while you are putting together your newsletter, remember the BEAC contest. While the awards will not be presented for 2005 newsletters until November 2006, entries will be due around January 1. The actual deadline date, as you are aware, is determined by the AFMS' deadline for the 2005 AFMS bulletin entries. Will let you know via this column as soon as we have the date from AFMS.

Speaking of the BEAC contest, we are still looking for judges for 2005 entries. If a member of your club would make a good judge, why not ask them and submit their name. Judges are as important a part of the BEAC contest as the editors, authors, artists, etc.

Keep on including the past, present and future into your newsletters and remember to proofread each issue before sending it to be printed.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

from Ye Olde Editor

Please make the following changes to your 2005 EFMLS Directory in order to keep it current.

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## EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Fran Sick, Chair

As I mentioned in June, the 2006 EFMLS Convention will be held in November in West Palm Beach, FL, and the deadline for nominations for the Each One Teach One Award will not be for several months. In a month or two the exact deadline date will be announced and a nomination form will be printed in this newsletter.

With the luxury this year of having several months to prepare and submit nominations for the 2006 EOTO Award I anticipate there will be a record number received. Do you know who you will nominate? If not please take time as you attend club meetings, shows, Wildacres and other events to think about what you are learning and the dedication of those special people who are teaching, conducting programs and seminars, putting on demonstrations, giving lectures, leading educational field trips, writing educational articles - all those things that make our hobby more educational and therefore more interesting and fun for the rest of us.

Maybe with what you learn from these wonderful teachers of ours you will someday find that you feel secure enough in what you have learned to become the teacher. When that day comes wouldn't you feel honored to be nominated for the Each One Teach One Award? Can you think of a better way to say thank you - we recognize and appreciate all you do for us?

So who will you nominate for 2006?

## ANITA BLUMENTHAL

March 20, 1922 - July 9, 2005

Anita Blumenthal, mother of Wildacres Foundation President Phillip Blumenthal, has passed away after a lengthy illness. She was 83 and had spent the majority of her life in Charlotte, NC where she and her late husband Herman devoted their lives to the betterment of mankind.

As a young woman, she was a professional singer, had her own radio show and even did voice overs for a number of Hollywood movies! Not one to sit and just raise a family, Mrs. Blumenthal was active in a great number of charitable and cultural organizations including the Wildacres Leadership Initiative, the Blumenthal Foundation, and of course Wildacres.

Steve and I met Mrs. Blumenthal in 1976 during our first EFMLS Wildacres Workshop. Both Anita and Herman came to Wildacres each weekend and enjoyed having meals with whatever group was in attendance at the time. Over the years we got to know her fairly well and enjoyed talking with her about the plans that she, Herman and Phillip had for Wildacres. Her hand and vision can now be seen everywhere on the campus from the way the buildings blend into the campus to the furnishings in the common areas, to some of the artwork and signs hanging throughout.

Mrs. Blumenthal was a true southern lady. She never sought the limelight, but instead quietly got involved and supported the many organizations that she was a part of.

She is survived by her three sons and their wives, Phillip and Amy, Alan and Lee and Samuel and Mandy, and 7 grandchildren. Anita Blumenthal left a lasting legacy and made a definite mark upon the world.

Contributions in her memory should be directed to the Wildacres Retreat, PO Box 34689, Charlotte, NC 28234-4689 or to either the AFMS Scholarship Foundation or Eastern Foundation Fund.

Carolyn Weinberger

## ALICE BOWMAN

Alice Bowman, wife of B. Jay Bowman passed away in early July after a long struggle with cancer of the liver. Although many in the Federation did not know Alice, Jay has been a fixture for years at Eastern and American Federation Conventions where he's been involved with the Uniform Rules committees and at Wildacres where he's taught the Exhibiting and Judging classes for many years.

Alice was a character. She met Jay when he was stationed in San Diego and needed someone to purchase alcohol for him. Alice who was of "legal" age, volunteered...and the rest, as they say is history. They were married for over 50 years. Alice drove a truck by profession and loved taking care of her dogs.

Our condolences to Jay and his family on their loss.

For those wishing to, contributions in Alice's memory may be made to either the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, % Bob Livingston or to the Eastern Foundation Fund, % Joy Bourne (see page 9 for addresses).

Carolyn Weinberger

## A NOTE FROM JAY

*To all of the people throughout the EFMLS who sent cards and Emails of condolence, thank you. I know that most of you did not know Alice, she rarely showed up at the conventions or Wildacres. Those that did know her know she was a special lady. I will miss her very much.*

*Again thank you for all the cards and Emails.*

*B. Jay Bowman*

## IT'S BEEN A HOT SUMMER

Anonymous

Most of us here on the East Coast have experienced a very hot summer. It's been so hot that....

The birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.

The trees are whistling for the dogs.

The best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.

Hot water now comes out of both taps.

You can make sun tea instantly.

You learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron!

The temperature drops below 95 and you feel a little chilly.

You discover that in July it only takes 2 fingers to steer your car.

You discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.

You actually burn your hand opening the car door.

You break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 a.m.

Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"

You realize that asphalt has a liquid state.

The potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper.

Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.

The cows are giving evaporated milk.

Ah, what a place to call home!

## THE CAKE

forwarded by Angie Teixeira

Alice was to bake a cake for the church ladies' group bake sale, but she forgot to do it until the last minute.

She baked an angel food cake and when she took it from the oven, the center had dropped flat. She said, "Oh dear, there's no time to bake another cake." So, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake.

Alice found it in the bathroom, a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and covered it with icing. The finished product looked beautiful, so she rushed it to the church.

Before she left the house, Alice had given her daughter some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the minute it opened, and to buy that cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, the attractive cake had already been sold. Alice was beside herself.

The next day, Alice was invited to a friend's home where two tables of bridge were to be played that afternoon.

After the game, a fancy lunch was served, and to top it off, the cake in question was presented for dessert.

Alice saw the cake, she started to get out of her chair to rush into the kitchen to tell her hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, one of the other ladies said, "What a beautiful cake!"

Alice sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say

"Thank you, I baked it myself."

## TOP TEN WINNERS

forwarded by Bill Rinker

These are the 10 winners of this year's Bulwer-Lytton contest -- AKA Dark and Stormy Night Contest-- (run by the English Dept. of San Jose State University), wherein one writes only the first line of a bad novel:

10) As a scientist, Throckmorton knew that if he were ever to break wind in the echo chamber, he would never hear the end of it."

9) "Just beyond the Narrows, the river widens."

8) "With a curvaceous figure that Venus would have envied, a tanned, unblemished oval face framed with lustrous thick brown hair, deep azure-blue eyes fringed with long black lashes, perfect teeth that vied for competition, and a small straight nose, Marilee had a beauty that defied description."

7) "Andre, a simple peasant, had only one thing on his mind as he crept along the East wall: "Andre creep... Andre creep... Andre creep."

6) "Stanislaus Smedley, a man always on the cutting edge of narcissism, was about to give his body and soul to a back alley sex-change surgeon to become the

woman he loved."

5) "Although Sarah had an abnormal fear of mice, it did not keep her from eeking out a living at a local pet store."

4) "Stanley looked quite bored and somewhat detached, but then penguins often do."

3) "Like an over-ripe beefsteak tomato rimmed with cottage cheese, the corpulent remains of Santa Claus lay dead on the hotel floor."

2) "Mike Hardware was the kind of private eye who didn't know the meaning of the word 'fear': a man who could laugh in the face of danger and spit in the eye of death -- in short, a moron with suicidal tendencies."

AND THE WINNER IS.....

1) "The sun oozed over the horizon, shoved aside darkness, crept along the greensward, and, with sickly fingers, pushed through the castle window, revealing the pillaged princess, hand at throat, crown asunder, gaping in frenzied horror at the sated, sodden amphibian lying beside her, disbelieving the magnitude of the frog's deception, screaming madly, "YOU LIED !"

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## VISIT A SHOW

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### September:

17 -18: Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club, Zembo Shrine Auditorium, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Division Streets, Harrisburg, PA

24: Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Saco Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Albany Town Hall, Rt. 16, Albany, NH.

24-25: 41st Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD Rt. 32,, New Freedom, MD (just outside Baltimore)

### October:

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

8-9: 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Festival sponsored by the Capital Mineral Club. Sunapee State Park Ski Area, Newbury, NH.

7 - 9: Annual Show sponsored by the Smokey Mountain Mineral Society. Jefferson Co. Rescue Squad Bldg; 915 Industrial Park Rd; Dandridge, TN

7 - 9: 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Gaston Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Gaston Co. Gem & Mineral Society Dallas (Biggerstaff) Park, Dallas Cherryville Hwy (Hwy 279 just off Hwy 321); Dallas, NC

7-9: 48th Annual Paul Desautels Micromount Syposium sponsored by the Baltimore Mineral Society. Contact Cal Pierson, 410-472-9406 for information & registration.

15-16 - 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Buildings B & C; Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY.

22-23: Annual Gem-Jewelry-Fossil-Bead Show sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society & Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section. Monroe Co. Fairgrounds, Minett Hall; Calkins Rd; Henrietta, NY.

22-23: 33rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT (near Rt. 6 and Stephen's Auto).

29-30: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. Community College of Rhode Island - Knight Campus, Rt. 113, East Av; Warwick, RI.

### November

19 -20 - 14th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Student Union II, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

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