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WILDACRES NEWS

from Esther B. Dunn

Bob Jones is coming back to Wildacres!



That's right, Bob Jones, Senior Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine is scheduled to be the guest speaker for the first EFMLS Wildacres Workshop scheduled for June 26 - July 2.

He's a dynamic speaker, knowledgeable rock and mineral collector, and all around great guy. You'll love hearing his tales of adventure from his journeys around the world. Bob knows everyone, has been almost everywhere, and always has lots of wonderful information to share with the group. We know you won't want to miss the opportunity of spending a week with the terrific guy.

I'm also pleased to tell you that we have a new registrar for Wildacres. John Milligan, who served in that capacity last year has received a major promotion at his job and will not be able to continue. We'll miss him, but know that this is wonderful news for John and his family, and we congratulate and wish him well.

The new registrar will be Debbie Bard. Debbie lives in Warfordsburg, PA, a tiny community between Breezewood, PA and Hancock, MD. She's our Director Ginger's daughter and has been at Wildacres the past two years. We know she will do an excellent job and welcome her to our team.

A list of the classes we'll be offering during the two Wildacres sessions appears on page 7 of this issue and an application can be found on page 17.

Wildacres is truly a special place. Just ask members of your club who've been there before. Also ask your club President for a copy of the special Wildacres brochure which was mailed to your club last month. The retreat is off the road on a private mountain in the midst of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are no TV's, newspapers or radios to interrupt the silence. Accommodations are in motel type rooms with meals taken family style in the modern dining hall. The cost of the week, which includes room, board and tuition for classes, and gratuity for the staff is \$280 per person. (There is a minor additional charge for materials for most classes, but this is normally under \$25.)

Don't wait too long before you send in your application as we know the session will fill rapidly. I look forward to seeing YOU at Wildacres this year.

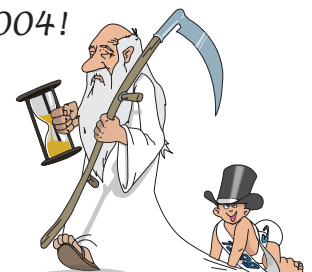
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OH NO, NOT MORE RESOLUTIONS!!!

By Matt Charsky, EFMLS President

It's the beginning of 2004 and you know what that means. Did you remember to make your New Years' Resolutions for 2004? Better yet, did you even think about relating some of your resolutions to your hobby? I didn't think so. Well, I can't help you with your personal resolutions, but I can give you at least ten ideas on how you can improve your hobby during 2004.

1. I resolve to attend the combined AFMS/EFMLS Convention in July in Syracuse, NY.

2. I resolve to work alone or with other members of my club to develop a show case for the EFMLS Convention.

3. I resolve to attend one (or both) of the Wildacres sessions.

4. I resolve to help my local club participate in one or more of the following programs - AFMS All American Award; AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year; AFMS Scholarship Foundation; Each One Teach One; or the Eastern Foundation Fund.

5. I resolve to be a judge for one of the various categories in the Bulletin Editor's Contest.

6. I resolve to use the EFMLS slide and video library resources.

7. I resolve to keep EFMLS Officers and my Regional Vice-President aware of my local club activities.

8. I resolve to donate "good stuff" for the EFMLS Annual Auction and any potential raffle.

9. I resolve to find out more about EFMLS programs and the expertise of its members.

10. I resolve to become involved or more involved in EFMLS activities, either as an: Officer; Committee Chairperson; Regional Vice-President; Area Representative; or as a volunteer.

As experienced rockhounds, lapidarists, fossil collectors, or just lovers of the earth sciences, I'm sure each of you can do at least one

of these resolutions. If that happens, there will be some 10,000 great actions occurring in the EFMLS during 2004. That means all the EFMLS officers, including myself, will be overwhelmed by the response. The Committee chairs won't be able to sit down due to all the increased work. The Syracuse club will have to expand their show to include the entire New York State Fairgrounds. Okay, okay, maybe I am exaggerating a little bit. Or am I?

Starting now, everyone has the opportunity to register for the Wildacres Spring session. The Spring session is actually being held during the period June 26th - July 2nd. Here's your chance to bring your family and club member friends and overtake the mountain. Mark your calendar, mail your application in, and be part of this very special event.

As 2004 begins, remember that the EFMLS is a synthesis of local clubs and their highly-motivated members from 22 states (including the District of Columbia). 2004 could be a year to remember. I need each of you to participate to make that happen. One of the recent new car commercials on television promotes their vehicle with the phrase "drivers wanted." The same phrase could also apply to the EFMLS.

Here's wishing you, your hobby, and your club "All the Best" in 2004.



LIBRARY ADDITIONS

from Rick Harrison

I'm delighted to share with you the good news about the EFMLS Library. Through the generosity of the Rochester Mineral Society, we've received nine new video tapes highlighting the featured talks at the 2003 Mineral Symposium which they sponsor annually. AND, through the generosity of the AFMS, we've also received four new slide programs, all winners in the 2003 AFMS Program Competition!

Video Tapes:

163R - Mineral of China by Bert Ottens.

164R - Recent Specimen Mining Discoveries, 1997-2003, by Brian Lees.

165R - Minerals of Namibia, by Georg Gebhard

166R - Zeolites of New Zealand, by Jocelyn Thornton

167R - Collecting Adventures at 64 by Brad Wilson

168R- Arthur Kingsbury: A Case of Falsified British Mineral Locations by Alan Hart

169R - What's New in Minerals by Jeff Scovill

170R - The Mineralogy of Silver by Terry Wallace

171R - The Development of the Petrographic Microscope by Dan Kile



Slide Programs:

106 - Agate Over All by Doug Moore and Dr. Don Kelman. 140 slides. A view of Agates from all over the world. Some history, info about formation and coloring agents. Very colorful.

