

# EFMLS NEWS

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



## Tick, Tick, Tick...

by Andrea Kords, Convention Chair

...time is running out.

Rocktober, (October) is coming fast and so is the September 5th deadline for the convention registration.



**Now** is the time to sign up for the Annual EFMLS convention in Newark NY. The

Wayne County club is rolling out the red carpet for all EFMLS clubs to visit in October on the 5th, 6th, and 7th. Get as many members as you can from your club to come to the convention. There is much to learn from other clubs and if your club has some really successful programs running please come and share your success!

This annual convention will start with the cracker barrel which is open to all members of all clubs. Here's an opportunity for you to learn and share ideas with other clubs.

Remember the convention is being held on a holiday weekend so many of you will have Monday off from work. Take a drive to the convention and you will see New York and Wayne County with the hills in a blaze of color as it is peak fall foliage weekend.

Please get your hotel registrations in as soon as possible they are holding our block of rooms only until September 5th and it's not unusual for this hotel to sell out with all the local wine tasting, apple tasting, corn mazes and other local attractions, not to mention the great Gem and mineral show in town that weekend.

You are sure to love this hotel! It sits right along the historic Eric Canal. You can walk, bike or cruise the canal during your stay. A heated indoor pool and fabulous restaurant will make your stay a vacation in itself.

The Wayne County Gem and Mineral club is looking forward to meeting you and sharing favorite dig sites and displays of local and New York minerals with you. We sure hope that you will consider putting in a display of your best collected or handcrafted pieces for all of Wayne County to admire. We do love to see beautiful displays! Com-

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petitive or not, please consider sharing your treasures with the Federation members and the general public.

Here's a quick rundown on the schedule of events:

Friday

- 3 p.m. - Cracker Barrel
- 7 p.m. - Annual Meeting.

Saturday

- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 14th Annual Wayne County Gem and Mineral Show
- 2 p.m. - EFMLS Annual Auction
- 6 p.m. - Social Hour & Banquet

## REPORTS ARE DUE

by Cathy Patterson

Just a reminder to all EFMLS Officers, Regional Vice Presidents and Committee Chairs.....

I must receive your annual report no later than September 17 so it can be duplicated for the packet. If you miss the deadline, you'll need to bring 100 copies of the report with you to the meeting.

Send your reports to me at:  
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## EFMLS & AFMS CONVENTION NEWS AND NOTES

by Fran Sick, EFMLS President



Welcome back. I hope everyone has enjoyed a great summer and that you are ready for a very busy autumn. For your EFMLS officers and committee chairmen it has been a busy summer. Right now I feel a little like I'm on a runaway freight train racing toward the September Wildacres session and October EFMLS Convention. Several committee chairmen have told me they have their judging completed and awards are ready to present at the 2007 Awards Banquet and Editor's Breakfast. By now the 2007 financial reports and 2008 budgets for all officers and committees should be done, and annual reports are due no later than September 5. Now all we need is you!

Show Chairman, Andrea Kords, and the members of the Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club, are working very hard to make our visit to the beautiful New York Finger Lakes Area an enjoyable one. This is a lovely time of year in upstate New York, and you won't want to miss it. If you have not already made your reservations please take a few minutes and do it now. We are going to have a great time and will miss you if you are not there.

In June, along with other EFMLS officers and members, I attended the combined AFMS/RMFMS Convention hosted by the Chaparral Rockhounds in Roswell, New Mexico. It was a lively and well orchestrated convention. Many thanks to the host club for the excellent planning and for the many extra touches that made this convention a truly memorable event. In addition to the usual convention meetings, meals and ceremonies there was an auction of gorgeous gemstones and a drawing to benefit the Scholarship Foundation, the Ways and Means drawing, an special 60th Anniversary bash with a terrific slide presentation produced by Carolyn Weinberger and narrated by Bob Carlson and Shirley Leeson. One of the things I was most impressed with was the fact that there were about three times as many exhibits as there were dealers, with a record number of competitive exhibits, at the show. And a special treat was an invitation to an open house at the home of Chaparral Rockhounds President, Howie Whiting.

Of course, the convention was not all fun and games. It's main purpose is to conduct the business of the American Federation. The annual meeting minutes will be published but, at the request of AFMS President-Elect, Shirley Leeson, there is one item of business I must bring to your attention. As usual, one of the most important items of business was the presentation of the annual budget. During discussion it became abundantly clear that a dues increase is needed. The AFMS budget is a deficit budget, and it is only through the generosity of people who do not ask for reimbursement of expenses, that the expenditures do not exceed income at the end of each year. A proposal was made at the June 6 meeting to increase AFMS dues. However, Shirley asked that this not be voted on until Regional Directors could prepare their individual Federations. It does appear probable that a dues increase will be voted on in 2008 which, if passed, will necessitate an increase in EFMLS dues. Member clubs may also have to enact changes. I hope having advance warning will help our clubs and the Eastern Federation be better prepared.

