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Urgent Information - Your Immediate Action Needed



Loud & Clear

from George Loud, Conservation & Legislation Chair

H.R. 2416 - Paleontological Resources Preservation Act

We all need to do some fast letter writing. Let me remind my mineral collecting friends who do not seem to be disposed to concerning themselves with rights to collect fossils, that the relevant agency rules lump minerals, rocks and invertebrate fossils together in their regulations.

The Senate companion bill to H.R. 2416 has already passed the Senate (S546). Here's what Washington Watch had to say about S546:

"Bad Bills. S546 Anti-rockhounding bill titled the "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act" places severe penalties on recreational rockhounding, would permit only "experts" to disturb public land surfaces." Allows for seizure of private vehicles, camping equipment and anything else the government wants to grab for even minor violations. This bill assumes that big brother government has all the answers, even though some

of the greatest discoveries of dinosaurs in pre-recorded history has been done by private individuals."

Frankly, I was surprised that the forfeiture provision for seizure of vehicle and property of the malfessor is also provided for in the House bill H.R. 2416 even if the violation is characterized as a "civil penalty", i.e., does not rise to the level of a crime (misdemeanor or felony). The forfeiture provision would put erring fossil collectors in the same peril as drug dealers.

What else is wrong with H.R. 2416? Answer: a lot. In Section 15 of the bill entitled "Saving Provisions" Provision 3 specifies that the bill does not apply to amateur collecting of a rock, mineral or invertebrate or plant fossil that is not protected under this act." Yes, I know that this provision is no worse than the current BLM and Forest Service regulations which prohibit the collecting of vertebrate fossils.

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President's Corner

by: Larry Vandergrift, EFMLS President



Although we have been taking a break the past couple of months from the news letter, we and several other "Easterners" attended the Ventura, California, AFMS 56th Annual Meeting, June 4 - 8, 2003. Southern California is all it is cracked up to be, CARS and PEOPLE and the freeways are full of both. Ventura is about 75 miles north-west of the Los Angeles International Airport.

After arriving at the airport and getting my rental car, I immediately got into the afternoon rush hour traffic jam. I was ready for the worst time of my driving life. But this wasn't the case. I was pleasantly surprised by the watchful and courteous California driver. The California driver is getting a "bad wrap" as far as I am concerned. The entire time I spent in California I saw no vehicle accidents, which I can't say for most of the states I have traveled through. This may not be the norm but, I was impressed.

The Del Air Rockhounds Club were great hosts for the combined AFMS and CFMS Gem and Mineral Show and Convention. The location was on the Pacific Ocean seashore where we could watch the morning surfers ride the ocean waves.

The Eastern Federation was well represented, given the distance for travel, with thirteen diehard attendee. I might add that we had five (5) past, present, and future Eastern Federation Presidents in attendance. On Saturday during the awards presentations, the American Fossil Federation of Falls Church, VA. won the Certificate Award of the AFMS Small Club All American Award, and Wayne Sukow, Fairfax, VA, won 1st place in the Program Competition. Great job guys.

Just a little reminder for next year, the AFMS 57th Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Eastern Federation at Syracuse, New York on July 7 - 11, 2004. The event being hosted by the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse. The Syracuse Club has planned a lot of special attractions and events for the four days of the convention. The theme will be "The Splendor of Quartz." Start making plans now.

Speaking of making plans, now is the time for you to plan on attending the EFMLS Convention and Show being held in Poughkeepsie, NY this October 18 and 19th. The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Club always has an excellent show which is held in the Convention Center and they will be our hosts for the weekend. The EFMLS Cracker Barrel session will be held on Friday evening, the Annual Meeting on Saturday afternoon, Awards dinner on Saturday evening and the Editor's Breakfast on Sunday morning. More information, registration forms and a tentative agenda for the annual meeting can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Don't delay in sending in your reservations for the various meal functions and in making your room reservation at the motel. We hope to see you thereto share in the fun weekend that we anticipate having in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

Loud & Clear

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codified by federal statute. As I have explained at length in previous columns, the little fossil collecting experience I have had has been mostly directed to vertebrate fossils, none of which were sufficiently unique or valuable to warrant special protection under the law.

I would like to challenge lawmakers to pick a vertebrate fossil I own (a rounded hunk of agatized bone) from among a group of rocks. At the minimum, they would have great difficulty. Yet this bill demands such skill of their constituents.

Section 9 "Prohibited Acts; Penalties -(B) False Labeling Offenses" provides "a person may not make or submit any false label or counter label for or any false identification of any paleontological resource excavated or removed from Federal lands. As I previously wrote, "pity the poor collector or curator, amateur or professional, who mistakes a psittacosaurus bone for a chasmosaurus bone." Such misidentification can make a criminal out of you. Thank god I only collect minerals which I all too often misidentify. On the bright side, this provision has the potential for placing all those pesky SVP members behind bars and thus out of our hair.

Another objection is that you would be prohibited from selling or exchanging fossils which you legally collect from Federal lands, e.g., a surface collected invertebrate or plant fossil. See Section 9(3). Why should fossils be different from minerals, gold nuggets, coins, etc., found on public lands?