107 - Datolite Nodules: "Copper Country" Color by Wayne W. Sukow. 94 slides. Colorful nodular forms, including variety and distinctive patterns from various locations. How they are formed and colored is included.

108 - DOGgone - Safety's Important. Narrated by Martha Miss for Rocky & Nika. 65 slides. Rocky & Nika demonstrate all the importance of safety along with some humor. Suitable for all ages.

109 - Illinois Fluorite - Remember the Past by Dean Stone. 110 slides. An overview of Illinois mining of the past, along with a tour through two museums as well.

These programs along with the others in our library, can be borrowed by EFMLS member clubs. A full listing of programs can be found in the EFMLS Directory (pages 22 - 33). Requests should be sent to me as early as possible being sure to include not only your name and address, but the name of your club and date when you plan to show the program you're requesting. Because many of the titles are quite popular, be certain to list at least one alternate title.

Requests should be sent to me, Rick Harrison, 2665 Cline Hill Rd, Conistee, NY 14823. 607-698-4933 or e-mail <rlh-ss@infoblvd.net>.

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

from Joy Bourne

We are pleased to report the receipt of the following contributions to the Eastern Foundation Fund since our annual report was published in the November EFMLS News.

Shirley Greenberg sent a memorial gift honoring Terry Cirrincioni, and Paul Dunning sent a gift designated "in appreciation for all the hard work EFMLS officers and members have done." Shirley and Paul are both past presidents of the Eastern Federation, and as you can see, both continue their support and encouragement toward building the programs of the federation. We thank them both for the kind words which accompanied their gifts.

Thank you, too, to all the individuals and clubs who supported the 2003 Ways and Means Committee Raffle to benefit the EFF. The list of participating clubs and individuals is most gratifying. Special thanks are sent to Steve and Carolyn Weinberger for their valiant efforts in picking up the challenge of completing the 2003 raffle, following the death of Ways and Means committee chairman Terry Cirrincioni. Their final report of proceeds raised for the Eastern Foundation Fund is now in, and the figures show that the Fund has received \$1,020.24, as a result of this year's efforts. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

A gift to the Eastern Foundation Fund is an investment in the continuing effort to increase the effectiveness of the Eastern Federation as we strive to serve our member clubs. Please make your checks payable to "Eastern Foundation Fund," and send them to Joy Bourne, EFF Chairman, RR #1, Box 159A, Towanda PA 18848-9739. All gifts are tax deductible, and we truly appreciate your generosity.

AFMS ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

from Cathy Gaber

It's a new year! How about resolving to select one person (or couple) from your club as your "Rockhound of the Year". Selecting a recipient for this honor is quite simple. All you need to do is tell us in 50 words or less why this person (or couple) is so valuable to your club. (Your selection does not need to be done by the "club", but can come from an individual member of the club.)

Send your selection information to
Cathy Gaber
5707 Northfield Rd
Bethesda, MD 20817
e-mail <bg@his.com>.

We'll see that the information is printed in the next EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters.

Mitchell Portnoy of the New York Mineralogical Club has been nominated as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. You probably recognize Mitch's name. He has been NYMC president for the past 2 terms and Bulletin Editor for nearly 10 years! During Mitch's term as president, we started for the first time ever, a junior group, called the Tourmaline Troop. Mitch has also worked tirelessly each year to assist Tony Nikischer of Excalibur Minerals to organize and host the New York Gem and Mineral Show. At our annual banquet in November, he prepares special awards to recognize members' contributions during the year. He organizes games and activities for the banquet and catalogues the lots for the annual auction. This year, I hope to see Mitch Portnoy become Rockhound of the Year!

nominated by Anna Schumate, President

Tom Boynton stands out as my choice for the 2004 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. After joining

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

from Fran Sick

Happy New Year to all. Have you sent in your nomination for the 2004 Each One Teach One award yet? If not there is still time. The deadline is March 15 for all entries to be either postmarked or e-mailed to me. Mailing information is on the bottom of the entry form found on page 15 of this newsletter.

the North Shore Rock and Mineral Club a few years ago, Tom took on the job of editor of our monthly bulletin "Mineral Matter". He has written many articles and draws cartoons of "Rocky" to spice up the Bulletin. At meetings, Tom regularly sets up a computer display with a digital camera showing how to photograph minerals and offers other mineral and computer related how-to information. As an avid field trip participant, Tom is a great guy to work with either at a quarry or the side of a mountain. The NSRMC runs the largest club show in New England, and Tom eagerly takes on tasks and responsibilities and all are performed in a professional manner as a member of the show committee. Tom has a calm demeanor and a warm smile, and is always willing to share and join in any project the club undertakes. He freely donates his time and energy for the good of the club and the hobby.

nominated by Joe Weisberg, President



The Each One Teach One award is unique to the Eastern Federation. As the name indicates it is designed to further our hobby by recognizing those who do the most, primarily on a volunteer basis, to teach any and all hobby-related subjects. Some examples of qualifying activities are:

- * 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 scouts, schools or community.

- * Writing educational articles for newsletters or other publications.

- * Supervising or teaching educational workshops, seminars or other courses.

- * Leading educational field trips.

These are just a few examples to get you started. The teaching does not have to be in a formal setting. Anything where someone is teaching a hobby-related activity and someone is learning it counts.

Most if not all of us know someone in our club who is always teaching in some way. If we want to continue to benefit from their generosity what better way could we find to tell these people their efforts are appreciated than to nominate them for the Each One Teach One award.

With the combined AFMS and EFMLS conventions being held together in Syracuse, New York, in July 2004 it would be great to have a record number of entries this year. Lets show the rest of the country what great people we have in EFMLS. Who knows, this could become a national award with our Federation's example.

