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THANKS SYRACUSE...A TERRIFIC TIME WAS HAD BY ALL! NEWS FROM THE 2004 EFMLS CONVENTION INSIDE



WILLIAM "BILL" LONGLEY

FEBRUARY 1, 1934 - AUGUST 1, 2004

Bill Longley, EFMLS 2nd Vice President passed away on August 1, 2004 after suffering a heart attack. A native of Waterville, Maine, Bill was extremely well known in the New England region for his ebullient personality, absolute dedication to the hobby and to his club and family. Bill is survived by his wife Glennys

(Mother to Bill), a son and daughter plus eight grandchildren.

He served his club as President, Editor and Show Chairman for more years than anyone can remember. During his tenure as Region I Vice President, Bill visited every club in his region, especially during the time of their annual show. And he did this every year often driving 10 - 12 hours in a day to do so. Everyone knew Bill and his travelling companion, Ellery Borow.

After retiring from the Maine Department of Transportation, Bill returned to school to learn more about geology and archaeology, two of the avocations he became passionate about and he became more active in his local club, the Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society. He was also an avid bowler, elected to the Kennebec Valley Bowling Association's Hall of Fame in 1997. Other interests included raising basset hounds and attending dog shows. At the time of his death, Bill was serving as EFMLS 2nd Vice President and had just been elected 1st Vice President (term to begin November 1).

Contributions in Bill's memory can be made to either:
Eastern Foundation Fund,
% Joy Bourne, RR#1, Box 159A; Towanda, PA 18848
or AFMS Scholarship Foundation
% Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Dr; Fayetteville, NY 13066.

Bill was truly "one of the good guys" and he will truly be missed.

Carolyn Weinberger

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CONGRATULATIONS

Many awards were presented at the AFMS/EFMLS Convention this past July. You'll find a listing of these elsewhere in this newsletter.

Below is a photo of just one of the many, many wonderful citems filling the display case at the show. This one, a huge faceted gem done by the "Dare Devil" faceters of the Northwest Federation is a real eye popper.



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How Did You Spend Your Summer?

by Matt Charsky, EFMLS President

Welcome back! Did you either enjoy your summer as lazy, hazy, crazy days or did you further your hobby, meet some great people, and have loads of fun? If you attended either the "summer" Wildacres session or the AFMS/EFMLS convention and show in Syracuse, NY, I pretty much know your answer. In fact, I can almost see a grin on your face.

Although I was unable to be at Wildacres, I've heard it through the grapevine that it was a "truly elevating experience" with over 100 of your closest hobby friends. I would like to say it was a "hair raising experience," but I'm told that due to several participants shaving their heads to raise money at the auction, that phrase would not be accurate. Hopefully, the fall Wildacres session will be as popular and entertaining!

I would like to share with you my thoughts on the AFMS/EFMLS Convention. The Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse were perfect hosts for a perfect show, which resulted in a perfect weekend! Not only did the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse do everything possible to make the EFMLS proud in front of our AFMS friends, but they made all of us feel like "real New York upstate neighbors" at least for a short time.

Most everyone started their convention festivities with the Cracker Barrel. We were entertained by nurse Larry and his sidekick Charlie; educated by famous gem carver, Helen Serras-Herman; and yes we even talked about some business issues with feedback from YOU on membership, safeguards for our funds, and insurance. I estimate that over 100 people attended the Cracker Barrel and I think a few people might have left with smiles on their faces.

Our business meeting was well attended with many clubs being represented by some old and new faces. I appreciate all the clubs who sent delegates to the business meeting. It's the one time of year that we, the officers, get to hear from you, the individual clubs, about what you think is right or wrong with the EFMLS.

The highlights of our business meeting included the election of Carl Miller as our next President and Bill Longley as First Vice-President. I'm sure Carl and Bill are up to the tasks ahead of them. In contested elections, Mary Bateman will serve as the new EFMLS Editor and Wayne Sukow, 2nd Vice-President. Congratulations to both of them and I know that each of them will do a fine job for the EFMLS in their new positions. We also elected two new members of the Nominating Committee, Reivan Zeleznik and Harvey Brickman. Welcome aboard.

One particular issue that came up at the business meeting is that field trip locations are now becoming off limits because people sneaking in and then claiming to be affiliated with the EFMLS. The question for me was whether EFMLS could come up with something to help local clubs discipline such behavior. At the EFMLS level, it's very hard to craft a document that doesn't offend somebody, so on this particular issue, the EFMLS defers to the local clubs. EFMLS expects local clubs to police themselves to make sure that members who visit quarries, mines, or other collecting localities adhere to the AFMS Code of Ethics. Showing land owners

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that we respect their wishes and their property should result in collecting areas remaining open.

