

EFMLS NEWS

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



THE KEYS TO OUR SUCCESS

by Fran Sick, EFMLS President

Communication and Involvement!

Without both, no endeavor can realize its full potential.

I believe every EFMLS President in the ten years I have been a member has written at least one article stressing the importance of communication. So why am I boring you with the same topic? We already receive a wealth of phone calls and e-mails, and even an occasional snail mail. We receive club and federation newsletters. So how much more communication do we need? My response to that question is another question. How many of these messages do we really take the time to read and answer? Communication is a two-way street. If it is only one sided it becomes a message service - not true communication. With this in mind I am asking that we all make a New Year's resolution for 2007 that we will make a point of answering our correspondence, no matter how it is received, as promptly as possible - even if the only answer needed is "Message received. Thanks." I also ask that we take the time to read our newsletters, maybe write an article or two, pass along ideas and comments about the articles we read, and let the editors know you appreciate all their hard work. It really is much easier to consistently do a job well when you receive feed back letting you know that your messages are being read. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

And now for the second topic of this message - involvement. I could probably write a book about this. I think it is that important. Getting as

many people as possible involved in club or Federation activities obviously makes any job easier. The flip side of this coin is that involved members are happier, more productive and are more likely to become our leaders of the future. We have probably all had new members join our organization, maybe because they were impressed with what they saw at a show; then they come to a few meetings and disappear. I wonder how many intelligent, responsible and creative people we have lost simply by not getting them involved, at least in some small way, as quickly as we can.

The responsibility for promoting involvement begins with the President, but it certainly does not end there. If you are President, responsible for appointing committee chairmen, why not also appoint a co-chairman or assistant chairman? If you are a committee chairperson you can and should ask others to help with the work of the committee - no matter how much or how little work is involved. If you are a member with an interest in some particular activity let this be known and ask to be included or volunteer to present a program at a club meeting. We need to make a real effort to include new club members as well as long time members who usually remain in the background. New ideas are good for any organization and the



ON THE INSIDE

Get Involved	2
Wildacres Classes.....	3
All American News	5
Eastern Foundation Fund	5
Junior Activities	5
Rockhounding Concerns.....	6
Scholarship Report.....	6
Federation Dues.....	6
Safety First.....	7
Each One Teach One	7
Take Time & Plan.....	8
Uniform Rules Updates.....	8
Club Information Form	9
Wildacres Application.....	11
Club Shows	12

best new ideas often come from new members and those who tend to remain on the sidelines. Get them going and you might be surprised. The added benefit when as many people are involved as possible is that, should one person be unable to fulfill their obligations, it will not precipitate a crisis situation and probably not much more than a minor inconvenience, since there will already be back-up in place.

At your next gathering won't you take the time to look around and see who does not have a specific responsibility and see if you can't find a way to get them more involved. I can guarantee that you - and they - will be glad you did.

Fran

EFMLS OFFICERS 2005-2006



FRAN SICK
PRESIDENT

<Fran_andEd@webtv.net>

ELLERY BOROW
1st VICE PRESIDENT

207-547-3154

MARY BATEMAN
2ND VICE PRESIDENT

<mbateman1@verizon.net>

CATHY PATTERSON
SECRETARY

<>

LOU BUDELL
TREASURER

<labudell@dreamscape.com>

LAREENE HEATH
ASSISTANT TREASURER

609-586-6686

CAROLYN WEINBERGER
EDITOR

PO Box 302

GLYNDON, MD 21071-0302

410-833-7926

<cscrystals2@verizon.net>

Deadline is the first of each month prior to publication date (i.e. Feb. 1 for March issue). No issue is normally published during July or August.

Non-commercial reprint permission granted unless otherwise reserved.

GET INVOLVED AT EFMLS WILDACRES

by Steve Weinberger, WA Functioning Committee Chair

*We have fun at Wildacres!
We learn new skills at Wildacres!
We laugh a lot at Wildacres!
We eat a lot at Wildacres!
We make lasting friendships at Wildacres!
We see and take wonderful pictures at Wildacres!
We learn about new things at Wildacres!
We see beautiful exhibits at Wildacres!
You can too!*



The EFMLS Wildacres Workshop experience is a wonderful way to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and immerse yourself in the hobby that you enjoy. Wildacres is a retreat nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, about an hour north of Asheville in the mountain community of Little Switzerland. The property is located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway on it's own private mountain far enough away from the road so you don't hear (or smell) the cars travelling by. What you do hear (and smell) are the sounds of nature and the scent of flowers and clean air.