Please immediately write your Congressman at:

Representative _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Those Pesky Solicitors

Several nights ago I answered a knock at the front door of our home in Vienna, Virginia to find a beautiful young blond female on our threshold. Many years ago this would be the occasion of no small amount of excitement but not so now, especially so since my wife Karen beat me to the door. The young lady was soliciting memberships in some environmental group. I explained that I was opposed to some of what is being done in the name of environmentalism giving the example of road closures on public lands which restricted my access to rock collecting sites. The young lady assured me that her organization was only interested in suppressing particulate emissions from stack gases of coal-fired power generating plants. I was a definite no sale but in departing she left a brochure. In the first paragraph of that brochure I learned that the organization she represented took great pride in the "roadless rules" put into place during the Clinton administration. What her organization regarded as its major accomplishment was precisely what I had complained of. Be careful what you buy.

New E-Mail Address:

Please note my new e-mail address: <gloud@comcast.net>.

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If you need some ideas, sample letters are in the September AFMS Newsletter and you can use parts of them for your own letters.

Letters should be individually written and individually mailed. Petitions, although signed by great numbers of individuals, are usually counted as one "vote" in tallying public opinion. Some clubs are taking 5 minutes during their meeting to write and are then paying the postage for mailing because the issue is so important to the future of collecting.

Results of the Vice-Presidential Elections

from Matt Charsky, 1st VP

I'm pleased to announce the results of elections for Regional Vice President's for Regions 1, 3, 5 and 7. The two year term of office for each begins on November 1 of this year.



Dan Kavanaugh - Region 1
John Baumler - Region 3
Judy Budnik - Region 5
Brenda Hankins - Region 7

As you can see, we have one "new face" but also plenty of past experience to help guide these regions along for the next two years. In talking with each of the selectees, I believe that each of these regions will be well represented by individuals who really want the best for EFMLS.

A regional vice-president is not just there to get your club into EFMLS, but they are an important link to get ideas, issues, etc. elevated from your individual club to the EFMLS officers, board of directors, and executive board. This is a resource provided to each individual club and your club should use it as often as you need to.

Maybe your club hasn't even met your regional vice-president? If this is the case, invite them to your upcoming club meeting or show. If that's not possible, then the best time to meet them is at the EFMLS Annual Convention. You really should get acquainted with your regional vice-president, because they're wonderful helpers and advisors to the clubs they represent.

53rd Annual EFMLS Convention

from Jack Rowland, General Show Chair

Poughkeepsie, New York in October is a beautiful place to be. The leaves of the trees are normally at their peak of color, the weather is pleasant and the air clear. The members of the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society invite you to join us for our annual Gem & Mineral Show which we'll hold in conjunction with the EFMLS annual meeting.

The theme for our show this year is "Mineral Magic". We'll have over 30 quality dealers, demonstrations, science experiments, and displays for your enjoyment.

The EFMLS has several activities planned for the weekend. On Friday evening at 8:00 P.M. the Federation Cracker Barrel will give you a chance to meet the officers, talk about concerns you have for your clubs or the federation and hear about and discuss any major business items which are scheduled for the annual meeting on Saturday.

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday October 18 beginning at 1 P.M. and the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, and the Editor's Breakfast on Sunday morning, all at the host hotel- The Best Western Inn & Conference Center. We've reserved a block of rooms which will be held at the printed rate (see next column) until September 21. Make your room reservations NOW since this is peak vacation time in the area and room space is always in short supply.

Registration forms for meal functions, competitive and non-competitive exhibits can be found beginning on page the next page of this issue. Please duplicate the forms as needed for your club members.

We look forward to seeing you and your club members in Poughkeepsie this October.

Poughkeepsie Area Motels

Host Motel: Best Western Inn
2170 South Rd. (US 9) Poughkeepsie
Convention rate: \$109.95 + tax
Phone: 845-462-4600
Rooms and rate guaranteed until September 21, 2003

Other motels in Poughkeepsie:
Best Inn (AAA 2 star rating)
536 Haight Av; \$85 - \$135 per night + tax. Phone: 845-454-1010

Courtyard By Marriott (AAA 3 star rating)
2641 South Rd. \$79 - \$199 per night + tax. Phone: 845-485-6336

Holiday Inn Express (AAA 3 star rating)
2750 South Rd. \$149 - \$250 per night + tax. Phone: 845-473-1151

Room reservations must be made on an individual basis. Be sure when calling the Best Western Inn to mention that you are with the Eastern Federation. Don't delay - this is peak tourism season in the Mid-Hudson Valley and rooms will only be held until September 21.

What Else Can You Do In The Area?

There are lots of interesting sights within a 2 hour drive of Poughkeepsie.

Hyde Park, home of President Franklin D. Roosevelt is only a few miles north as is ValKill the getaway home of his wife Eleanor. One of the Vanderbilt homes is also nearby.

Or you might want to visit West Point, home of the U.S. Military Academy which is located a few miles south of Poughkeepsie. Kykuit, Rockefeller Estate is also south in the quaint town of Sleepy Hollow.