Make your plans now to attend the EFMLS Convention and Wayne County Club Show. I'll see you there.

*Fran*

## CALL TO REGISTER FOR UPCOMING CONVENTION

by Cathy Patterson, EFMLS Secretary

This is the only reminder for your club to send in the delegate form for the EFMLS Annual Meeting in Newark, NY October 5-7, 2007. The EFMLS has not been to New York State for a convention since 2004 and I know that October is an ideal time to experience the colors and tastes of upstate New York. The summer heat and humidity will be gone, replaced by cooler, crisp weather, colorful leaves, and vivid blue skies. Be sure to come to the Empire State, enjoy the delights to be seen around Lake Ontario and the Finger Lakes and beyond. You're sure to have a great time and enjoy a wonderful show with some dealers who may be unfamiliar to you as well.

Each club is entitled to two voting representatives at the annual meeting. To vote however, your reps have to be registered in advance and the deadline for that is September 17. A registration form is included on page \_\_\_ or this Newsletter for your convenience. SEND IT TODAY so you won't forget! I'll be happy to meet and greet all at my first EFMLS convention serving as an officer.

Not registered, but want to come anyway? Of course you can...just come and take part (except for voting) in the meeting.

## ATTENTION! TIME IS ALMOST UP

by Sue MacInnis, EFMLS Rules Chair

A notice from Yee Rules Chairman...

to judge and they were all excellent!



The annual meeting of the Rules Committee was held in Roswell, NM in June during the recent AFMS Convention. Chairman of the committee, Jim Hurlbut was absent as he was recovering from recent surgery so our own Jay Bowman chaired the meeting and served as judging chair during the convention.

There were no changes adopted to the Uniform Rules for the coming year and I believe that this was the shortest URC meeting on record!

This was a small show, but we had an excellent turnout of competitive displays with 40, yes I said 40 cases

Now the challenge is in our court with the upcoming EFMLS Convention in October. Let's show the public what our EFMLS people have to display...let's overwhelm our judges with lots of wonderful displays that need to be judged.

Applications for competitive and non-competitive displays were in the packets mailed last spring or you can find them on the EFMLS website <[www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls)>.

## AN EARLY WARNING....

The EFMLS 2008 Convention will be held in February in Jackson, MS. Because of the early date, all EFMLS contests will have to have earlier than usual closing deadlines. At this time we expect that to be the end of October, 2007. For the Editor's Contest that means judging of bulletins and articles would be those published from January - October only. All-American would focus on activities of the club during a shorter period of time as well. Details next

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Sunday

8 a.m. - Editor's Breakfast  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Show continues  
10 a.m. Field Trip

Monday

8 am - 8 p.m. Herkimer "Diamond"  
Field Trip to Crystal Grove

We'll also have guest speakers Chuck Hiler from the Rochester Academy of Sciences Mineral Section speaking on the minerals of the Penfield and Walworth Quarries and Darrel Powell talking about exciting childrens programs that you can use with your junior rockhounds with special guest speakers.

We're also thrilled to announce that during the Saturday evening banquet, Dr. Peter J. Heaney from Penn State University will give a talk on the research work he was involved with on the Hope Diamond. Dr. Heaney is the EFMLS Honorary Scholarship Awardee.

If you've lost your packet, you can download all the registration information and forms via the EFMLS website <[www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls)>. Just click on the EFMLS Convention link on the left.

You and your club have much to gain by attending your annual EFMLS convention. Take a few minutes and make your reservations today so you won't miss the September 5th deadline as well as all the fun of an EFMLS Convention and Wayne County show.

## SPECIAL ELECTION FOR REGION IV

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS 1st VP

### News Flash!

Mr. Bill Gilbert, the current EFMLS Region IV Vice President, must resign his position immediately due to work related commitments. Please join me in thanking him for his service to date. It is now time for all member clubs in EFMLS Region IV to come forward and make their nominations for a Regional Vice President to serve their area and club for the remainder of Bill's term.

The President of each EFMLS member club in Region IV should have by now received a nomination form for their region. I would like to encourage each club to have a discussion about this important nomination. Our system of Regional Vice Presidents is one of the vital links of communication with one another. We need your help in making this important nomination for a Regional Vice President to represent and serve your area.