NEWSLETTER GOALS

from Mary Bateman

Happy New Year!

With the holidays now behind us, our bulletin entries submitted and the January doldrums before us, it is an excellent opportunity to sit back, relax, reflect and make goals and plans for the year. We would like to suggest a few questions to ponder and goals to add to your list.

(1) Did my 2003 bulletins get entered into the contest for 2004 awards? If not, mark down as a goal to enter them for the 2005 contest. If you did, good for you and mark it down for a goal for this year, too.

(2) Did I and/or other members of my club attend the editor's breakfast in Poughkeepsie? If not, you missed a great opportunity to interact with other editors and to personally receive any awards for your newsletter. Above and beyond that, you missed a wonderful opportunity to hear Carolyn Weinberger speak on ways to get more material for your newsletter. Whether you did attend or not, mark down as a goal that you will attend the editor's breakfast in Syracuse on July 11.

(3) How much did I encourage club members/officers to contribute to the bulletin? Getting the entire club involved in the newsletter should be a goal of all editors. If a club member/officer has a story to tell, ask them to write it down and submit it for your newsletter. If they do not feel they can write it themselves, ask them to put their thoughts on paper and then write the story for them or, better, have another member write it for them. Don't forget the juniors in your club. With a little encouragement, they are usually more than willing to write about what they have seen or learned.

(4) Am I encouraging officers to write reports/news for the bulletin?



An article/report in the bulletin is the most efficient way for officers and committee chairs to get information out to all of your membership-not just those who attend meetings.

(5) Do I regularly not only use the spell check on my final copy, but also manually proof it? There and their are both legitimate words, but have totally different meanings as do many other similar sounding words such as wear, where and were. Only manually proofing will pick up this type of error.

(6) How can I change the format of my bulletin to be more "user friendly" and/or look better? Even the best can always improve our bulletins.

(7) Are all items in my bulletin properly attributed and I haven't any copyright infringements?

Space doesn't permit me to go on and on, but you get the idea. You can probably add a good many more questions and goals to the list.

The BEAC's New Year wish for you is that you get more articles than you need and that you receive a high score on the BEAC scoring sheets. Happy Editing!!!

IDLE THOUGHTS

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped on. I can't afford one so I'm wearing my garage door opener.

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "A Good Doctor!"

ALL AMERICAN AWARD

from Hazel Remaley

"NOW is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their party!"

I'm sure you've heard this famous line many times before. Let's adapt it to your club and your club's opportunity to gain recognition for its contributions. Perhaps the phrase should read "Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their club."

Normally at the end of each fiscal year, the club president (your CEO) presents an annual report in which accomplishments of the group are highlighted. Why not expand that report, turn it into a scrapbook and submit it for the AFMS All-American Award? Putting together such a report isn't very difficult - most clubs already have much of the information that's needed and they just have to gather it together.

The guidelines are on page 13 of this issue. Basically, there are five "questions" which you need to address in your annual report. You'll also need to include photographs, newspaper articles if your club was featured in the paper, programs from shows or special activities and a copy of your club newsletter.

My own club has prepared a year end booklet now for several years. Over the years we realized that some things needed to be fixed; that we could not continue operating our club "the way it's always been done" if we wanted to continue attracting new and active members. We've made changes and think we've become a stronger and more vital organization because of it. Your club can do this too....and while you've done that work send it along as an entry in the All American Award program.

SILVER, GOLD AND METALSMITHING, SOLDERING/BRAZING, CASTING AND ELECTROPLATING SAFETY

Silver brazing alloy, commonly called "silver solder" is used to join metals and alloys such as silver, brass, bronze, carbon steel, stainless steel and dissimilar metal combinations. Fumes generated during brazing from the metals and brazing fluxes can be a serious health hazard. Use fluoride free fluxes such as borax fluxes and avoid zinc chloride and rosin fluxes if at all possible. Cadmium in silver brazing alloys vaporizes when overheated and produces cadmium oxide, a highly toxic substance, the fumes of which if inhaled into the respiratory tract can cause pulmonary distress, shortness of breath, and in cases of severe exposure, death. Some of the silver brazing filler metals containing cadmium are: BAg-1, BAg-1a, BAg-2, and BAg-2a. Since the boiling point of Cadmium is 1412 degrees F., brazing can be carried on "safely" using BAg-1 and BAg-1a classes of filler metal at temperatures below 1400 degrees F. BAg-2 and BAg-3 have recommended brazing temperatures of 1295 - 1550 degrees F. and 1270 - 1500 degrees f. respectfully.

Since temperatures in the upper portion of these ranges can be reached, provide adequate local exhaust ventilation or individual air-supplied respirators. Solder fume and pollutant absorbers are also available with internal fans and filters for use at the work site and do not require the vacuum hoses of exhaust ventilation systems. General ventilation systems only spread the fumes and pollutants. Lead, Antimony, and Cadmium solders are not recommended as these metals are highly toxic and an inhalation hazard. Flux, filler, and base material fumes are irritating to the lungs and the eyes. Zinc chloride is corrosive and Silver particles can cause a blue-black stain on the skin.

Know the materials that you are brazing and the solders/fillers and fluxes you are using and the manufactures recommended procedures and safety precautions. Use lead free solders for stained glass and slab working and remember "lead free" does not mean that there is no lead present.

Lost Wax Casting requires the use of Silica which is highly toxic and cuttlebone dust which is irritating if inhaled, so wear a respirator, gloves, and goggles. Always mix silica in a glove box. Use non silica plaster if possible. Be sure that the cuttlebone is kept clean and wet the sand. Keep the area clean of dust and use a wet mop and rag to clean up. Sodium Silicate is moderately toxic and should not be allowed to come in contact with the skin. When using the centrifuge, make sure to wear a protective face shield and fire proof apron. Remember molten metal can splash and burn.