The EFMLS has two workshops a year at this wonderful facility owned and operated by the non-profit Blumenthal Foundation. Our two allotted weeks this year are April 20 - 26 and September 10 - 16. We believe we have a stellar line-up of classes and guest speakers for you. A list of classes we're offering follows on the next two pages and an application is on page 11.

One of the highlights of EFMLS Wildacres is always the presence of an "Expert in Residence". For April, our session will be enhanced by the presence of Bob Jones, Sr. Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine. Bob's recently returned from China so we're sure we'll hear something about his adventures there. He's a wonderful photographer and speaker, and a very funny guy.

In September we have the return engagement of Dr. Steve Chamberlain, Director of the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium and retired Syracuse University Professor. Steve's multi-talented. He collects minerals - mostly those of New York State, is an active field collector, raises Hostas (and has propagated new species), has written an opera, is a terrific photographer and speaker and like Bob Jones, has a wonderful sense of humor.

The days at EFMLS Wildacres are filled with a combination of classes, talks and other activities. There's enough time to relax, but also enough time to learn new skills and produce amazing jewelry, faceted stones or cabochons, or gain additional knowledge from our judging, geology or mineral classes. We also take a "day off" so those who wish can go field tripping, rock shop shopping, or neighborhood exploring.



So what's keeping you from registering? Pick up the phone and call your club friends and come as a club group. Or just come alone - you'll not be alone very long as the warmth of Wildacres and its participants will soon engulf you.

Wildacres Fall Classes - September 10 - 16, 2007

Speaker in Residence will be Dr. Steve Chamberlain, Director of the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium

Class	Instructor	Description
Cabbing - Basic	TBD	Learn how to transform a rough piece of rock into a shiny well formed cabochon. You'll learn the use of the trim saw, as well as techniques in grinding, sanding and polishing. Slabs will be provided, but you may use your own with instructors approval. 2-day class offered 1 st semester.
Cabbing - Intermediate	TBD	Learn how to cut different shapes and the different techniques needed to do so. Prerequisite: Students must have had prior experience with cabbing and know how to use the trim saw. 2-day class offered 2 nd semester.
Chain Making - Basic	John Fetvedt	Students will learn to make jump rings, then using them, create several chains or bracelets using different patterns. 2-day class offered 1 st semester.
Chain Making - Intermediate	John Fetvedt	More advanced patterns and projects will be taught. Prerequisite: Basic chain making skills. 2-day class offered 2 nd semester.
Faceting	Steve Weinberger	Want to learn how to cut and polish those special gemstones you've long admired in jewelry stores? In this class you will learn the process of faceting and take home a finished gemstones of your own. You'll also learn how to evaluate already cut stones. Prerequisite: None. 4-day class.
Fused Glass - Basic	Becky Edmundson	Fused glass is the art of cutting and layering pieces of glass and then firing them in a kiln. Dichroic-coated glass gives a 3-D look. Students will learn the basics of cutting and firing the glass and will complete at least 2 pieces of jewelry. Please bring safety glasses. If you own them, please bring a glass cutter and breaking pliers. Prerequisites: none. 2-day class offered 1 st semester.
Fused Glass - Intermediate	Becky Edmundson	Students will learn to use a wet saw to cut shapes, a grinder to smooth the glass and a jeweler's bit to cut a channel in the piece before it is fire polished in a kiln. You should expect to complete a minimum of 2 finished pieces. Please bring safety glasses. If you own them, please bring a glass cutter and breaking pliers. Prerequisites: none. 2-day class offered 2 nd semester.
Gem Identification	B. Jay Bowman	Learn to identify precious and semi-precious gemstones using the same equipment that gemologists use. No experience needed! 4-day class.
Geology I	Tom Tucker	A basic introduction to rocks and minerals and the study of the earth. 2-day class offered 1 st semester.
Geology II	Tom Tucker	An investigation of the rocks, minerals and gems found in the Appalachian/Blue Ridge area surrounding Wildacres. 2-day class offered 2 nd semester.
Intarsia	John Milligan	Intarsia is the gemstone version of marquetry. Students will learn to cut and polish stones of different colors and patterns, then glue them together to form intarsias. Prerequisite: None. 2-day class offered both semesters.
Small Mineral Photography	Bruce Gaber	Students will learn how to set up, light and photograph small mineral specimens to show off their beauty. 2-day class offered 1 st semester.
Gemstone/Jewelry Photography	Bruce Gaber	Students will learn how to set up, light and photograph gemstones and jewelry to show off their beauty. 2-day class offered 2 nd semester.
Soapstone Carving	Inge Wells	Learn how to create small carvings from a soft material. Minimal tools are used to achieve lovely results in this soft material. 2-day class offered both semesters.