I have the honor and privilege of conducting this special off-year Regional election.. The term for the nominee will extend from now till its regular expiration date of October 31, 2008.

It is important to make your nominations early. If only one candidate is nominated by one or more of the regional clubs, that person will be declared the winner by acclamation. If more than one person is nominated in the region, it will be necessary to prepare a ballot and conduct an election.

In the upcoming months, once the nomination and election process is complete, the clubs in Region IV will be notified of the outcome. The results will be published in the EFMLS News.

Please keep in mind that the EFMLS system of Regional Vice Presidents is your first link in contacting and working with the EFMLS.

## REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ELECTION RESULTS

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS 1st Vice President

The election of Regional Vice Presidents in the odd numbered Regions has been completed. I am honored to announce the results as follows:



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### Region V

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Betty is a member of the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society and has been very active in the hobby for years. She has been serving as a Regional VP since 2005.

As all the current odd numbered Regional VP's were re-elected to their positions, their regions will be well served by a group of very experienced Officers. Please join me in offering a warm welcome to each of them and hearty thank you for continuing to share their experience with us. We wish to extend our best wishes for their term in office.

Please give the important matter of nominating a candidate all due consideration. This is an opportunity to make your voice heard. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regional Vice President elections are an important issue. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the address or phone number listed inside the cover of this issue.



President Fran Sick and 1st VP Ellery Borow at the AFMS Annual Meeting in Roswell, NM  
Barbara Sky photo



## HARNESS TESTING (MINERALS, NOT KIDS!)

by Betsy Oberheim, Jr. Activities Chair

Kids choose rocks generally by how "pretty" or "cool" they look, but to help them realize that there are other techniques for identifying minerals; here's one thing you could try. Hardness is a fun way to help identify, and a hardness kit is easy to make up and demonstrate. We're familiar with the Mohs' scale, but often students under Jr. Hi. age haven't met up with this common trick. This scale was invented by Friedrich Mohs in 1822, and his basic premise was that

there are 10 degrees of hardness of minerals, and that any mineral can scratch another mineral if it is the same hardness or harder. Just so you have the scale at your finger tips: 1 talc, 2 gypsum, 3 calcite, 4 fluorite, 5 apatite, 6 orthoclase, 7 quartz, 8 topaz, 9 corundum, and 10 diamond. And the "text materials"; 2.5 fingernail, 4 copper coin, 5 glass, 6.5 steel file.

I take to the meeting a pile of miscellaneous minerals (no diamonds; I haven't discovered any here in central PA), a good manual, I sewed up some leather pouches with belt loop, and the following test tools; a piece of glass (with all edges but one duct taped to prevent blood from covering the scratches), a small steel file, a penny, and a small crystal. Several books I used for researching said that a knife blade and glass were both 5 so I used the glass. I copied the Mohs' list and tucked that in too. Our pebble pups love to experiment and this gives them another scientific technique to use.

## ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

from Cathy Gaber

I'm sorry to say, but there are no AFMS Club Rockhounds this month from the Eastern Federation! Have you forgotten how easy it is to submit the name of one of your members for this recognition?

Every EFMLS club may send in the name of an individual, or couple and 1 junior member each year. In addition to naming your "Rockhound", you only need send a brief (50 words or less) narrative telling why this person (couple) is so important to your club. Once that's done, just watch this space! Your club rockhound will be featured in both the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters so everyone across the country knows why your person is so special to your club!

My e-mail is <bg@his.com>. I'm looking forward to hearing from your club.

## ALL AMERICAN AWARDS

by Pat Pitkin, EFMLS Chair

I don't mean to sound "Scrappy", but where are the Historians in this group? Don't you want to record what your club is doing so future members can see what fun it is to be a "Rock-Er?"



You will be surprised at all the

things your club does when you begin to accumulate documentation for your project. It takes a lot of "Do'ers" to make a thriving organization and we sure do have them. Now is the time to show your club and prospective members what it is we DO !!!

This project is not difficult. Find a "Go-Getter" in your group and "Sic-em" on retrieving information. Set aside a folder to accumulate your findings, and then have someone, or a committee of someones, put together the information into the 2007 Scrap-book for this year's EFMLS Competition.

Check out the rules and try to match as many points as possible. Get a local "Nagger" to dig up the documentation. As the Judges say, "Without documentation, it didn't happen". Let's stir up some competition here! Then send the Book on to me to be sent to the Judges. You need your Club History documented, and what is a contest without entries?