The New York State Museum at Albany is a 90 minute drive north and features an outstanding collection of gems and minerals including a wonderful selection of minerals from New York State and a portion of the Dr.

Steve Chamberlain collection. Or you can visit Howe Caverns, also to the north not far from Albany, the state capital.

New York City with the American Museum of Natural History, Metropolitan, Guggenheim and Modern Art Museums, and lots of other great places to visit is less than 2 hours southeast.

Plan to visit the area, stay for the show and discover our area. We think you'll like what you see.

Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Eastern Federation Convention Registration Form

Poughkeepsie, New York

October 18 - 19, 2003

Primary Registrant _____ Phone(____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Check all that apply: AFMS Officer _____ Director: _____ Judge _____
EFMLS Officer _____ Delegate: _____ Competitive Exhibitor _____
Fed. Past President _____ Editor: _____ Noncompetitive Exhibitor _____

Additional Registrants: Name: _____

<u>Advance Registration for Meal Functions</u>	<u>Cost per person</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cracker Barrel (Friday evening at 8:00 P.M.)	N/A	_____	_____
Awards Dinner (Saturday evening at 7:00 P.M. Social Hour begins at 6 :00 P.M.) Buffet style dinner. Choice of Chicken Marsala or sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef)	\$37.00	_____	_____
Editor's Breakfast (Sunday morning at 8:00 P.M.) Hot buffet style breakfast	\$10.00	_____	_____
Total Amount Enclosed:			\$_____

As this is a 2-day show, there is no advance sale of admission tickets.

Show admission will be \$5 per day. Seniors & Student admission is \$4

Make checks payable to Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Please send this form and your remittance to:

Cristina dos Santos
24 Sugar Maple Rd
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Attn: RESERVATIONS

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS IS OCTOBER 1, 2003

This page may be duplicated as needed

Eastern Federation Convention

Hosted by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Poughkeepsie, New York
October 18 - 19, 2003

Exhibitors Rules & Advisory

Registration:

Exhibitor badges will be issued on set-up day, Friday, October 18, 2003 at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center. The exhibitor should check in with the registrar to receive exhibit space location. There will be a maximum of two (2) ID badges allotted per exhibitor.

Competitive Exhibits:

Exhibitor must be a member of a club or society belonging to any Federation. Each exhibitor is requested to complete the Exhibitor's Registration Form and send it to the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society as noted on the form.

Send a separate form for each exhibit entered. Please duplicate any forms as needed.

Non-Competitive Exhibits:

We encourage any exhibitor to enter who does not desire to enter into competition, but wishes to share his or her expertise or collection. Please complete a separate form for each exhibit entered and send it to the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society as noted on the form.

Send a separate form for each exhibit entered. Please duplicate any forms as needed.

Exhibit Set-up and Removal:

Each exhibitor must have his/her display install and in proper order before 8:00 P.M. on Friday, October 17, 2003 and agrees to preserve it intact until the show closes at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 19, 2003. Exhibitor is to remove his/her exhibit as soon as possible after the show closes. There will be no exceptions. Exhibitor is required to provide his/her own extension cords and lights. Exhibits may be set up as early as 1 P.M. on Friday, October 17, 2003.

Use of Space:

The case area is not to exceed 4 feet in length, 2 feet and 6 inches in depth, unless special permission is received.

Restrictions:

The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society reserves the right to restrict any exhibit which, for any obvious reason, is objectionable, and to prohibit any exhibit which, in the opinion of the Exhibit Committee, may hinder the general character and atmosphere of the show. The restriction includes individuals, items, printed matter, sales material, or anything which may detract from the general goals and quality of the show.

EFMLS Board of Directors Meeting

53RD Annual Meeting
Best Western Inn & Conference Center
Poughkeepsie, NY
Saturday, October 18, 2003