The award's banquet was quite lengthy with many presentations by the EFMLS, AFMS, and the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse. In all, there were about 200 people who attended the award's banquet. Our AFMS Scholarship nominee, Dr. Asish Basu, from the University of Rochester (NY), personally accepted his award in person and he briefly talked about his research studying the Permian-Triassic boundary (some 250 million years ago). Dr. Basu's research suggests that a meteor struck the earth at that time and caused a global extinction of most land and water species. The EFMLS Citation Awards were deservedly presented to two people who have contributed much to the EFMLS over many years - Madelyn Todd and Paul Smith. Congratulations to both of you!

EFMLS distributed its annual "M Awards," which we award to the two clubs (one large, one small) who have increased their membership the most during the past year. The large club winner was the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters of Providence, RI and the small club winner was the Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club of Conway, NH. We need to package your success for other clubs to follow.

Also at the award's banquet, we announced the results of our two EFMLS fund raising activities, which ended concurrently with the convention. The EFMLS raffle, chaired by Jean Charsky, brought in over \$1,500 and the annual auction, co-led by Bruce Gaber and Carl Miller, brought in over \$1,200 to the EFMLS. My thanks to all the people who helped organize these activities and to all the members of the individual clubs that participated in these activities. We really do have the support of our

individual clubs in the EFMLS.

Finally, the editor's breakfast was enjoyed by over 80 attendees. Mary Bateman presented almost 200 awards to the approximately 25 clubs that participated in the Bulletin Editors' Contest. Many of the award winners showed up in person to collect their trophies and certificates. Even non-winners went home with a little token of our appreciation for supporting this very special part of the EFMLS.

I know I share the thoughts and wishes of many EFMLS members who want to thank the officers and members of the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse for putting on a terrific show and convention. The 90+ show cases represented many facets of the hobby and truly showed the diversity of our hobby. I think the weekend can be summed up in one comment that I heard from one of our AFMS guests ... "You know, many of these conventions are forgettable, but I'm going to remember this one for some time to come." Ditto for me.

Finally, I want to let you know that Dan Kavanaugh has resigned as Region I Vice-President. As you get this newsletter, Carl Miller will be conducting an election of Region I clubs to have someone fill in for the remainder of Dan's term. Thank you Dan for serving the EFMLS as Regional Vice-President.

See you at the September Wildacres!

Matt

EFMLS Past Presidents Cathy Gaber, Steve Weinberger, Reivan Zeleznik, Tom Milligan, Pat Mummert and Roger Barnett smile for the camera at the June Wildacres Workshop . Photo by Mike Duncan



MEGA THANKS

from Bob Livingston

"The Big Show for All America" is history. As you'll recall, we had the lofty goal of 100 exhibits at the combined show, July in Syracuse. Thanks to the great cooperation and participation by all from the various federations we had over 90 total non competitive and competitive exhibits. Everyone came through for us in spades. Folks are still talking about it. It was without question, the best in the East in a decade or more.

Secondly, we made a plea for help with demonstrators and again you answered our call. Using your skills and creative talents, you showed beginner and seasoned folks some of the wide ranging possibilities in this great hobby of ours. Ditto the appreciation and thanks from above. Lastly, if you have a show coming up this Fall or Winter, you will be interested in this. We have had a chance to review the prize entry drop box slips, and it seems the high cost of gasoline was more of a factor in our having less folks on Saturday/ Sunday, than we figured it would be. From historical "norms," we were light from both western and eastern New York state as well as northern Pennsylvania.

Thanks again. "Syracuse" is glad to have done it. Now then, who is next in the East?

SLIDE PROGRAM NEWS

from Rick Harrison

This month I'd like to offer a brief review of one of the Slide Programs in the EFMLS Library. This, and many others have been provided to the Eastern Federation through the generosity of the AFMS Endowment Fund. New programs are given to us each year - watch for an announcement of the 2004 additions in a few months.

Slide Program #110 - 62 slides

"Mysteries of Fossil Preservation" provides an excellent overview of fossils, how they come about, what causes their colors and what is or isn't a fossil. Well worth the watch.

EFMLS member clubs can borrow this or any other slide or video program in our library at no charge (other than return postage and insurance). A complete listing of what's in our library can be found in the 2004 EFMLS Directory (pages 22-33).

To reserve a program, send your request to me as far in advance as possible. Be sure to give alternate choices since many programs are quite popular. Indicate the name of your club, office you hold, meeting date, and mailing address with your request. My address and e-mail are in the EFMLS Directory.



Madelyn Todd, recipient of the EFMLS Citation Award with Matt Charsky

ALL-AMERICAN CLUB AWARDS

from Hazel Remaley

Well, here we are at the beginning of Fall, back to school days, and for a lot of our clubs, the kick off of our meeting year. Now is a perfect time to really concentrate on compiling your articles for the scrapbook that you will enter in the AACA competition.

I really do not like the word competition, but for those of you who were not in Syracuse in July, it really gets to be just that. Especially when all 7 Federations are involved.