Electroplating, annealing, cleaning, polishing and finishing may require the use of or contact with cyanide plating solution. Cyanide salts are extremely toxic if ingested, inhaled, or if they come in contact with the skin. Gold salts can cause allergic reactions. Hydrogen cyanide forms when acid is added to cyanide which is extremely toxic and can lead to shock, so only use cyanide solution in a laboratory hooded enclosure. Sodium and Potassium cyanide are also extremely toxic. An antidote kit should be available at all times when these chemicals are in use and amyl nitrate administered if poisoning occurs. Seek immediate medical attention after administering the antidote. Remember that cyanide is a hazardous chemical and should be disposed of as a hazardous chemical and not poured down the sink. Do not touch the elec-

trical wires used with electroplating.

Safe practices for the brazing, casting, electroplating lab.

1. Provide an adequate well lighted work space for the type of work being performed and the number of individuals involved.

2. Provide fire extinguishers, first aid and antidote kits. Have a sink with running water available and if a lot of people are involved, install an eye wash station at the sink. Aloe plants or creams may be used to soothe minor burns.

3. Provide proper local ventilation and masks or respirators for the work area and type of work to be performed. Clean ventilation vacuum hoses and replace filters in solder fume and pollutant absorbers periodically and dispose of the cleaning materials and filters properly.

4. Safety glasses, goggles, or face shields should be available and used where appropriate. Wear appropriate clothing, gloves, and aprons to protect the skin.

5. Do not handle your work piece, fire brick, fire screen, or heating pad with your bare hands. Use tongs or a heat resistant non asbestos glove.

6. Be familiar with the safe operation of all the power and hand tools in the shop, such as hammers, drills, pliers, jeweler's saws, tongs, etc., before using. Do not touch any electrical wires and know how to shut down and electrically isolate all power equipment.

WILDACRES CLASSES

from Ginger Posthumus

Here are the classes and instructors planned for the 2004 EFMLS Wildacres Workshops. Use these when filling in the WA Registration form found on page 17 of this issue.

We will have more definite information about the fall class offerings once we have the fall dates from the Wildacres Foundation.

Please duplicate this listing along with the Wildacres Registration form and either include it with your newsletter or take it to your next club meetings to share with your members.

SUMMER SESSION: JUNE 26 - JULY 2

2-day Class**ES**:

Cabochons - Al DeMilo
Prerequisite: None

Chainmaking Basic - David Alberts
1st semester only
Prerequisite: none

Chainmaking Intermediate
Instructor - David Alberts
2nd semester only
Prerequisite: Basic

Fluorescents - George Durland
Prerequisite: None
Supplies Fee: TBA

Mineral ID - Cathy Gaber
1st semester only
Prerequisite: None

Wirecraft Basic - Jackie Campbell
Prerequisite: None

Soapstone Carving or Beading
Instructor: TBA
Prerequisite: None

You can see pictures of previous EFMLS Wildacres sessions by visiting the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls>

4-day Classes:

Faceting - Reivan Zeleznik
Prerequisite: None

Certified Judging - B.Jay Bowman
Prerequisite: None

Micromounting & Photomicrography
Instructor: Paul Smith
Prerequisite: None

Silversmithing - Ruthie Cohen
Prerequisite: None

FALL 2004 - DATE TBA

2-day Classes

Cabochons
Instructor: TBA
Prerequisite: None

Wirecraft Basic
Instructor: TBA
Prerequisite: None

Soapstone Carving or Forging
Instructor: TBA
Prerequisite: None

4-day Classes:

Faceting - Steve Weinberger
Prerequisite: None

Certified Judging - B.Jay Bowman
Prerequisite: None

Micromounting & Photomicrography
Instructor: Paul Smith
Prerequisite: None

Silversmithing - Ruthie Cohen
Prerequisite: None

Wax Modeling and Casting
Instructor: David Alberts
Prerequisite: none



MINUTES

from Madelyn Todd, Secretary

The 53rd EFMLS Annual meeting was held in Poughkeepsie, NY on October 17, 2003. Minutes of that meeting are included in this issue, and begin on page 9.

With the rising cost of printing and mailing the Executive Board decided to no longer include the full set of reports with the minutes in the newsletter. (We're trying to save money so that we don't have to consider raising federation dues!). Instead, I have summarized these reports as part of the minutes.

Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the reports should either drop me a note or call me (see page 2 for information) and I will send you a full set by return mail.

FEDERATION DUES

from Lou Budell

Article XIV, Section 2 of the Eastern Federation Bylaws state:

"Annual dues of a member society shall be one dollar twenty-five (\$125) for each individual voting member on the rolls of the member society as of December 31 of the preceding year and shall be due and payable on or before January 1....If dues are not paid by April 1, the member society will forfeit its right to all services provided by the Federation to member societies...."

Please remind your club Treasurer that it's time to submit your annual Federation dues. An information form, which must accompany your dues check, can be found on page 16 of this issue. Please fill in the info clearly as it's used for the mailing list and Directory as well.