Tentative Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
3. MEMORIAL MOMENT
4. GREETINGS BY EFMLS PRESIDENT: Larry Vandergrift
5. WELCOME FROM 2003 SHOW COMMITTEE
6. INTRODUCTIONS
7. QUORUM CONFIRMATION
8. ADOPT CONVENTION PROCEDURES & STANDING RULES
9. ADOPT AGENDA
10. APPROVE MINUTES: Annual Meeting, April 26, 2002
Ogdensburg, NJ
11. OFFICERS' REPORTS
 - a. PRESIDENT: Larry Vandergrift
 - b. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Matt Charsky
 - c. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: Carl Miller
 - d. SECRETARY: Madelyn Todd
 - e. TREASURER: Lou Budell
 - f. ASSISTANT TREASURER: Millie Heym
 - g. EDITOR: Carolyn Weinberger
 - h. GENERAL SHOW CHAIRMAN: Jack Rowland
 - i. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Bob Livingston
 - j. PAST PRESIDENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL:
Reivan Zeleznik
 - k. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS
 - REGION I: Bill Longley
 - REGION II: Michael Kessler
 - REGION III: John Baumler
 - REGION IV: Jennie Smith
 - REGION V: Judy Budnik
 - REGION VI: Barbara Fenstermacher
 - REGION VII: Brenda Hankins
 - REGION VIII: Jeff Ursillo
12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. AFMS ALL AMERICAN AWARD: Hazel Remaley
 - b. AFMS BOUNDARIES: Reivan Zeleznik
 - c. AFMS CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION:
George Loud
 - d. AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR:
Cathy Gaber
 - e. AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND: Steve Weinberger
 - f. AFMS JUNIOR ACTIVITIES: Angie Teixeira
 - g. AFMS LEWIS AND CLARK: Mike Hakulin, Sr.
 - h. AFMS PUBLIC RELATIONS: Barbara Fenstermacher
 - i. AFMS SAFETY: Bill Klose
 - j. AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
COORDINATOR: Bob Livingston
 - k. AFMS UNIFORM RULES: B. Jay Bowman
 - l. AFMS WAYS AND MEANS: Warren Redford
 - m. AUDIT COMMITTEE: Carl Miller
 - n. BUDGET AND FINANCE: Matt Charsky
 - o. BULLETIN EDITORS ADVISORY:
Mary Bateman
 - p. BY-LAWS: Steve Weinberger
 - q. CONVENTION ADVISORY:
(Terry Cirrincione) Matt Charsky, Mary Bateman
 - r. DIRECTORY: Carolyn Weinberger
 - s. EACH ONE TEACH ONE: Frances Sick
 - t. EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND: Joy Bourne
 - u. EFMLS ANNUAL AUCTION: Bruce Gaber
 - v. HISTORIAN: Susanna MacInnis
 - w. INSURANCE COORDINATOR: Carl Miller
 - x. OPERATING PROCEDURES: Steve Weinberger
 - y. PARLIAMENTARIAN: Reivan Zeleznik
 - z. SHOW COORDINATOR: George Everett
 - aa. SLIDE AND VIDEO LIBRARIAN/
AFMS COMPETITIONS: Richard Harrison
 - bb. SUPPLIES: Duane Evans
 - cc. UNIFORM RULES: Susanna MacInnis
 - dd. WAYS AND MEANS: (Terry Cirrincione)
Carolyn & Steve Weinberger
 - ee. WEBMASTER: Dan Imel
 - ff. WILDACRES WORKSHOP FUNCTIONING
COMMITTEE: Esther Dunn
 - gg. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Tom Milligan
 - hh. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Carl Miller
13. AUDIT REPORT: Carl Miller
14. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. N.E.F.T.A.
15. NEW BUSINESS
 - a.
 - b. Election of Officers
16. CALL FOR A VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST CLUB
17. ADJOURNMENT

Eastern Federation Convention

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Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

Please complete all information on this sheet pertaining to your exhibit and mail it to:
Jack Rowland, 23 MacIntosh Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Name _____ Phone(_____) _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Club affiliation: _____

Exhibitor Group: Master _____ Advanced _____ Novice _____ Jr. _____ Society _____

Exhibit Class # _____ Exhibit Class _____

Name: _____

Exhibit Case and Space Information

Please supply the following information to aid us in planning your exhibit space:

I will use my own case: Yes _____ No _____

Dimensions: Width _____ Height: _____ Depth: _____

A limited number of cases are available for loan on a first come, first served basis.

Case size is approximately 4' x 2' x 2'. Liners will NOT be provided.

If borrowing a case, you will be advised if one is available and of its approximate internal dimensions.

This completed entry form must be received no later than October 1, 2003.

All competitive exhibits must be set up between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2003 and must be removed on Sunday, October 19, 2003 between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

I certify that all material exhibited in competition by me is my own personal property, and that all lapidary and jewelry work (except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules) was completed by me.

Security and Liability: The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society will furnish around the clock security for the building and will take reasonable precautions to protect the property and person of each exhibitor. However, it is mutually agreed that the Federation, member societies, their members, officers or authorized agents will not be liable to any exhibitor for any damage or loss to his person or property from any cause. All claims for loss, damage or injury are expressly waived by the exhibitor. Submission of the signed application for exhibitor space constitutes acceptance of all rules and regulations as outlined.

I have read the current AFMS Uniform Rules and agree to abide by them.

I agree to leave my exhibit on display until the close of the show on Sunday, October 19, 2003.

Exhibitor's Signature _____

Print Name: _____

If Junior entry, date of birth _____

Mail to: Jack Rowland, 23 MacIntosh Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 no later than October 1, 2003.

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Non-Competitive Display Application

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Club/Society Name _____

Exhibit Description _____

Are you using your own case? Yes _____ No _____

Dimensions: Length _____ Width _____

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All non-competitive exhibits must be set up between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2003 and must be removed on Sunday, October 19, 2003 between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail applications to:
Jack Rowland
23 MacIntosh Lane
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Completed forms must be received by October 1, 2003.



Eastern Federation
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DIRECTOR, DELEGATE & ALTERNATE INFORMATION

53rd Annual EFMLS Board of Directors' Meeting
Best Western Inn & Conference Center
Poughkeepsie, New York
October 18, 2003

Please print clearly all information requested

NAME OF SOCIETY: _____

DIRECTOR: _____
(The president of each society is a director of the 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 this meeting.)

DELEGATE: _____
(Elected by society members.)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: _____
(To represent society if delegate cannot attend meeting.)