Eastern clubs did very well. We took an Honorable in small clubs and Gold in large clubs. But there were a total of 18 entries for all 7 Federations. That is very disappointing. There are 140 clubs in Eastern Federation and we only had the 2 entries. Am I getting through to you ????

I have been asked if there will be changes to the entry forms. The

answer is "I do not know". When I find out, I will ask our editor to print them in this newsletter. For now, just go with the form as it was published in the Dec. 2003 issue. If you need copies, contact me, and I will send them out to you.

For those of you who did not see the Gold Award book in Syracuse, you missed a perfect example of what you should be doing. Again, I will stress, if you do wish to participate in this competition, that's OK, but for your club to just follow the form and keep the scrapbook for your own use would be a way to compile your club's history. That's what it is all about.

Congratulations to the American Fossil Federation for earning an Honorable Mention in the competition and to the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club of Sayre, PA for earning the Gold award.

EDITOR'S HALL OF FAME

from Carolyn Weinberger

The Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame, recognizes the achievements of outstanding club newsletter editors. This year, the Hall of Fame Committee selected Joy Bourne of the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club as its Eastern Federation inductee. Joy is the editor of the award winning Shin-Skinner News (and of course has also been an EFMLS President!).

Announcement and presentation of her certificate denoting membership in the Hall of Fame were presented to her by Shirley Leeson, Chairman and Founder of the Hall of Fame and Carolyn

Weinberger, EFMLS editor at the Editors Breakfast during the just concluded Syracuse convention.

Congratulations Joy!



EASTERN FEDERATION CITATION AWARDS

from Bob Livingston, Chairman Awards Committee

Begun in 1967 as a way of recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the Eastern Federation, the Eastern Citation has been awarded to 47 people thus far. Selection is made by a committee of EFMLS Past Presidents. This year we had the distinct honor of presenting not one, but two Citation Awards to individuals who have "made a difference" for the Eastern Federation.

MADLYN TODD

This year's person taught chemistry at Adelphi University for 27 years and has been a frequent student at Wildacres. Lady X is a fitness person who swims a lot and goes to the gym to work out. She's been a member of several local mineral clubs where she has frequently held office. She has two grandsons, ages 10 and 14 who live nearby and who she visits with almost daily. She's an avid gardener who starts seeds indoors and then moves them to her own private veggie and flower garden as the weather warms. She works the garden alone so no one else can step on the delicate plants she has there. She is also a volunteer at a museum on Indian ground in her hometown. The museum property is located on a geological oddity, loaded with crustaceous fossils. Our person has been involved with displays, fund raising and has been a frequent speaker about gemstones and the history of jewelry.

A dedicated beader, she was a frequent demonstrator of Chinese knotting at the Mid-Hudson club show as well as her own. She never missed getting the Seckle pears in the fall at a Dutchess County farm stand! Wonder of the draw was the pears or the demonstrating? Husband Carl, plays a mean clarinet!

Our honoree got involved with the Eastern Federation when our president was a lady named Shirley Greenberg. Having served as secretary herself to eight EFMLS presidents, Shirley was a tough taskmaster and knew exactly how she wanted things done. Our person not only did it to satisfaction, but improved on the system too! All of the following Presidents have been helped immeasurably by having our honoree as their secretary: Shirley, Fred Schaefermeyer, Glenn Bolick, Pat Mummert, Steve Weinberger, Erston Barnhart, Reivan Zeleznik, Joy Bourne, Bob Livingston, Larry Vandergrift and our current president, Matt Charsky. That is a very impressive list of people who depended heavily on our "been there done that" secretary when convention time came around. Our persuasive lady has a special knack in quietly recruiting persons to help at the registration desk for the EFMLS annual meeting. Over more than a dozen years, she has been a willing participant who when duty called over and over, performed efficiently and without fanfare.

An now we bring the spotlight up by telling you that she IS a New Yorker who in recent years has been involved with her husband Carl in Long Island Real Estate Appraisals. She is a long time member of the Nassau Mineral Club. Retiring October 31, after serving the Eastern Federation for fourteen years as its steadfast Secretary, Madelyn Todd, who we affectionately call "Mike" is our Citation Award recipient for 2004.

PAUL SMITH

Our second honoree has really been on the move. He was born in Didmont, Maine and graduated from the University of Maine. He then moved to South Dakota, then Illinois and finally to Virginia where he currently resides.

Not much gets past Mr. X. On one had he loves to get out in a stream and find just the right spot to set up and pan for gold. He has an eagle eye for the glint of precious metal. I suspect not much got past him in his real profession either. He was the fellow we all love to hate - the dreaded tax assessor who establishes values of our properties. (Somehow the nice guy and the job don't seem to fit!)

While working in Illinois, our man began collecting fossils and minerals and was instrumental in forming the Park Forest (Illinois) Earth Science Club in his home town at the town.