Wildacres Spring Classes - April 20 - 26, 2007

Speaker in Residence will be Bob Jones, Sr. Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine

Class	Instructor	Description
Cabbing - Basic	Bernie Emery	Learn how to transform a rough piece of rock into a shiny well formed cabochon. You'll learn the use of the trim saw, as well as techniques in grinding, sanding and polishing. Slabs will be provided, but you may use your own with instructors approval. 2-day class offered 1 st semester.
Cabbing - Intermediate	Bernie Emery	Learn how to cut different shapes and the different techniques needed to do so. Prerequisite: Students must have had prior experience with cabbing and know how to use the trim saw. 2-day class offered 2 nd semester.
Crystallography	Jennie R. Smith	Just perfect for the mineral lover and taught by the gal who wrote the book! This class will explore the various crystal shapes and habits that minerals are found in so students have a better understanding of them. 2-day class offered both semesters.
Exhibiting & Judging	B. Jay Bowman	Learn how to set up a good display case for your club show! You'll also take an in depth look at the AFMS Uniform Rules and how they apply to your exhibit. Prerequisite: None. 4-day class.
Faceting	Reivan Zeleznik	Want to learn how to cut and polish those special gemstones you've long admired in jewelry stores? In this class you will learn the process of faceting and take home a finished gemstones of your own. You'll also learn how to evaluate already cut stones. Prerequisite: None. 4-day class.
Fused Glass - Basic	Becky Edmundson	Fused glass is the art of cutting and layering pieces of glass and then firing them in a kiln. Dichroic-coated glass gives a 3-D look. Students will learn the basics of cutting and firing the glass and will complete at least 2 pieces of jewelry. Please bring safety glasses. If you own them, please bring a glass cutter and breaking pliers. Prerequisites: none. 2-day class offered 1 st semester.
Fused Glass - Intermediate	Becky Edmundson	Students will learn to use a wet saw to cut shapes, a grinder to smooth the glass and a jeweler's bit to cut a channel in the piece before it is fire polished in a kiln. You should expect to complete a minimum of 2 finished pieces. Please bring safety glasses. If you own them, please bring a glass cutter and breaking pliers. Prerequisites: none. 2-day class offered 2 nd semester.
Ivory Identification	Bobby Mann	Learn to the characteristics of the various types of ivory. You will also learn how to identify them and what each is best used for. 2-day class offered both semesters.
Micromounting	Carolyn Weinberger	Micromounting is the art of preparing small mineral specimens so they can best be viewed under a microscope. You will learn the process of making "mounts". 2-day class given both semesters.
Silversmithing - Basic	Ruthie Cohen	You will learn the basic skills needed to make jewelry including filing, soldering, bending and polishing. 2-day class . 1 st semester.
Silversmithing - Intermediate	Ruthie Cohen	Students will use basic silversmithing techniques and learn now ones as they create more advanced jewelry. Prerequisite: Basic silversmithing skills. 2-day class - 2 nd semester.
Wax Modeling & Casting	David Alberts	In this class you will learn how to create a wax model for a piece of jewelry, then how to turn it into a wonderful, wearable, object by casting it in silver. 4-day class.
Wirecrafting - Basic	TBD	Learn the basics of twisting gold-filled and sterling silver wire to create wonderful wire-wrapped jewelry. 2-day class. 1 st semester.
Wirecrafting - Advanced	TBD	More advanced projects utilizing skills learned in the basic class. Prerequisite: Basic wirecrafting skills. 2-day class. 2 nd semester.