From the EFMLS Constitution
Article V, Section 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 thirty (30) days prior to the convening date.

SIGNATURE and TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER

DATE

RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2003
to: Madelyn Todd
114 Woolsey Av
Glen Cove, NY 11542

Eastern Foundation Fund

from Joy Bourne

EFF Summer Summary

Some interesting new sources of funds for EFF have surfaced over the summer and we thought these ideas might be of interest to EFMLS clubs who are beginning to think about funding their 2003-04 contributions to EFF.

Matching Funds:

As many of you are aware, EFMLS 2nd Vice President, Carl Miller, has served as Chairman of the EFMLS Audit Committee for a number of years. In private life, Carl is a professional accountant, employed by a major U.S. financial corporation, and Carl donates his professional auditing services to the Eastern Federation as a matter of course. What you may not know is that Carl's company offers matching funds to its employees for charitable contributions, as do many public-spirited corporations. They match, dollar-for-dollar, money for the value of services contributed by their employees to not-for-profit organizations.

Since the year 2000, Carl has annually submitted the requisite forms to the company, detailing the hours which he has contributed to EFMLS, and has calculated the monetary value of those hours. His company, Capital One Financial Corporation, has matched the value with cash contributions to EFF. Their check for 2003, at the Emerald Level, was received just before the EFMLS News summer hiatus. Isn't that a great idea? Perhaps there are other members of EFMLS who work for companies offering similar matching funds programs. Think about it! A super source of additional funding for our most worthy Eastern Foundation Fund! Thank you, Carl, and Capital One.

Pocket Change Donations:

Thank You, too, to the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore for their sapphire-level contribution to EFF in

June. We understand that their annual EFF contribution is generated by collecting pocket change from members at club meetings. (Could be another idea for your club, too, although it's probably a bit of a chore for your treasurer!)

Authors' Royalties:

Early this year, we received word from President Jim Johnston of the Tuscarora Lapidary Society that Vice President Frank Warner had written an article on Liberty Bell Intarsia for the *Lapidary Journal*, and that it was his intention to donate his royalties to EFF as a contribution on behalf of the club. The article appeared in the July issue of the magazine, and the check, at the Emerald level was received from Tuscarora Treasurer, Gary Statton on July 12. Thank you, Frank, for the idea and your generosity to EFF! (Any published authors in your group?)

Annual Club Contributions:

Many of our EFMLS clubs regularly include EFF contributions in their budgets and make an annual contribution. The Gem, Lapidary and Mineralogical Society of Montgomery County, Maryland is one of these - and

we received their annual Emerald Level gift early July. Thank you, once again, to all the members of GLMS/Md.

Memorial Contributions:

Always a most appropriate tribute to our departed rockhound friends, the EFF is most often thought of when we lose a dedicated member of our organization. During this summer, we have received a Quartz Level contribution from Ginger Posthumous in memory of Darlene Klose, and Topaz Level memorial contributions have been received in honor of Terry Cirrincione from Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Mohr, Barbara Fenstermacher, and Clyf and Joy Bourne. We thank you all for your gifts and share your happy memories of these wonderful friends.

Have a great rest-of-the-summer, and keep those contributions coming in!

Any contributions from clubs and individuals (and Matching Funds contributors) may be sent at any time to:
Joy Bourne, EFF Chairman,
RR #1, Box 159A,
Towanda, PA 18848-9739
(Please note the slight change of address).

Report Time

from Madelyn Todd, EFMLS Secretary

It's time again for all officers and committee chairs to submit their annual reports for the upcoming meeting this October in Poughkeepsie. Reports will be duplicated and distributed at the meeting. Those not submitting reports on time are asked to prepare 100 copies and bring them to the meeting.

All reports are to be sent to:
Madelyn Todd, Sec.
114 Woolsey Ave.
Glen Cove, NY 11542

Deadline is Sept., 17, 2003

AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

from Cathy Gaber

Dave Ballard has been nominated by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. He has been a faithful attendee at club meetings, has handled the sale of tools, mineral tack and corks for many years and is our chief electrician at our annual micromount conference.

nominated by Paul Smith, president

I would like to nominate *Arnold Lambert* of the Dothan Gem & Mineral Club, Dothan, Alabama as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. When our club lost its meeting place a few years ago, Arnie and his wife Joan opened their home as a meeting place. He converted his garage into a workshop with lapidary equipment, tumblers, etc. He teaches cabbing, use of lapidary equipment and rock identification to club members and visitors. He converted the carport to a mini museum with display cases, which he built on all walls. He even has a small area for micros and a microscope and a dark room with fluorescent specimens and black lights. Arnie has served as Program Chairman, Field Trip Chairman, Vice President and President. Through his use of digital photography, computer CDs and a very large TV screen, he has presented valuable programs on crystals and minerals of his collection to club members, school children and church members. He has also put displays in local libraries and businesses. With his wife, he goes to schools to present programs to Earth Science classes and gives specimens to the students. Perhaps one day, some of these children will become "rockhounds" and further this great hobby!

nominated by Grady L. Dunn, president

The Nassau Mineral Club has selected *Murray Fein* as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for 2003. Murray joined the club in 1957 and has been an active member ever since. He has served as President, Vice President of Programs, Field Trip Captain and

Lapidary Instructor. Murray is a Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain. He is available almost every Saturday at the club's workshop to identify minerals and gemstones as well as to demonstrate/instruct the use of gem identification equipment. He is also a frequent speaker at the club's general meetings.