He and his wife and two children moved to Virginia in 1975, and he became Supervisor of Assessments for Fairfax County, Ritz county, nice job. There in the mid-Atlantic, the were dismayed to discover that the large crystals plentiful in the mid-west were difficult to find. That fall he and his wife Jennie, decided to check out the Micromounters Conference in the Baltimore area. Both immediately fell in love with tiny crystals, bought a microscope on the spot and have been happily micromounting ever since.

They joined MNCA - Micromounters of the National Capital Area and have been very active members. Our honoree Paul, has served as President several times and has assisted with the annual Atlantic Mircomounters Conferences given each spring.

He gets great delight in sharing with others the beauty and perfection of the very small crystals. He has done this by demonstrating the art of micromounting at countless local club shows and Eastern Federation shows around the region for the past 25 years/ With his set-up of video camera, microscope and monitor, the small crystals can be readily viewed by all.

Paul has enjoyed photographing these tiny wonders through the microscope. His photomicrographs have been a feature of the auction of micro specimens at the Atlantic Micromounters Conference for many years. The winning bidder gets the micro plus the photo by Paul. Nice touch.

When asked to teach micromounting at the EFMLS Wildacres Workshop, Paul incorporated the photomicrography into that class much to the delight of his students.

SAFETY FIRST

by William Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

HAMMER SAFETY

Hammers used by rock hounds come in every size, type, and construction, and include rock hammers, bricklayer's or mason's hammers, blacksmith's or sledge hammers, machinist's peen hammers, jeweler's hammers, setting hammers, soft face hammers, lead or copper faced hammers, trimmer's and welder's hammers, as well as a variety of mallets, such as rawhide, rubber, and tinner's. I have even seen napping hammers (a 3 pound high carbon steel hammer with tapering faces used for forming stones during road construction) and railroad track mauls (used for driving railroad spikes) in the field. As it is hard to anticipate what a rock hound's "favorite weapon" will be, I thought I would present a list of general hammer safe practices followed by the proper use of some of the more common hammer types.

1. Always select the proper type, size, and weight of hammer for the task.

2. Always wear eye protection, safety shoes, and protective clothing.

3. Always strike a hammer blow squarely, avoiding glancing blows, and over and under strikes. A hammers striking face should be parallel with the surface being struck.

4. When striking a chisel, punch, or wedge, the striking face of the hammer should be 3/8" larger than the struck face of the tool. Both the striking face of the hammer and the struck face of the tool should be free of oil.

5. Do not strike another hammer with a hammer.

6. Do not strike a harder surface with a hard surfaced hammer.

7. Never use a hammer or struck tool with dents, cracks, mushrooming, or excessive wear. Do not redress a hammer head-replace it.

8. Replace worn or damaged handles. A qualified individual should replace hammer handles. Most hardware stores will replace hammer handles for a nominal fee. They can also provide a rubber sleeve for sledge hammers, which will prevent handle damage adjacent to the head.

9. Be aware of others in the vicinity of the hammers arc of swing and ensure that they are also wearing safety eye protection, safety shoes, and protective clothing.

Bricklayer's or mason's hammers are designed for setting or splitting bricks, masonry tile, and concrete blocks. Never use them to strike metal or drive tools, such as chisels. The blade of a bricklayer's hammer should be kept sharp by redressing at a 40 degree angle with a bench grinder. Keep the metal cool while grinding by quenching often in water which will protect the metals tempering.

Hand drilling hammers are used with chisels, star drills, punches, and hardened nails. Never use common nail (claw) hammers for striking

metal, such as chisels, as they are designed for driving unhardened nails and their shape, depth of face, and balance make them unsuitable for other uses.

Machinist's peen hammers (ball, cross, or straight) are designed for striking chisels, drills, and punches and riveting, straightening, and shaping metal.

Blacksmith's or sledge hammers are designed for striking wood, metal, and concrete or stone, depending on size, weight, and shape.

When using a hammer, grip the handle near the end where it is designed for gripping. This will give you the best control and impact with the least effort. Watch your hands, shins, and feet. Wear gloves, a long sleeve shirt, apron, safety glasses and face shield, and high lacing safety shoes for protection from flying debris and sharp shards.

When storing hammers for a period of time, lightly lubricate metal parts, but wipe away any oil or grease from rubber mallets or rubber handle grips to prevent damage to the hammer. Before using a hammer, wipe away all oil from the striking surface(s).



2005 EFMLS Officers
Carl Miller, President; Mary Bateman, Secretary; Wayne Sukow, 2nd VP;
Carolyn Weinberger, Editor; Lou Budell, Treasurer

EACH ONE TEACH ONE 2004 AWARDS

from Fran Sick, EOTO Chairperson

Congratulations to all of the 2004 Each One Teach One Award nominees. You are all winners and all those you have taught over the years are also winners. Thanks to each of you for all you do and many thanks also to everyone who submitted a nomination.