The information is on the American Federation Website, or you may

contact this year's AFMS Silver Award winner, The Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. The notebook, assembled by Don Pitkin at (<pitkind@earthlink.net>) went through three sets of judges in the EFMLS, and then was sent on to the American Federation where it received a SILVER award. The entry did a fabulous job documenting all of the PESA group activities during 2006 and lost points, not for content, but for activities that the club did not participate in.

More information on the upcoming All-American Award Contest - that for 2007 club activities will be in the newsletter shortly. Stay tuned...and plan on entering.

by Bob Livingston, EFMLS Coordinator



I have remained open for donations during the normal summer doldrums. So, if you have someone who deserves honoring for some outstanding deed or a memorial, or maybe just money about to burn a hole in your pocket, merely write a check and send it to me for this good cause. Particulars at the end of the article. Here is well deserved recognition of individuals and clubs who have sent in donations since April:

### Regular Donations:

Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co., Maryland resulted in a club % level increase

### Memorial Donations:

Stamford Mineralogical Society in memory of Messrs. Reed, Berry & Hess

Reivan & Myra Zeleznik in memory of John Berry & Gerry Reid credited to

Stamford Mineralogical Society resulted in a club % level increase

Shirley Greenberg in memory of Paul Dunning credited to SE New Hampshire Mineral Club resulted in a club % level increase

Steve & Carolyn Weinberger in memory of Dixie Lee Alf and Dawn Dunning credited to Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

Southern Maryland Rock & Gem Club in memory of Leonard Roseman and Jack Worthington resulted in a club level % increase

Bob & Joan Livingston in memory of Tom Milligan credited to Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse resulted in a club level % increase

Thanks to all the above for their continued support. Keep those checks flowing to AFMS Scholarship Fund and mail them to:

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*Bob & Joan Livingston at the AFMS Convention in Roswell, NM  
Photo: Barbara Sky*

## SAFETY FIRST

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety

### Hand Tool Safety - Pliers

Rockhounds use many different types of pliers around the house and shop.

Slip joint and arc joint pliers have serrated jaws that are designed to grip rods and flat stock. Some of these types of pliers may also have a cutting edge for soft wire and nails, however cutting hard or large items will spring the jaws. The tightening of nuts or bolts with arc joint or slip 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 properly sized wrenches for tightening nuts and bolts. Vice grip pliers are designed to provide a tighter grip, but still should not 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 have a fixed pivot jaw and curved handles which may 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 designed to make loops in soft wire. Using these pliers to do mechanical work or even cut guitar strings will result in damage to the pliers.

Diagonal cutting pliers have a fixed pivot and curved handles that are offset 15 degrees so as to provide the operator knuckle clearance while making flush cuts in soft metals. 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

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"missile hazard". End cutting pliers or "nippers" are used for cutting 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 for cutting sheet metal. Shears are made for right handed operators so that the cutting line is always in view for accuracy. Straight bladed shears are for cutting straight lines and curves and curved bladed shears are used for cutting short straight lines and small intricate designs.

When using diagonal pliers and cutting pliers or shears, keep fingers away from the jaws and cutting edges. 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, protect 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 and shears that have broken handles, cutting edges, or jaws.

## "STUFF"

by Carolyn Weinberger, EFMLS Editor

There's good news....and some not so good news this month. The good news is that EFMLS Editor's and authors did very well at the AFMS level in the Editor's Contest. Full results can be found in the AFMS Newsletter. Congratulations to all who entered.

The not so good news is that our BEAC Chair, Bill Gilbert, has been transferred to Spain and has had to resign his position. Bill has done an excellent job during his tenure as BEAC chair and before leaving completed all the judging, assembled the winners booklet and printed the certificates so they can be given out at the Convention in October. We wish Bill all the best of luck....and we know he'll be back!

## ROCKHOUDING CONCERNS

by Clyf Bourne, EFMLS Conservation & Legislation Chair

My recent searches for news as it may impinge on us, as rockhounds didn't turn up anything new. However, let us not let our guard down, we need to stay alert. As for both "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act" bills. (Senate bill (S-320) and House of Representatives bill H.R. 554), presumably, these bills remain filed within their respective committees. There must still be time to contact your representatives as to your interests and concerns about your hobby and ability to continue collecting paleontological materials fossils) and minerals.

Unfortunately, I went into the local hospital recently, for an operation to remove a blood clot on the right lobe of my brain. Took me six weeks to get out and back home. Consequently, Joy and I had to miss the Roswell Convention. Now, a change of focus.