Submitted by Madelyn Todd

The Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society is pleased to honor *Lynne Luger* as its Rockhound of the Year. Lynne served as president for 8 terms, is currently assistant show chairman, chair of the telephone squad and is a member of the Board of Directors. During her years as president she has been the sparkplug which re-energized the group. Under her leadership, meetings became more interesting as she encouraged program chairman to bring in a wide variety of speakers; more members have become involved in club activities and the group has been kept apprised of and encouraged to become involved with pending legislative issues. The Chesapeake club is honored to have such an involved and dedicated member in our midst.

submitted by Steve & Carolyn Weinberger

Al Pribula is this year's choice as the Baltimore Mineral Society's "Rockhound of the Year". Al is an active member of the Society and a serious collector of minerals. He has devoted much of his energy and ability to enhance the organization. He has served as president and has held numerous other offices for BMS. His most recent contribution, spanning the last few years, has been organizing and disposing of the collection of the late Herb Corbett, a BMS member who donated most of his minerals to the club. Al has taken much of his free time to sort out the material, bring it to the annual micromount conference for "give-aways" and auc-

tions and then conduct those activities. He's also hosted numerous meetings at his home, given programs, and set up demonstrations at local shows. If something needs doing, we know that Al will help us get it done. We are very fortunate to have Al Pribula as our member.

nominated by Larry Kraus

Ed and Susan Fisher have earned the right to be honored as the AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year for the Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia. Ed has served as president for several years and is currently also the archivist. Susan has been on the board of directors for many years. They make generous contributions of minerals for the monthly auctions, and for the last couple of years they have hosted the annual holiday party at their home. For the club's 60th anniversary, the Fishers again hosted the celebration. Ed also enjoys sharing his mineral collecting stories in the club bulletin. This couple's dedication and enthusiasm have contributed much to keeping the club going.

nominated by Bruce and Cathy Gaber

Has your club sent in the name of an individual or couple to recognize as the 2003 "Rockhound of the Year"? The process is a simple one - just send in the name of the person (or couple) along with a 50 word or less narrative telling why the selection is being made. Don't forget to tell us the name of the person and the name of your club. Your selection will be published in both the AFMS and EFMLS Newsletters so that you can share your club's pride in having such a valuable member.

Send your selection to:
Cathy Gaber
5707 Northfield Rd
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Do it today before you forget!

Safety First

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chairperson

EYE PROTECTION

Whether it is protection from the sun on the way to a collecting site, protection from flying particles at a collecting site, or protection from dust, chemicals, or particles while processing our finds back in the shop, rock hounds must wear the proper level of eye protection without exception.

Eye hazards include particles, mists, vapors, fumes, gases, laser light and ultraviolet light.

Safety glasses or spectacles are designed to provide impact protection from flying particles and have heavier frames than normal spectacles and impact resistant lenses, usually of polycarbonate. They can be tinted to protect the eyes from laser or ultraviolet light. As most particles enter the eyes at an angle, it is recommended that they accommodate and are worn with side shields. Safety glasses with prescription corrective lenses are available, even bifocal and "multifocal". Do not use spectacles intended for protection from radiation and glare from the sun indoors where your vision may be impaired by the tinted lenses. Spectacles should be fitted to your eye and bridge size and temple length. The temples should fit comfortably over the eyes, The frame should be close to the face and be supported by the bridge of the nose. Keep spectacles clean and free of scratches. Store your spectacles in a dry, clean place where they will not fall or be stepped on. Scratched or damaged spectacles interfere with vision and do not provide protection.

Safety spectacles alone do not provide adequate protection for the eyes from fumes, vapors, liquids, and large particles. Safety goggles provide a secure shield around the entire eye area to protect against hazards coming from many different directions and spread the force of im-

part over a larger area around the eye. Goggles are most effective when worn with safety spectacles and are also provided with impact resistant and tinted lenses. Goggles that are unvented or indirectly vented will provide protection from splash hazards. Goggles can be provided with fog free coatings.

Face shields should be worn with safety spectacles and goggles to provide additional protection for the face from sparks, splashes, splatter, and larger particles. Never wear a face shield alone. Face shields are available with protective head gear and chemical hoods. Typical rock hound use of a face shield would include poring hot liquids, use of acids to clean minerals or fossils, breaking rocks with hand tools or mechanical equipment, and dressing grinding wheels.

Whenever working around the house or with rocks and minerals, consider what potential hazards are present and select the appropriate level of face and eye protection that is required, even if the time it takes to complete the job only takes a second. That is all the time it takes to cause damage to the face or eyes.