There were seven nominations for the EOTO award this year. The awards, which were presented at the combined AFMS/EFMLS Convention Awards Banquet in Syracuse, NY, on July 10, 2004, were:

TOP AWARD

Margaret and Vince Matula
Pennsylvania Earth Sciences
Association

SECOND PLACE

Timothy A. Miller
The American Fossil Federation

THIRD PLACE (TIE)

Gladys Fuller
Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of
Montgomery County, MD

Harald (Johnny) Johnsson
Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society

HONORABLE MENTION

Robert Calendine
Ohio Valley Gem & Mineral Society



Helen Serras-Herman accepts the 3rd place award for Johnny Johnsson.

Scott Higgins

Southeastern New Hampshire
Mineral Club

David Tellman

Presidential Gem & Mineral Society

As I have said many times, anyone who did not win the top award may be nominated again. Never has this been more true than for the 2004 nominees. Exactly 1.25 points separated the top four nominees this year.

It will soon be time to begin submitting nominations for the 2005 Each One Teach One Award. I sincerely hope to see nominations re-submitted for all those listed above except the top award winners. Thanks for another great year.



Sue MacInnis accepts the top Each One Teach One Award for Marge and Vince Matula

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

from Sue Macinnis

there were twenty-two displays entered in competition at the just concluded Syracuse Convention. The judges and I were delighted to see so many and knew that we would have a challenge ahead of us in evaluating them.

The results of the Eastern portion of the competition are as follows:

George Judd, Lincoln Park, MT
Trophy 3, Restricted Minerals (BU-10Y)

Roger Barnett, Simpsonville, SC
2nd Place - (BF-1)

Rose Blue, Strongsville, OH
1st Place (B4)

Betty Jones, Sayre, PA
3rd Place (B4-10Y)

Bruce Banick, Eden, NY
Trophy #16. Carving (CA-1)

Ruth Banick, Eden, NY
Trophy #35. Fossils (FC-2)

Ed Mattson, Port Charles, NY
1st Place. (EGC-1)

Kenneth Rowe, Newark, NY
1st Place (A-1)

Joy Bourne, Towanda, NY
Trophy 26. Educational, (EGC-1)

Stanley Griffin, Clifton Springs, NY
1st Place

AFMS trophies taken home by Eastern Federation members included:

- Sue MacInnis (Trophy #5)
- Barbara Sky (Trophy #9)
- Kathy Hrechka (Trophy #11)
- George Powell (Trophy #1)

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND RAFFLE RESULTS

from Jean Charsky, Ways & Means Chairperson

The drawing of the EFF Raffle items and awarding of a trophy to the club that sold the most tickets was held during the EFMLS Banquet in Syracuse, NY on Saturday, July 10, 2004.

Listed below are the EFF raffle items (in the order which the winning tickets were drawn) and corresponding winners -

Multi-Gem Stone Watch (Ladies)

Winner:

Chuck Fowler, Annapolis, MD

Citrine Ring 14KT Gold (Ladies)

Winner:

Wayne Sukow, Fairfax, VA

14K gold wire-wrapped Malachite cabochon

Winner:

Ann Lynne Benson, Clementon, NJ

14K gold wire-wrapped Sugilite cabochon

Winner:

Sue Ellen Shayka, Endwell, NY

Barite specimen

Winners:

Mary Bateman, Arlington, VA
and

Bill Klose, Noxen, PA

Ammonite

Winner:

Rose Bard, Warfordsburg, PA

Peanut Wood Sphere

Winner:

Chandana Samararatne
Staten Island, NY

A total of 1900 tickets (at \$1.00 each) were distributed to 190 entities including local clubs and individuals. In addition to the mass mail out, tickets were made available for purchase during the Wildacres "summer" session (June 26-July 2, 2004) and the AFMS/EFMLS Annual Convention in Syracuse, NY (July

8-10, 2004). A grand total of 1578 tickets were purchased: 1188 tickets were purchased via the mass mail - accounting for approximately 47% local club and individual participation; 180 tickets were purchased at the Wildacres "summer" session; and 210 tickets were purchased by the general public during the AFMS/EFMLS Annual Convention. Net intake after expenses (\$58.61) totaled \$1,519.39.

Competition for the trophy was tight. The Gem Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC sold the most tickets and was awarded a trophy to hold for one year. Approximately 45% of the local clubs and individuals that received tickets

participated in this portion of the raffle. However, without the generous support of each local club and individual that participated in the EFF either through selling/purchasing a ticket, donating an item for raffle, or assisting in some other way it would have been impossible to achieve and ensure a sound financial basis for present and future operations of the Federation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve EFMLS and chair the committee for 2004, and above all THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THE 2004 EFF RAFFLE EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL!