ALL-AMERICAN AWARD

by Pat Pitkin, EFMLS Chair

A New Year is Here: A fresh start to all those New Year's Resolutions you have been thinking about. How about finishing that Historical Record for our perusal in the EFMLS contest? We really want to know what your clubs have been doing. Maybe we can get some good ideas for our clubs too.



You may be surprised when you get digging for documentation. Your club may have more activities than you were aware of. But everything must have Documentation: dates, photos, thank you notes for activities, newspaper quotes, any proof of activity. It's round-up time. So getty-up and go, pardners!

The DEADLINE to get this document TO ME for judging is MARCH 1st. Please be prompt so we can get these entries to the judges. You can send them through the mail or UPS or hand delivered, I don't care. I just need Entries!!! I know one person who is working very hard, and he needs some competition, so get busy and send me something.

Sincerely,
Pat

Need info?

Contact Pat at:

12 Von Zech Way
Mohrsville, PA 19541-9063
610-488-1817
<pitkind@earthlink.net>

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

by Mary Jane Boutwell



The month of December brought two contributions to EFF. The first was from the

Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club

The second to arrive was from the

*Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of
Montgomery County, MD*

At this time I am not sure of the level of giving either club has reached but, I will try to have that for the next article. I do know each club has been generous with their support and with their ongoing generosity. You know they wish to support the EFMLS and are not looking for personal rewards, but they are to be patted high on the back and honored for their faithfulness of support.

Clubs and individuals.

Please remember this avenue of support or way to honor a member is open for whatever amount you wish to contribute.

Thanks for your consideration and I hope to hear from many of you.

Mary Jane Boutwell, EFF Chair
367 Virillia Road; Canton, MS 39046

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Oberheim, Junior Activities Chair

Sources for Youth Activities

Each club has its own time to devote to youth activities; our club has chosen to take the younger members aside while the business meeting is going on and offer them a fun and educational time. We often have donations from club members willing to share specimens and experiences. I have a booklet called "The World of Minerals and Crystals, Their Properties, forms, and Uses" Published by "Diamond Dan Publications" (www.myplanet.net) and many other rock and gem books I borrow from the kids section of our local library. These have given me many ideas for brief activities.

Some other web sites I use a lot are:

<www.amateurgeologist.com> ,



<www.usgs.gov/state.asp>,and
<www.mindat.org> (I learned from
Don Kaufman; our past President).

I'm sure you will Google many more helpful web sites to use for ideas and references. And its amazing how competently the kids themselves research and use this invaluable tool called "a computer"!! Do you have any web sites you utilize for ideas, etc., for your youth? Please share them with me and I'll pass them on to our readers.

ROCKHOUDING CONCERNS

by Clyf Bourne, EFMLS Conservation & Legislation Chair

The alert continues to watch over efforts by some to get our government to pass certain laws, regulations, which may tend to restrict the pursuance of some aspects of our hobby. As well intentioned as these may be, there is always the danger of unintended consequences. There will be differences of opinion as to the use of our public lands.

For one thing, I am sure some ATV owners would love free rein to run everywhere. Others feel these areas should be returned to or remain "wilderness" (untrammled by man) It is a fact that our nation is growing (crowding) with people. Our Park system is really getting congested; no longer can we make reservations on the spur of the moment. And, we must allow our government to manage, responsibly, these millions of acres (the largest, the Bureau of Land Management oversees 261 million acres). At the same time, the land is the heritage of us all and its fair use is our concern, also.

There are other lobbying interests to keep an eye on. Many of them seem to fall into a category, perhaps too easily, called "environmentalists". We are not non-environmentalists, either. There are propositions before Congress which might threaten collecting. Thankfully, we have capable watchers on our side. We should listen to them. I know that one, Jon Spunaugle, was able to contribute to the writing of a bill since passed by Congress. Even at that, he is not completely happy with the result. An oft noted concern is that it is becoming all too common for decisions to be made with little or no public input. We should not let opportunities to voice our interests pass.

There is Wilderness legislation in effect with "roadless" rulings which severely limiting access. Some decisions are inconvenient for legiti-

mate, firefighting in the West, this past terrible season, may have been hindered because of lack of access. This is causing continual reconsideration of where roads can be closed or should be kept open.