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- Make your reservations for the 2003 EFMLS Annual Meeting today!
- Room reservations due by September 21
- Exhibit & Meal reservations due by October 1
- Informatin and forms can be found beginning on page 4
- Delegate registration due by September 17
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Each One Teach One

from Fran Sick

Another summer is about over and the 2003 EFMLS Convention is just around the corner. I just thought I'd let you know your Each One Teach One Committee has been hard at work over the summer months.

There were a total of five nominations received for the 2003 EOTO Award. I truly believe this was the toughest year yet to decide the top award winner. The committee consisting of Barbara Sky, Winchester, Mo., Clyf Bourne, Towanda, Pa., Mary Ellen Cole, Chinchilla, Pa. and myself have completed the review of all the nominations and after much consideration and a little nail biting the judging is complete. I would like to again thank all of the committee members for the time and great care they took in selecting this year's winners. They did a great job.

All that remains to be done now is the presentation of the awards at the Convention Awards Banquet in Poughkeepsie in October. Hope to see you there.

Program Review

from Rick Harrison

I recently reviewed of 2 slide programs for the Agate Lovers out there. Programs #95 Agates of the New World and #105 In Search of South Dakota's Fairburn Agates should get you interested in adding more agates to your collection. A free tour of the world and the United States is provided at no additional charge. And if these 2 programs aren't enough check out #94 A World of Agates. Beautiful examples are there for your eyes, I never find them this pretty?? Enjoy

Editors Corner

from Mary Bateman

Welcome back from summer, hope it was an enjoyable, relaxing one for you. I don't know about you, but it went by much too quickly for me. Did you have a chance to look over your newsletter and think of ways to make it a better newsletter for your club? How about sharing some of those ways with your fellow editors? Send them to me and I will compile them and put them in a future newsletter.

The EFMLS convention at Poughkeepsie is only a few weeks away. Included in this newsletter is the material for the Convention. The BEAC committee hopes you will not only attend the convention, but sign up for the editors breakfast. It is a great feeling to walk up to the front of the room to receive your award and have the support of your fellow editors as you are acknowledged for all your hard work-sign up today!

As of this writing, a speaker is planned for the continental style breakfast. We hope to have the speaker confirmed in time for the October newsletter. As is customary, trophies and certificates will be given out at the breakfast. Last year of the approximately 200 awards and certificates that were awarded, only about 20% of recipients were on hand to personally receive their trophies and/or certificates. Let's see if we can increase that number this year. You can help by signing up now, if you have not already done so.

We ask you to encourage your fellow members to attend the convention and the editors breakfast as well. Their input to your newsletter is another vital link to the information flow between the newsletter and your membership. They also deserve to be on hand when the awards are presented and to receive their recognition. Please encourage them to attend.

AFMS Bulletin Editor Awards

from Mary Bateman

Although I could not be in Ventura for the AFMS Convention and Editor's Breakfast, I am pleased to share with you the names of the EFMLS recipients of AFMS awards. I hope that those whose names appear here will be at the Editor's Breakfast in Poughkeepsie so we can recognize their achievements in person.

MINI BULLETINS

1. CRACK 'N CAB, Loren Patterson, Ed. Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY

3. COLLECTOR'S CORNER, Bill Ellis, Ed. Keene Mineral Club, Keene, NH

6. THE LEAVERITE, Evanna Koska, Ed. Twin Tiers Rock & Mineral Club, Horseheads, NY

SMALL BULLETINS

3. HOUND'S HOWL, Barbara Fenstermacher, Ed. Aiken Gem & Mineral Society, Aiken, SC

4. THE MINERAL MITE, Georgia Olmstead, Ed. Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area, Washington, DC

Honorable Mention:

ROCK BUSTER NEWS, Maxine Nicholas, Ed. Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club, Harrisburg, PA

LARGE BULLETINS

1. ROCKY ECHOES, Brenda Hankins, Ed. Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society, Jackson, MS

4. SHIN-SKINNER NEWS, Joy Bourne, Ed. Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Sayre, PA

Honorable Mention

THE ROSTRUM, Robert Asreen Jr., Ed. Maryland Geological Society, Baltimore, MD

ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES:

1. "Articulated Porpoise Skel-

etons Excavated at Calvert Cliffs, Part 1" Paul R. Murdoch, Jr., Author. Maryland Geological Society, Baltimore, MD

5. "The Blue John of Castleton". Betty M. Jones, Author. Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Sayre, PA

9. "Maine Tourmaline". Jennie R. Smith, Author. Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area, Fairfax, VA

ADVANCED ADULT ARTICLES

3. "Banded Iron Formations". Vivien Gornitz, Author. New York Mineralogical Club, New York, NY

8. "The Gem Resources of Afghanistan". Karen Rice, Author. New York Mineralogical Club, New York, NY

JR. ARTICLES - Under age 12

1. "A Visit with Jeffrey Post" Jennifer Clary, Author. Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Merrifields, VA

3. "My First Club Field Trip". Melissa Whistleman, Author. Gem & Mineral Hunters, Sterling, VA

JUNIOR ARTICLES - Ages 12 - 17:

1. "Who Do Some Rocks Glow in the Dark?" Anthony J. Moorehead, Author. Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Sayre, PA

10. "Home Schoolers Cruise Club" Laurie Stewart, Author. Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club, Tampa, FL