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

from Joy Bourne

At the EFMLS Annual Meeting during the 2004 convention in Syracuse, the Eastern Foundation Fund was pleased to present certificates of appreciation to six clubs in recognition of their financial contributions to EFF during the period October 15, 2003 - May 15, 2004. They are as follows:

Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club, 100% level
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc., 200% level
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County Maryland 300 % level
Northern Virginia Gem & Mineral Club, 300% level
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, 300% level
Lakeshore Gem & Mineral Club, Inc., 1,200% level.

The total of all contributions, for the report period 2003-2003, was \$1,540.00.

The Eastern Foundation Fund

committee was also honored to unveil, for the first showing, the EFF Roll of Honor plaque. When an EFMLS club's cumulative percentage of contribution reaches 1,000%, the club is recognized by having its name inscribed on a plate which is attached to the Roll of Honor plaque. For each additional thousand percent, another plate will be added to the plaque, which will be displayed at each succeeding EFMLS meeting or convention.



Three EFMLS club nameplates have

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2004 EDITORS CONTEST AND EDITORS BREAKFAST

from Mary Bateman, BEAC Chairperson

If you were unable to go to Syracuse and attend the Editors Breakfast, you missed out on a wonderful time. Bulletin awards were given not only by EFMLS, but also by AFMS bulletin chair Kitty Starbuck. (AFMS awards will be listed in the AFMS newsletter.) There was a great turnout of Eastern Clubs. Clubs that were present received their trophies and certificates. Those not present were sent their awards the end of July. It is hoped that you will all come back next year and, if you didn't attend this year, you will do so next year.

There were some great door prizes to be handed out at the Breakfast and everyone who attended went home with a prize from one of our drawings. The grand prize was an autographed copy of the Smithsonian's "The National Gem Collection" written by Jeffrey Post with photographs by Chip Clark. The winner of this fantastic book of the Smithsonian Institution's collection was EFMLS Secretary Madelyn Todd. We thank all who contributed to the drawings at the Breakfast—S.C.R.I.B.E., The Smithsonian Institution, Jean and Matt Charsky, Mary Bateman and several people who asked not to be identified. The many drawings certainly made a great addition to the breakfast. President Matt Charsky and LaReene Heath helped with distribution of the Eastern awards and door prizes at the Breakfast—thanks to both of them for helping make our presentations run smoothly.

Thanks also goes to those who served on the 2004 Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee—Barbara Fenstermacher, Don Garrett and Carolyn Weinberger.

Following is a recap of acknowledgements and awards distributed at the breakfast.

Judges

Judges are a crucial part of the BEAC contest. Without the judges' thorough evaluations and helpful comments, there would be no contest. The Bulletin Editors' Advisory Committee is indebted to the judges who volunteered their time and talents to make this year's contest another success. Considering that many of the categories had average scores in the 90's, the judges had a daunting task of scoring so many quality entries. Our thanks to each and every one of them for their commitment.

Matt Charsky
Arlington, VA
Diane Dare
Holiday, FL
Cecilia Duluk
Dearborn Heights, MI

Barbara & David Fenstermacher
Aiken, SC
Cathy Gaber
Bethesda, MD
Don Garrett
Sterling, VA

LaReene Heath
Mercerville, NJ
Fran Jones
Newburgh, NY
Edward Karpoff
Rockville, MD
Trudy Martin
Calgary, Canada

Chuck Mason
Silver Spring, MD
Marion Reynolds
Amenia, NY
Barbara Sky
Winchester, MO

Jennie and Paul Smith
Fairfax, VA
Thomas Tucker
Washington, VA
Carolyn Weinberger
Glyndon, MD

Participating Clubs

The following clubs participated in this year's contest. We hope that even more clubs will participate in the 2005 contest.

Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society
American Fossil Federation
Baltimore Mineral Society
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club
Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore
Keene Mineral Club
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Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area
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New Jersey Paleontological Society
New York Mineralogical Club
New York Southern Tier Geology Club
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society
Rochester Lapidary Society
Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club
Stamford Mineralogical Society
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
Brooklyn Mineralogical Society
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Washington, DC
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Contest Results

Mini Bulletins

Trophy Award
Collector's Corner
Bill Ellis, Editor
Keene Mineral Club

Small Bulletins

Trophy Award
The Rock Collector
Dan Imel, Editor
Rochester Lapidary Society

First Place Award

Crack 'N Cab
Loren Patterson, Editor
Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse

Second Place Award

Hound's Howl
Barbara Fenstermacher, Editor
Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

Third Place Award

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and Mineral Club

Fourth Place Award

The Mineral Newsletter
Georgia Olmstead, Editor
Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Fifth Place Award

Granite Chips
Edith Hammond, Editor
SE New Hampshire Mineral Club

Sixth Place Award

Chippers Chatter
Stanley Geare, Editor
Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society