The Department of Interior announces a new America The Beautiful pass which does away with all old familiar ones, like the Golden Eagle. However, the existing passes will still be good until they are lost or stolen. More information is available on the Internet at

<http://www.doi.gov/news/06NewsReleases/061205.html>

This information comes from Dick Panky via Jon Spunaugle. How much chance did the DOI give us, the people to add our inputs to these deliberations, I wonder.

This is about all for now except for a reminder to become familiar as to how to contact your congressional representatives; be sure to let them know where you stand and your interests lie in our hobby, rockhounding. Happy Hunting.

**Its That Time
of Year**

To remain in good standing and be able to receive EFMLS benefits (slide & video programs, access to Wildacres and insurances, etc.) your club must send in their dues and information forms asap.

Dues are \$1.25 per voting member (of that, 50¢ is sent on to the American Federation). Forms were mailed to your 2006 Treasurer and included in the December Newsletter. Please don't delay - we'd like to be able to include your club information in the 2007 Directory which is set to be printed in mid-February.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

by Bob Livingston, EFMLS Coordinator

Following a very good year of donations in 2006 (Report was included



in packet handed out in West Palm Beach), we thank you all and are really pleased to report we are again off and running with a power-

ful start for 2007 thanks to your personal, memorial and club donations. Period, 60 days, November 1 to December 31:

Regular Donations

(all are % increases):

Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore
4300%

Queens Mineral Society
4000%

Central PA Rock & Mineral Club
1100%

GLMS of Montgomery Co., MD
8500%

Wendell Mohr

Honoring Toby Cozens,
AFMS Treasurer
Steve & Carolyn Weinberger

Memorial Donations:

Bob Turnbull and Ned Reynolds
*Mid-Hudson Valley
Gem & Mineral Society*
1600%

Mel Milhoite
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society
500%

Send your club or personal donation or memorial donations with check made out to AFMS Scholarship Foundation, to:

Bob Livingston
AFMS Scholarship Coordinator
59 Ely Drive
Fayetteville, NY 13066

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

Eye hazards include ultraviolet light from the sun on the way to and while on field trips, protection from flying particles at collecting sites, and from chemicals, fumes, vapors, gases, dust, and particles back at home in the shop.



Safety Glasses, also known as spectacles, have heavy frames and impact resistant lenses, usually of polycarbonate, to provide protection from flying particles and if tinted will also provide protection from lasers, ultraviolet light, and sunlight. Do not use tinted lenses indoors where vision may be impaired. Safety glasses can be fitted with the same corrective lenses as available in normal Glasses. Safety glasses should be fitted with side shields or have built in side shields to provide protection from particles entering the eyes from a side angle. Safety glasses should be fitted to the eye and bridge size and temple length and should fit comfortably over the eyes. The frame should be close to the face and supported by the bridge of the nose. Keep safety glasses clean and clear of scratches and if damaged, discard. Store in a dry clean place where they can not fall or be stepped on.

Safety goggles provide a secure shield around the entire eye area to provide against hazards coming from many different directions and spread the force of impact over a larger area around the eyes and are worn in addition to safety glasses. Safety Goggles should



also have impact resistant lenses and are available tinted or with fog free coatings if required and can be vented or indirectly vented to provide protection from splash hazards.

Face Shields are required when pouring hot liquids, using acids to clean rocks or fossils, breaking rocks with hand or mechanical equipment, and while dressing grinding wheels. Face shields are worn with Safety Glasses and Safety Goggles and are available with protective head gear and chemical hoods.

Select the proper level of eye protection prior to starting any activity. Remember that bypassing a level of eye protection because "it will only take a second and I will be careful" could cost you one of your most precious possessions, your eyesight.

MURPHY'S LESSER KNOWN LAWS

via Bill Rinker

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
3. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
4. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
5. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
6. If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.
7. The things that come to those who wait will be the scraggly junk left by those who got there first.

by Hazel Remaley

Have you checked out the entry form for the EACH ONE TEACH ONE



Photo: Clyf Bourne

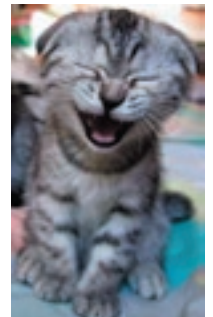
Award ? It appeared in the January 2007 issue of this newsletter. Seems rather simple and straight forward to me.