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MINUTES OF THE 53RD ANNUAL EFMLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Poughkeepsie, New York
October 17, 2003

1. **CALL to ORDER** : Pres. Larry Vandergrift called the meeting to order..
2. **PLEDGE to the FLAG** Wendell Mohr led the pledge to the flag.
3. **MEMORIAL MOMENT**: Moment of silence was observed in memory of those club members who had died during the past year.
4. **GREETINGS BY EFMLS PRESIDENT**: Larry introduced Jack Rowland, Show Chairman,
5. **WELCOME FROM 2003 SHOW COMMITTEE**: Jack thanked those in attendance for coming. He will be available to answer any questions about the show.
6. **INTRODUCTIONS**: Larry Vandergrift introduced Steve Weinberger, Past Pres. AFMS and EFMLS. Carolyn Weinberger. Editor of AFMS and EFMLS Newsletters, Wendell Mohr, AFMS Commemorative Stamps; Joy Bourne, Cathy Gaber, Shirley Greenberg, Bob Livingstone, Tom Milligan and Reivan Zeleznick. EFMLS Past Presidents ; EFMLS Executive Board Matthew Charsky, 1st V.P., Carl Miller, 2nd V. P., Madelyn Todd, Sec., Lou Budell, Treas., Robert Livingstone. Imm. Past Pres., Reivan Zeleznick, Past Pres Advisory Council, William Longley Region I V. P. and Jennie Smith. Region II V. P.
7. **QUORUM CONFIRMATION**: Madelyn Todd, Secretary, verified that a quorum was present.
8. **ADOPT CONVENTION PROCEDURES** Motion was made by Francis Sick, seconded by Sue MacInnis to adopt the procedures. Motion was passed.
9. **ADOPT AGENDA**: Motion made by Mary Bateman, seconded by George Powell to adopt the agenda was passed.
10. **APPROVE MINUTES**: Motion made by George Powell, seconded by Carolyn Weinberger to accept the MINUTES of the 52th ANNUAL EFMLS BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING held at Ogdensburg, NJ April 26, 2002 as published in EFMLS NEWS Sept. 2002. Motion passed.
11. **OFFICERS' REPORTS**:
 - a. **PRESIDENT** Larry Vandergrift reported that some committee chairpersons report ongoing activity as it happens. For committees less active a six months "Mid Term Report " was instituted. Presently club memberships are declining. We should be looking for a way to reverse this trend.
 - b. **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** Matt Charsky conducted the Regional Vice President elections. The results were Dan Vanagh Region I, John Baumler Region III, Judy Budnik Region V, and Brenda Hankins Region VII.
 - c. **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** Carl Miller visited 14 clubs during the year. Non- affiliated shows are allowing EFMLS clubs to put information about the clubs out at their shows. He encouraged Regions to host events such as the Region IV annual picnic. An attempt was made to enroll two new clubs into EFMLS. However, as yet there has been no response.
 - d. **SECRETARY** Madelyn Todd thanked Marion Reynolds and Florence Rich for their help in Registration and Sign-in. According to the EFMLS by-laws, each member society of EFMLS must send the completed DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM to the Secretary at least thirty days before the meeting for delegates to be entitled to vote.
 - e. **TREASURER** Lou Budell submitted statements of receipts & disbursements from 11/01/2001 thru 8/25/2003. He also reported bank account balances. The Wildacres Operations Final Report October 24, 2002 and Supplies report to 11/10/02 were presented. The Wildeacres Report and Supplies Report for 2003 were not available. EFMLS had been penalized because the previous treasurer had not filed tax returns on time. Lou Budell managed to have the penalties dropped.
 - f. **ASSISTANT TREASURER** Millie Heym. Not present. No report.
 - g. **EDITOR** Carolyn Weinberger had published ten issues of the EFMLS since 11/1/02. She hopes that club editors will reprint articles from the newsletter in their own publications. Deadline for EFMLS Newsletter is normally the first of the month.
 - h. **GENERAL SHOW CHAIRMAN** Jack Rowland had nothing to report at this time.
 - i. **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** Bob Livingstone. No report.
 - j. **PAST PRESIDENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL** Reivan Zeleznick reported that work of the Council's Jury of Awards will be announced at the Awards Dinner. Pat Anderson resigned as advisor to Region VIII because of ill health. The role was assumed by Larry Harrison. Tom Milligan was elected as chairman of the Nominating Committee.
 - k. **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS**:
 - REGION I** William S. Longley reported on 22 shows that he had visited since the April EFMLS meeting.
 - REGION II** Michael Kessler was not present. He reported that Charles Runko was his Eastern Liaison. Michael had published and distributed The Federation Calendar of Region II which listed the activities planned by the clubs. It also listed possible speakers. He instituted a new program Federation Box Swap. A club could prepare a box of specimens to be swapped with another club. However, there was little response.
 - REGION III** John Baumler. Not present. No report

REGION IV Jennie Smith was pleased with the support and commitment of Region IV members to Wildacres. The annual Region IV Swap and Picnic was a great success.

REGION V Judy Budnik. Not present. No report

REGION VI Barbara Fenstermacher was not present. She reported that the clubs' participation in the federation raffle and membership is relatively stable.