Seventh Place Award

Mineral Minutes
Georgia Olmstead, Editor
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Eighth Place Award

BMS News
Stanley Geare, Editor
Baltimore Mineral Society

Ninth Place Award

The Mineral Mite
Georgia Olmstead, Editor
Micromineralogists of the National
Capital Area

Tenth Place Award

The Collecting Bag
Bill Gilbert, Editor
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Honorable Mention

The Crystal Courier
Michael Kessler, Editor
The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

Fossil Finder
Jim Patzer, Editor
American Fossil Federation

The Vug Examiner
Reivan Zeleznik, Editor
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Large Bulletins

Trophy Award

Gem Cutters' News
Carolyn Weinberger, Editor
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

First Place Award

The Gem & Mineral Journal
Natalie Darling, Editor
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA.

Second Place Award

The Rostrum
Robert C. Asreen, Jr., Editor
Maryland Geological Society

New Editors

Trophy Award
The Nugget
Alice Melzer, Editor
Nassau Mineral Club

First Place Award

The Crystal Gazer
Sue Ellen Shayka, Editor
New York Southern Tier Geology Club

Original Educational Articles

Trophy Award

Buddie (Sallie) Patterson
Emeralds are Going to the Dogs
Gem Cutters' News
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

First Place Awards

Betty M. Jones
Minerals of Cornwall, England—Part VI:
Other Cornish Ores and Minerals
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Betty M. Jones
Tiger's Eye
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Andrew D. Thompson
Discovering Ancient Stones that
Capture the Imagination
The Mineral Minutes
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Second Place Award

Clyf Bourne, Sr.
Looking Back on Cape Cod
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Third Place Award

George R. Klein
The Potomac—Time's River
NJPS Paleontograph
New Jersey Paleontological Society

Mimi Murray
Evolution of a Dinosaur Exhibit
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society.

Thomas Tucker
(Fe,Mn)₅(PO)₄(OH)₅, or, What to do on a
Sunny Spring Day
The Mineral Mite
The Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Fourth Place Award

Bill Shelton
An Interesting Locality: Dara-I- Pioz
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

Fifth Place Award

Georgia Olmstead
Dinosaurs Once Lived in Our "Backyard"
The Mineral Newsletter
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc.

Sixth Place Awards

Jackie Kello
The Eilat Stone
The Nugget
Nassau Mineral Club

Georgia Olmstead
Galena, The Sweetwater Mine, and...
Mineral Minutes
Mineralogical Society of the
District of Columbia

Seventh Place Award

Dave Hutchison
Introduction to Fossil Turtles
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Eighth Place Award

Thomas Tucker
(Fe,Mn)₅(P₄)₃(OH)₅, or, What to do on a
Sunny Spring Day, Part I
The Mineral Mite
Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area, Inc.

Ninth Place Award

Steve Blanchard
Gemstone of the Month--Kyanite
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Tenth Place Award

Steve Blanchard
Gemstone of the Month—Moldavite
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A Fabulous Experience and a Little Bit of
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Alice Melzer
Stone of the Month--Topaz
The Nugget
Nassau Mineral Club

Original Educational Articles - Advanced

Trophy Award

Daniel Drennen
Wandering Through Mississippi Gravel
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

First Place Award

Kevin Dermody
Dinos of a Feather
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Second Place Awards

Bob Sheridan
Four Wing Dinosaurs Further Strengthen
Bird-Dino Line
NJPS Paleontograph
New Jersey Paleontological Society.

Bob Sheridan
Splitters Triumphant: Are There Too
Many Named Hominid Species
NJPS Paleontograph
New Jersey Paleontological Society.

Third Place Award

George Allgaier
Mineral Matter
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Nassau Mineral Club

Fourth Place Awards

Helen Serras-Herman
Rainbow Calcilica
The Dopstick
Gem, Lapidary and Mineral
Society of Washington, DC

Fifth Place Award

Helen Serras-Herman
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The Dopstick
Gem, Lapidary and Mineral
Society of Washington, DC

Original Non-Technical Articles

Trophy Award

Margaret D. Ritter
Luscious Larimer
Hound's Howl
Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

First Place Award

Barbara Fenstermacher
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Hound's Howl
Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

Second Place Awards

Cathy Gaber
Atlantic Micromounters Conference
The Dopstick
Gem, Lapidary and Mineral
Society of Washington, DC

Brenda Hankins
Dear Santa
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Third Place Award

Reivan Zeleznik
Your Federations: The AFMS and EFMLS
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Fourth Place Award

Don Kaufman
First Trip Into Wise Mine, A
Lesson in Persistence
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Fifth Place Award

Tom Tucker
Some Minerals Near Front Royal
The Mineral Mite
Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area, Inc.