POETRY - ADULT

1. "Fossil Shark Tooth Addiction" Rick Smith, Author. Maryland Geological Society, Baltimore, MD

2. "Footprints in the Sand" Terry Cirrincione, Author. Gem & Mineral Hunters of Virginia, Sterling, VA

4. "Cliffs of the Chesapeake Bay". Terry Cirrincione, Author. Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society, Aiken, SC

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Terry Cirrincione



A lot of people in the EFMLS knew the name Terry Cirrincione. She served as the Endowment and Convention Advisory Chairperson for EFMLS for several years. Some of us were fortunate to know her as a good, friend....the phone would ring and you would hear a soft "Hi there. Can we talk awhile or are you busy?" And then the conversation would flow for perhaps an hour or so. You always learned something from Terry and you always came away with a wonderful glow just knowing that she was your friend.

Before retirement, Terry taught business and a variety of other subjects at a Maryland high school and college. She also worked for a time at as an instructor at N.S.A. Later she conducted field trips for area fossil and mineral clubs. She loved to write and would often have articles appearing in three or four gem and mineral club publications per month. Her dedication to these endeavors was amazing as she spent hours writing and rewriting her articles and poems, organizing trips, sharing her knowledge of fossils and learning new things about them. She displayed portions of her wonderful collection of fossils at area club shows, at the EFMLS Conventions and at several AFMS Conventions as well.

Her most recent accomplishment was in being awarded both a second and fourth place award for her poetry in the AFMS Editor's Contest. Although results of the EFMLS contest have not yet been released, it's a good bet that her poems will have earned high awards in that arena as well.

Terry died of a heart ailment on June 27 at the age of 68. She'd been in declining health all winter, but continued to write, organize the EFMLS Endowment Raffle and work with clubs on upcoming EFMLS Conventions. Such was her dedication to whatever task she undertook.

She was a native of the Washington DC and received a bachelor's degree with honors at Wilson Teacher's College where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Survivors include her husband, Ross; three children, three sisters; a brother, and two granddaughters.

Contributions in Terry's memory may be made to the
Eastern Foundation Fund, % Joy Bourne, RR #1, Box 159A; Towanda, NY 18848

or AFMS Scholarship Foundation, % Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Dr; Fayetteville, NY 13066.

Terry was a loving, caring, involved person. The void left by her passing will certainly be difficult to fill for us all.

Carolyn Weinberger

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SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:

3. 39th ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW, Diana Volcheck, Author. Delaware Mineralogical Society, Newark, DE

EFMLS Raffle

from Steve Weinberger

It's not too late to purchase your tickets for the EFMLS raffle. Prizes are a dinosaur footprint a Green Tourmaline pendant set in 14K gold, a niobium bracelet, and a calcite specimen from the Pennsylvania Quarry. Tickets are \$1 each and may be obtained from your club president

or by sending a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to me at PO Box 302, Glyndon, MD. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS" and must be received no later than October 10.

Your ticket could well be a lucky winner and all proceeds go to the Eastern Foundation Fund.

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Visit A Show

from George Everett

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to George Everett, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 69 Jeff St., Oxford, MS 38655-5602 or e-mail him at <mlgae@olemiss.edu>.

September:

6-7: Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. VFW Hall, Route 2 (base of the Mohawk Trail), North Adams, MA.

6-7: Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Danbury Mineralogical Society. Danbury High School Cafeteria, Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT. (From NY, Rt. 84 East, Exit 5)

13-14: 38th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club. The Zembo, Third and Division Streets, Harrisburg, PA

27-28: 39th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard County Fairgrounds, MD 32 at I-70; West Friendship, MD. (just west of Baltimore.)

27-28: 15TH Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. SOCIETY. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Rd, off of Hgwy. 90, Hiddenite NC.

October

3-5: 25th Annual Show & Sale sponsored by the Gaston County Gem & Mineral Club. Dallas Park, Hwy 279 W-Dallas Cherryville Hwy, Dallas North, NC.

4: Autumn Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association., Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA.

4-5: The Central Kentucky Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. Kentucky National Guard Armory, Airport Road, Lexington, KY.

18-19: 34th Annual Show, sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society and the EFMLS Annual Convention. Mid-Hudson Civic Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY.

25: 14th annual Fluorescent Rock and Mineral Show, Ultraviolation 2003, sponsored by The Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County. The First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road in Fairless Hills, PA

November:

1 - 2: 34th Annual "Gemarama", sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. CFS, School at Church Farm, Business Route 30 & Route 202, Exton, PA.

1 - 2: Rochester Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society and Mineral Section, Rochester Academy of Science. Monroe County Fairgrounds, 2685 Calkins Road, Henrietta, NY

1 - 2: 12th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Student Union II Building, George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA.

8 - 9: Annual mineral, fossil, gem, and jewelry show, sponsored by the Smoky Mountain Mineral Society. Jefferson County Rescue Squad Building, 915 Industrial Park Rd, Dandridge, TN. Exit 417 off I-40, go south 0.8 mi. turn left, 2nd building on right.

21-23: The Carnegie Gem & Mineral Show, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA.

28-30: 24th Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Show at the Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society.