REGION VII Brenda Hankins not present. No report

REGION VIII Jeff Ursillo not present. No report

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **AFMS ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD** Hazel Remaley had only 1 entry in that All American Club Award competition.
- b. **AFMS BOUNDARIES** Reivan Zeleznik reported that there were no boundary issues raised during this past year.
- c. **AFMS CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION** George Loud not present. No report.
- d. **AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUND of the YEAR** Cathy Gaber listed those that had been nominated from April 2002 to Sept. 2003. Nominations are accepted to the end of October for this year. She encouraged clubs to honor outstanding club members.
- e. **AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND** Steve Weinberger reported directly to AFMS.
- f. **AFMS JUNIOR ACTIVITIES** Angie Teixeira had nothing to report
- g. **AFMS LEWIS AND CLARK** Mike Hakulin, Sr. Not present. No report.
- h. **AFMS PUBLIC RELATIONS** Barbara Fenstermacher reported that not as many instances of outreach to the public by our clubs had been called to her attention in the last year.
- i. **AFMS SAFETY** Bill Klose reported that a "SAFETY FIRST" article has appeared in every EFMLS News issue during the year.
- j. **AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION COORDINATOR** Bob Livingstone reported that the % levels were printed in the Directory and that articles acknowledging donors were printed in the EFMLS News.
- k. **AFMS UNIFORM RULES** Jay Bowman not present. No report.
- l. **AFMS WAYS AND MEANS** Waren Redford had submitted a list of ideas to the Chairperson, Izzie Burns. He suggested ways in which clubs could publicize their activities and improve club demonstrations.
- m. **AUDIT COMMITTEE** Carl Miller submitted the Audit Committee report which will be discussed later under Item 13.
- n. **BUDGET AND FINANCE** Matt Charsky compared EFMLS Summary for 2001-2002 with actual monies. He submitted a budget for the Year 2003/2004. Anticipated income from auction to be held at the Syracuse show was included. Although Regional Vice Presidents do not always ask for reimbursement of expenses, expense money for Regional V. P. was included. Proposed changes to the budget were to eliminate EFF interest and expenses from the budget expected incomes from Newsletter and Directory subscriptions were added as well as donations. Sue MacInnes made a motion to accept the budget as amended. Mary Bateman seconded. Motion passed.
- o. **BULLETIN EDITORS' ADVISORY** Mary Bateman listed 26 clubs that had submitted entries. Beginning this year, anyone receiving an EFMLS trophy will be ineligible to receive a trophy for the following two years. Also, certificates will be awarded for the first through tenth place high scorers.
- p. **BY-LAWS** Steve Weinberger reported that there were no recommendations for by-law changes.
- q. **CONVENTION ADVISORY** EFMLS lost its Chairman with the passing of Terry Cirrincione. Subsequent to 6/27/03 Matt Charsky and Mary Bateman co-chaired the Committee. Any club that expressed an interest in hosting a future EFMLS convention should contact the new committee.
- r. **DIRECTORY** Carolyn Weinberger reported that the 2002 Directory had been distributed during March 2003. Additional copies are available for \$4.00 per copy plus postage.
- s. **EACH ONE TEACH ONE** Frances Sick published in the EFMLS Directory a list of past winners. Awards will be presented at the Awards banquet. The results will be printed in the EFMLS Newsletter.
- t. **EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND** Joy Bourne reported that clubs and individuals had made contributions. The Ways and Means Committee Raffle held last year added additional monies to the fund.
- u. **EFMLS ANNUAL AUCTION** Bruce Gaber announced that it was not possible to arrange a suitable space for the auction this year..
- v. **HISTORIAN** Susanna MacInnis had little activity this year. She feels a need to microfilm the files.
- w. **INSURANCE** Carl Miller reported that there was an significant increase in the Liability Premium for this year. Because of current conditions he was unable to get lower premiums. He noted that some federations were not able to get insurance.
- x. **OPERATING PROCEDURES:** Steve Weinberger reported that there are no recommendations for change.
- y. **PARLIAMENTARIAN** Reivan Zeleznik indicated that there were no parliamentary issues raised during the year.
- z. **SHOW COORDINATOR** George Everett. Not present. No report.
- aa. **SLIDE & VIDEO PROGRAM LIBRARIAN/AFMS COMPETITION** Richard Harrison encouraged clubs to enter AFMS competition
- bb. **SUPPLIES** – Duane Evans not present. No report.

- cc. **UNIFORM RULES** Sue MacInnis reported that changes to the AFMS rule were made at the June 2003 meeting. If anyone has suggestions for Rule Change or Revisions contact her before the 2004 meeting in Syracuse. She was disappointed in the number of cases submitted this year.
 - dd. **WAYS & MEANS** Carolyn Weinberger was still selling raffle tickets, funds are for EFF. In spite of Terry Cirrincione's illness, Terry continued to work on the raffle.
 - ee. **WEBMASTER** Dan Imel not present. No report.
 - ff. **WILDEACRES WORKSHOP FUNCTIONING COMMITTEE** Esther B. Dunn reported that the Judging Seminar is funded by AFMS for three years. A new slide program is expected to be ready for next year. John Milligan submitted the financial report.
 - gg. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Members of the committee were Tom Milligan,(Chair), Janie Hand, Barbara Sky, John Davis, B. Jay Bowman, Paul Smith and Larry Vanderbilt. Tom Milligan presented the slate: Pres.-Matt Charsky, 1st V. P.- Carl Miller, 2nd V.P.-William Longley , Treas.- Lou Budell, Editor- Carolyn Weinberger.
 - hh. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Carl Miller reported earlier, see Item 11 a..
13. **AUDIT REPORT** Carl Miller reported that due to confusion, not all documents were provided. The committee will finalize its report on or before 11/30/2003. The Audit committee reminded all members and officers that all requests for reimbursement must be clearly explained and completely documented; treasury records for all EFMLS accounts have to be audited. All treasury books, ledgers, statements of accounts, receipts and supporting documentation have to be submitted to the Audit Chairperson not less than 45 days prior to the EFMLS annual meeting; complete and adequate documentation of funds sent for deposit is essential. Motion was made by George Powell, seconded by Frances Sick to accept audit report. Motion Passed.
14. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a. **NEFTA** Carl Miller, Chair, David Kords, Jack Rowland and Bill Lema were committee members. The committee requested NEFTA to inform the committee of its plans, to permit access to NEFTA's website, and also an annual report including an audit of their treasury accounts. No annual report or treasury report was received. The committee commented that NEFTA is successful in its mission – field trips and has an excellent website. Although it fits some of the needs and goals of EFMLS, because of the lack of information requested, the committee has no recommendation to make at this time. The committee asks to be allowed to continue for another year. It recommends that EFMLS continues to recognize NEFTA and allow it to use EFMLS Newsletter and e-mail.
15. **NEW BUSINESS**
- a. Reivan Zeleznik made the motion that the EFF be renamed "Terry Cirrincione Memorial Foundation Fund". There was no second
 - b. **AUDIT** Recommendation was made all clubs have their books audited yearly. Also, if EFMLS auditing committee does not receive information from committees as requested, the president should contact those committees.
 - c. **ELECTION of OFFICERS:** Nominations from the floor were requested. None were made. Motion to accept the slate as presented was passed unanimously.
16. **EFMLS RAFFLE WINNERS** Raffle winners will be announced at Awards Banquet.
17. **REMARKS** Complete reports will not be printed in EFMLS Newsletter. Contact Madelyn Todd, Sec. if you wish copies.
18. **CALL FOR "VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST CLUB"** The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society was thanked for stepping forward to be host club.
19. Pres. Larry Vandergrift presented Matt Charsky, President Elect a survival kit:
- a. Rose Colored Glasses so that everything will look better than it is.
 - b. Book of matches to light a fire under committees not meeting up to mark.
 - c. WD-4 lubricant to be used on the squeaky wheels.
 - d. Aspirin for headaches.
 - e. Magnifying glasses to be used to read between the lines.
 - f. Duck tape that fixes everything.
 - g. Plunger to be used when the budget starts to bleed and everything goes down the drain.
 - h. Ear plugs for his wife when Matt begins to complain.
 - i. A rope if nothing works!
20. **MOTION to ADJOURN** Made by Jennie Smith, seconded by Carolyn Weinberger. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted


Madelyn Todd, Secretary

ATTENDANCE
53RD ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Poughkeepsie, New York
October 17,2003

REGION I

BRISTOL GEM MINERAL CLUB Kathleen Collins
MICROMOUNTERS OF NEW ENGLAND Angie Teixeira
RHODE ISLAND MINERAL HUNTERS William D. Lema
SOUTHEASTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE MINERAL CLUB Shirley Greenberg
STAMFORD MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY Reivan Zeleznik
WATER-OAK GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY William S. Longley, Ellery Borow
SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS MINERAL CLUB Ken Van Meter, Curtis Stevens

REGION II

MID-HUDSON VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY Marion Reynolds
QUEENS MINERAL SOCIETY Florence Rich
STATEN ISLAND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY Denis Bob Fleming

REGION III

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Richard J. Harris, James K. Nicholas,
Maxine Nicholas
CHE-HANNA ROCK & MINERAL CLUB, INC. Robert Mc Guire, Betty Jones, Frances Sick, Clyf Bourne
GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY OF SYRACUSE Jay Tinker, John Davis, Bob Livingstone
PENNSYLVANIA EARTH SCIENCE ASSOCIATION Sue MacInnis
NEW YORK SOUTHERN TIER CLUB Jennifer, John, Suzie and Virginia Milligan

REGION IV

AMERICAN FOSSIL FEDERATION George Powell, Jr.
GEM CUTTERS GUILD OF BALTIMORE Steve Weinberger, Carolyn Weinberger
GEM, LAPIDARY AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF MONTGOMERY CO., MD. Wendell C. Mohr
GEM, LAPIDARY AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C. Elva Ruiz, Mary Bateman,
La Reene B. Heath
MICROMOUNTERS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITOL AREA Paul Smith
MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF D. C. Cathy Gaber, Bruce Gaber
NORTH VIRGINIA MINERAL CLUB Barbara Sky

ALL AMERICAN ENTRY FORM

Section I - Club Information (No Points Awarded)

Club Name and Address _____

Date organized _____ Federation _____

Number of Members: Adult _____ Type of Application: Large _____
Honorary _____ (check one) Small _____
Life _____ Junior _____
Juniors _____

Meeting Place _____

Applicant Name, Address, and Phone _____

e-mail: _____

Mission or Purpose of Club _____

Section 2 - Service to Members & Guests (30 Points Possible)

General Meetings: Number of meetings _____ Average Attendance _____ Guests _____

Door Prizes: Yes _____ No _____

Programs: Include list for the year, naming type of program, speaker, etc.

Board Meetings: Number of meetings _____ Average Attendance _____ Guests _____

List officers, directors, and committee chairmen

Junior Meetings: Number of meetings _____ Average Attendance _____ Guests _____

Adult Leader _____

Special Group Meetings: Number Attending: Cabbing _____ Faceting _____

(established groups) Metal Working _____ Beading _____

Social Events: Number Attending: Summer Picnic _____ Installation Dinner _____

Holiday Dinner _____ Other (Identify) _____

Show Conducted: Yes _____ No _____ Date _____

Number of Members Attended _____ Number of Dealers _____

Number of Members helping _____ Number of Demonstrations _____

Field Trips: Number of Field Trips _____ List locations, duration, and attendance

Special Features: Club Library: Yes _____ No _____ Number of Books _____

Workshops or Classes: Yes _____ No _____ List kinds

Permanent or Traveling Displays: Yes _____ No _____ List Type & Locations

Section 3 - Publications and Publicity (15 Points Possible)

Bulletin Name: _____

Editor Name _____

Were meeting notices posted in libraries, stores, etc.? Yes _____ No _____

Were meeting notices published in local newspapers? Yes _____ No _____

Were show fliers posted in public places? Yes _____ No _____

ALL AMERICAN ENTRY FORM, CONTINUED

Were show notices published in local papers? Yes _____ No _____

Were meetings or shows announced on radio or TV? Yes _____ No _____

Copies of any supporting material such as printed articles about club or members show announcements or fliers, meeting and show notices from newspapers should be submitted.