Fran Sick, EFMLS, President, Fran Sick, passed on some information she picked up at the AFMS Convention, e.g., the selenite digging site at the Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge will probably be closed the rest of the year. World War II chemical warfare training kits were disposed of at the site, evidently. A young boy accidentally unearthed a single vial in

June. The broken vial, containing a yellowish liquid, caused his eyes to burn and nose to run, without lingering effects, however. 134 other kits have been found so far. The 300 acre plot was ordered closed, pending assessment by the Army Corps of Engineers. This is a reminder for us all to be careful where and what we dig.



Somewhere, there should be a list of poisonous minerals we should be aware of.. Gordon Brown, a professor at Stanford University <gordon@pangea.stanford.edu> made list of 10 poisonous minerals.. He states that #10, cinnabar (mercury), #9 galena (lead), #8 pyrite ( sulfide), #7 fluorite (fluorine) and #6 quartz, in particulate form can cause silicosis. Also. #6 (tie) chrysotile, known as white asbestos, can cause lung disease; #5 K-feldspar (source of uranium), #4 phenocite (beryllium dust) is highly poisonous; #3 erionite may induce mesotheliomas; #2 hydroxyapatite can lead to heart valve and arterial deposits; #1 crocidolite (blue asbestos), is responsible for lung diseases. We must not forget tiger's eye and malachite (both bad asbestos danger). Masks should always be worn when working with the above or, in fact, with any dust producing materials, in order to protect ones health.

Sources:

Fitzgerald, Scott "WW II Chemicals Shut Down Crystal Dig Site," The Union Recorder <www.unionrecorder.com/outdoors> June 15, 2007  
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# DIRECTOR, DELEGATE & ALTERNATE INFORMATION



57<sup>TH</sup> Annual EFMLS Board and Directors' Meeting

Newark, New York  
October 5,6,7 2007

*Please print clearly all information requested.*

**NAME OF  
SOCIETY** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

(The president of each society is a Director of EFMLS. Please list the president's name only if the president plans to attend this meeting.)

**DIRECTOR'S ALTERNATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DELEGATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Elected by society members)

**ALTERNATE  
DELEGATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(To represent society if Delegate cannot attend meeting)

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SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**From the EFMLS Constitution**

(Article V, Sec. 3)

*It shall be the responsibility of each Member Society to notify the Secretary in writing of the Names of its Director, Delegate and Alternate Who expect to attend the Annual Meeting at least fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date.*

Please RETURN by September 17 to:

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## VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

### September:

1 - 2: 18th Annual Rockhounds Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Kenebec Rocks & Minerals Club. Augusta Armory, Western Av; Augusta, ME.

7 - 8: 40th Annual Fall Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show sponsored by Cape Atlantic Rock Hounds Cologne Ave, Cologne, NJ

8-9: Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. VFW Hall, North Adams, MA

8-9: 57th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Danbury Mineralogical Society. New Milford High School, Danbury Rd; New Milford, CT.

15-16: 42nd Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION: Sporting Hill Elementary School, Mechanicsburg, PA

22 - 23: 43rd Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard Co. Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD 32; West Friendship, MD

29-30: 44th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Festival sponsored by the Capital Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION: Everett Arena, Concord, NH. Info: <[www.capitalmineralclub.org/clubshow](http://www.capitalmineralclub.org/clubshow)>

29-30: 51st Annual Franklin-Sterling Hill Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society. Franklin School, Washington Ave., Franklin, NJ.

### October:

6: Annual Autumn Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. Macungie Memorial Park; Allentown, PA

6 - 7: 14th Annual Wayne County Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club. St. Michael's School, Newark NY. HOST OF 2007 EFMLS CONVENTION

12-14: 51st Annual Desautels Micromount Symposium. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. For registration and information contact: Cal Pierson <[CalP@MHAONLINE.org](mailto:CalP@MHAONLINE.org)>.

20 - 21: 34th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by Kanawha Rock & Gem Club of Charleston, WV and South Charleston Lions Club International. South Charleston Community Center, 601 Jefferson Road, South Charleston, WV.

27-28: 36th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. Community College of RI; Warwick, RI

27-28: 35th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society. Monroe Co. Fairgrounds, Rochester, NY

27-28: 48th Annual Gem/Mineral/Jewelry Show sponsored by the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club. Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 S Hwy 301N; Tampa, FL.

### November:

3 - 4: 38th Annual Fine Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. The School at Church Farm, Exton, PA.

3 - 4: 18th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd.; Old Greenwich, CT

23-25: 28th Annual show sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Salem Civic Center, 1001 boulevard; Salem, VA.

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