Then , How come last year there were only 7 entries? Doesn't anyone in your club do anything ? Are there no lapidary classes? No presentations to other clubs, libraries, scout groups. As I have said before , look around you at a meeting. Who do you see? Who promotes the club and our hobby at area functions? Here I go again with my questions, but I am really trying to motivate you out there. (The only rule is that the person can receive no financial compensation for their "work".)

Those of you who have previously entered a nomination and it was not a winner, please review your entry and try again.

Just a reminder - Deadline for your entries to me is JUNE 15, 2007.

8. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
9. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
10. When you go into court, you are putting yourself into the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.



TAKE TIME AND PLAN

by Bill Gilbert, BEAC Chair



Although a month late, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

At this time, the entries for the 2007

Bulletin Editor's Contest have already been received and on the way to the judges. I would like to thank those clubs that entered the contest. Participation in the annual BEAC Editor's contest isn't automatic, it requires time and planning. We need more participation from our clubs in the Eastern Federation. I would like to encourage more clubs to enter next year and take the time to plan for that goal.

With this being the beginning to the New Year, many clubs have new presidents and editors. Each president and editor should help encourage participation in his or her club's bulletin. One way is by being an example and submit articles for your bulletin. The second is to encourage participation from other club members during the club meetings. And thirdly, by competing in the BEAC contest, recognizing contributors with the awards that were earned. Imagine what an impact it would be if each club member contributed to the bulletin with one item during the year!

Time has a habit of slipping by us quickly, so plan ahead. Bulletins are very important and vital to every club. I can remember someone saying to me in the past, "You are what you write". Use your bulletins as a vehicle to tell others what you have done and experienced. Your bulletin is a way to share information that keeps the club alive. With each bulletin issue, take the time to make it better. Take time to proofread, and

improve the grammar. Plan on making you bulletin shine!

Another goal that we need to encourage is participation from our junior members; it just takes a little time and planning. I know this is one area a lot of clubs are struggling with is getting young people interested and involved. In this last contest, I was able to get one of our junior members at my local club to submit a drawing. You should of seen her face when she received her trophy award and certificate. I know all entries won't win trophy, but they love the recognition. Please take the time and plan to get your junior members involved in your bulletins.

This year, the BEAC Editor's Breakfast will be on October 7th at Newark, New York. Take the time now to mark your calendars and plan on attending.

**THE 2007 EFMLS
CONVENTION AND SHOW
WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 5-7
IN NEWARK, NY
(JUST EAST OF ROCHESTER)**

**WILL BE
HOSTED BY THE
WAYNE COUNTY
GEM & MINERAL CLUB**

UNIFORM RULES ON WEB

from Jay Bowman, AFMS Publications

At the annual Uniform Rules meeting held this past August in Nashville, TN, the URC Committee approved several revisions to the Uniform Rules Manual. Printed copies of these changes are available from Merrill Dickinson, our Supplies Chairperson for a nominal fee.

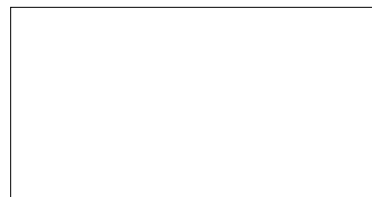
For your convenience, the updates, along with the complete URC Manual is now on the AFMS website <www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm>. You'll need to have Adobe Acrobat to open the file, but that's a free download from <www.adobe.com> if you need it. If you already have an official copy of the entire manual, you can easily download just the updates and then use them to replace the out-of-date pages in your complete manual. These changes became official on January 1 so I encourage you to update as soon as possible, especially if you're planning on entering your display in competition at one of the regional federation shows this year.

In addition to the URC Manual, you can now obtain copies of the following lists on the same website (or from your regional federation supplies chair).

AFMS Approved Reference List of Classifications and Common Names for Fossils

AFMS Mineral Classification List

AFMS Approved Reference List of Lapidary Mineral Names



2007 EFMLS Club Information Form

Please type or print clearly. Be sure to fill in all spaces!

Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Club website: _____

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

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

President: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Vice President: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Secretary: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Treasurer: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

EFMLS Liaison: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

Editor: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Bulletin Name: _____

Meeting Date: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Show and/or Swap Date: _____ Location: _____

INFORMATION FOR THE EFMLS WEBSITE:

The EFMLS website will list the name, location and meeting time and information for your club as well as the date and location of your annual show or swap. We would like to list at least one contact person as well so that interested persons know who to contact for information about your club. Please indicate the name(s) of your contact people plus the info that you wish to have placed on the website for each. (i.e. Editor: Barkley Bigfoot, <milkbone@dogbreath.org>)

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Contact information for web: _____

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Contact information for web: _____

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 Directory Editor. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS".

Lou Budell, EFMLS Treasurer, 2718 Falls Rd; Marcellus, NY 13108-9783

Carolyn Weinberger, Directory Editor, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

Signature of individual completing form: _____ Date: _____

2007 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: April 20 - 26 _____ September 10 - 16 _____

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, 2007. (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 \$330.00 per person. Deposit is \$165 per person, payable with registration.
Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$165 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

Name of roommate: _____ (If none, one will be assigned).
Are you: Male Female (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes No

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes No
If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Do you have material for exhibiting that you would be willing to display at Wildacres? Yes No
If YES, please contact Steve Weinberger <cscrystals2@verizon.net>. 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). No class placement is guaranteed.

1st _____ 3rd _____

2nd _____ 4th _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2007)

Mail to: Debbie Bard, Wildacres Registrar
8085 Old 126
Warfordsburg, PA 17267

If you have any questions, please contact either Debbie Bard, Registrar at <debbard@frontiernet.net> or 717-294-3667 or Wayne Sukow, Director at <d8olite@fastmail.fm> or 703-280-8108.



VISIT THE EFMLS WEBSITE
<www.amfed.org.efmls>

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #17
Glyndon, MD 21071

VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

February

24 -25: 14th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show & Sale sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and NY State Academy of Mineralogy. NY State Museum, 4th floor, Empire State Plaza, Madison Av; Albany, NY.

24-25: Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. Trade Mart Building, State Fairgrounds, I-55 and High Street, Jackson, MS

March

3 - 4: 44th Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, I-95 at Exit 4B, Churchmans Rd (Rt 58); Newark, DE

9 - 11: 19th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society and the Augusta Gem & Mineral Society. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St; Augusta, GA

10-11: 43rd Annual Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co. MD. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St; Gaithersburg, MD.

10-11: 2007 Clifton Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society. Pope John Paul II Elementary School, 775 Valley Rd (Rt 3 at Rt 46); Clifton, NJ.

16-18: 37th Annual Unifour Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center, Exit 125, south off I-40; Hickory, NC.

24: 17th Annual Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show hosted by the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club. Clearwater Nature Center, 11000 Thrift Road, Clinton, MD.

24-25: 2007 Annual Show & Sale sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. Lu Lu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA.

24 -25: 38th Annual Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Athens Twp. Volunteer fire Hall, 150 Herrick Av; Sayre, PA

24-25: 29th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Franklin Co. Rock & Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION: Quality Inn & Suites, Interstate 81 at Exit 14, Wayne Av; Chambersburg, PA

24 - 25: 39th Annual Gem Mineral Fossil Show sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society. Erie County Fairgrounds, South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY.

March-April

30-April 1: Atlantic Micromounters Conference hosted by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area. Maryland Hospital Association Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. For Registration & Info contact S. Weinberger <cscrystals2@verizon.net>.

31 - April 1: 38th Annual Gem, Beads, Jewelry, Fossil & Mineral Show sponsored by the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society. Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W Colonial Dr; Orlando, FL

April:

14-15: Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society. Univ. of New England Gymnasium, Stevens Ave; Portland, ME.

June

2 - 3: Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Three County Fair Grounds, Old Ferry Rd.; Northampton, MA.

9-10: Annual Mineral Swap & Sell sponsored by the Orange County Mineral Society. Museum Village Green (outdoors), Monroe, NY.

23 - 24: 43rd Annual Gilsum Rock Swap and Mineral Show. Gilsum Elementary School, Rt 10, Gilsum, NH

July:

14-15: 41st Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY. Verizon Center of Progress Bldg., New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY.

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>.