Section 4 - Support for the Federations (Regional and American) and other clubs (20 Points Possible)

Members served as Federation officers or on committees, Regional Yes _____ No _____

National Yes _____ No _____

Members attended: Regional Convention/Show Yes _____ No _____

National Convention/Show Yes _____ No _____

Club or members contributed to Scholarship fund or Endowments Fund Yes _____ No _____

Members gave programs for other clubs Yes _____ No _____

Members attended other club shows/swaps/workshops Yes _____ No _____

Members displayed cases at other club show Yes _____ No _____

Monthly bulletin exchanged with other clubs Yes _____ No _____

Joint field trips with other clubs Yes _____ No _____

Supporting material should include a list of all above persons, positions, and other activities and could include pictures, copies of certificates, etc.

Section 5- Community Relations (15 Points Possible)

Talks or demonstrations given at schools, youth groups, etc. Yes _____ No _____

Displays at libraries or other public locations Yes _____ No _____

Booth or other activity at local fairs or events Yes _____ No _____

Support for other community activities Yes _____ No _____

Donations of materials to schools, nursing home, groups, etc. Yes _____ No _____

Supporting material should provide details for all above items and could include pictures, thank you cards, Certificates of appreciation, etc.

Section 6- Government Agency and Legislative Relations (10 Points Possible)

Members served on agency committees Yes _____ No _____

Members provided comments on agency proposals and drafts Yes _____ No _____

Members contacted congressmen concerning legislation affecting access or collection Yes _____ No _____

Club or members supported access/collection-lobbying organization Yes _____ No _____

Supporting material should provide details for all above items and could include copies of letters sent.

Section 7 - Overall Format & Presentation of Submission (10 Points Possible)

This will be judged on neatness, organization, grammar and spelling, and the overall presentation of the material.

Scoring and Awards

Gold All American Club - 90 - 100 points

Silver All American Club - 80 - 89 points

Bronze All American Club - 70 - 79 points

Deadline for receipt of materials
March 1, 2004

Mail to:

Hazel Remaley
R.D. # 3 , Box 316A
Gillett, PA 16925-9649

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:

Fran Sick
PO Box 5
Dushore, PA 18614-0005
<FRAN_AND_ED@webtv.net>

2004 EFMLS Club Information Form
Please type or print clearly. Be sure to fill in all spaces!

Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

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

President: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Vice President: _____ Telephone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Secretary: _____ Telephone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Treasurer: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Liaison: _____ Telephone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Editor: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Bulletin Name: _____

URL of club website: _____

Meeting Date: _____ Time: _____ Meeting address: _____

Show and or Swap Date: _____ Location: _____

Do you have competitive exhibits at your show? Yes: _____ No: _____

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

Please verify your check is for the correct amount (\$1.25 per voting member) and that you have completed all of the information on the form. Mail your check and one (1) copy of this form to the EFMLS Treasurer and one (1) copy of the form to the EFMLS News/Directory Editor. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS".

- Lou Budell, EFMLS Treasurer; 2718 Falls Rd; Marcellus, NY 13108-9722
- Carolyn Weinberger, EFMLS News/Directory Editor, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

Signature of individual completing form: _____ Date _____

2004 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session.

CIRCLE ONE: Spring Session - Fall Session

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to DEBBIE BARD, Registrar at 8085 Old 126, Warfordsburg, PA 17267. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2004. (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You may photocopy it as needed.)

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 \$280.00 per person. Deposit is \$140 per person, payable with registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$140 is due 30 days prior to start of session.

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 sponsoring you? **Yes No**

Do you need a roommate? **Yes No** Are you: **Male Female** (No single rooms are available)

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**

If YES, please contact Esther Dunn at 334-774-2172. Lined display cases are available.

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

If YES, please contact Cathy Gaber at <bg@his.com>, or 301-654-7479.

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

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). You will have an opportunity to make changes once you arrive at Wildacres.

1st _____

3rd _____

2nd _____

4th _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2004)

Mail to: Debbie Bard, Wildacres Registrar

8085 Old 126

Warfordsburg, PA 17267

If you have any questions, please contact either Debbie Bard, Registrar at <dedbard@nb.net> or 717-294-3667 or Ginger Posthumus, Director at <postente@brinet.com> or 828-926-3022.

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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 65 Sheldon St., Providence, RI 02906 or e-mail him at <williamlema@cox.net>.

February

21-22: 11th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem & Fossil Show & Sale, co-sponsored by the New York State Academy of Mineralogy and the Capital District Mineral Club. Concourse level, south end of the Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany, NY

27-28: 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. A & I Buildings, State Fairgrounds, Jackson, MS

March:

6 - 7 :New York City Gem & Mineral Show Hosted by the New York Mineralogical Club Holiday Inn Midtown Manhattan 440 W. 57th St., New York City.

6 - 7. 41st Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society
New Location : Delaware Technical and Community College @ I-95 Exit 4B, Churchmans Road (Rt 58) Newark (Stanton), DE 19713.

12-14: 16th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Aiken and Augusta Gem & Mineral Societies. Julian Smith Casino, 2205 Broad St., Augusta, GA.

19-21: Unifour Parade of Gems, The 34th annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Metro Convention Center (I-40 exit 125), Hickory, NC.

20-21: 40th Annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary, & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut Street. Gaithersburg, MD

20-21: 45th annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club. Florida State Fairgrounds Special Events Center, MLK Blvd. entrance; take Exit 5 west off I-4 or Exit 7 east off I-4. Info and map <www.tamparockclub.homestead.com>.

27-28, 2004: 14th Annual Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club. Harmony Hall Regional Center, Fort Washington, MD

April:

2 - 4: 32nd Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference. Tyson's Westpark Hotel, McLean, VA. Info and registration: Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

3 - 4: 36th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society, Inc. Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

May:

22: Annual Swap/Sell at Goucher sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Goucher College, Kraushaar Auditorium Pavilion. Dulany Valley Rd just off I-695, Towson, MD.

July:

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

September:

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