Sixth Place Award

Vivian Gornitz
Earth's Mineral Bounty
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

Seventh Place Award

Dave Woolley
The Cotton Patch Gold Mine, New
London, NC, and Christopher's Ring
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Eighth Place Award

Thomas Bourne
November Birthstones
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

Gary Grenier
NVMC Field Trip Report to the Sterling
Hill Mine, Ogdensburg, New Jersey—
August 9, 2003
New Mineral Newsletter
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc.

Don Kauffman
From Digging in Dirt for Bones to
Collecting Fossils and Stones—
Origin of an Addicted Mineral and
Fossil Collector
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

JoAnn McGuire
2002 Che-Hanna Christmas Party Held at
Villa Sena
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

Ninth Place Award

Bob Simon
Digging for Dinosaurs
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Tenth Place Awards

Elmore Easter
A Diamond Monopoly
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Tom Gilboy
Parables in Stone—On Earth as
It is in Heaven
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Glenn Harbour
The Orasco File
NJPS Paleontograph
New Jersey Paleontological Society

Honorable Mention

Clyf Bourne, Sr.
Seen at the 2003 Che-Hanna Show
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

John Carson
Sometimes You Win and Sometimes You
Don't, or "Son of Check It Out"
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Brendan Donegan
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Bulletin of the New York
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Millie Heym
We Spring Another Show!
The Coral Geode
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Michael Kessler
The Night Brooklyn Saw Stars
The Crystal Courier
The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

Taylor Maddox
Faceting is for Everyone
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Don Miller
What's in a Name?
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

Geoffrey Notkin
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NJPS Paleontograph
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Georgia Olmstead
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District of Columbia

Cathy Patterson
Trip Report on Gemarama 2003
--Tuscarora Lapidary Society
Crack 'N Cab
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY

Loren Patterson
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Karen Rice
Review of extraLapis Volumes 1 & 2
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

Jeff Rosenberg
A Trip to Poland Mining Camps
The Mineral Newsletter
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Sue Ellen Shayka
Tanzanite
The Crystal Gazer
NY Southern Tier Geology Club

Bob Sheridan
Chased by Dinosaurs—A Review
NJPS Paleontograph
New Jersey Paleontological Society

P. Calvin Stainback
Extremophiles
The Mineral Mite
Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area

Tom Tucker
Zeolites in Oregon
The Mineral Newsletter
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc.

Urban Turzi
Hoppy, Gene and Roy Go Mineral Collecting
The Mineral Mite
Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area, Inc.

Written Features

Trophy Award

Jay Tinker
President's Message, April 2003
Crack 'N Cab
Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse

First Place Award

Jay Tinker
President's Message, September 2003
Crack 'N Cab
Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse

Second Place Award

R.J. Harris
A Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Third Place Award

Millie Heym
Full Sail Toward the Show!
The Coral Geode
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Fourth Place Award

Saul Krotki
A Closer Look—Hunting for
Herkimer Diamonds
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

Fifth Place Award

Saul Krotki
A Closer Look—Tschernichite
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

Sixth Place Award

Reivan Zeleznik
From the Prez
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Seventh Place Award

Steve Schaible
Advil, Aches and Alligators: Digging for
Fossils in Florida's Peace River
Fossil Finder
American Fossil Federation

Eighth Place Awards

John Carson
Check It Out - Part 3
Fossil Finder
American Fossil Federation

Doug Heym
November 15th Work Day, and Beyond
The Coral Geode
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Ninth Place Award

Don Kauffman
July Program Review—Cambrian Life
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Rock Buster News
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Tenth Place Award

Cathy Gaber
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District of Columbia

Honorable Mention

Ellwyn Andrusky
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Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Ellwyn Andrusky
Side Order of Rocks (Mimo)
Gem and Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

Roger Barnett
What is that Rock
The Mineral Mite
Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area, Inc.

Natalie Darling
Very Special Ugly Rock Contest
Gem & Mineral Journal
Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg

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Cathy Gaber
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Barbara Glasscock
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Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society.

R.J. Harris
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Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

George Loud
Richard Hronik
The Mineral Newsletter
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc.

Betsy Martin
REGMS Assists the Science Museum
of Virginia
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Gale Miller
Making Cabachons!
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem and Mineral Society

Mimi Murray
Going to Tannehill, a Tradition
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Diane Nesmeyer
And the Winners Are...
The Mineral Newsletter
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc.

Loren Patterson
Club Picnic, August 17th
Crack 'N Cab
Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse

Jim Patzer
New Uses for Old Bones
Fossil Finder
American Fossil Federation

Carolyn Rebbert
Family Mineral Day at the Bruce Museum
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Ted Rieth
A Science Project You Can Eat
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Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Glenn D. Roche
More than Science
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Pat Roebuck
An Old Friend
Rocky Echoes
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Phil Schmitz
January Program
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Maryland Geological Society

Anna Schumate
President's Message (Zeolites, Space, etc.)
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
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Jennie Smith
Wildacres—May 2003
The Mineral Mite
Micromineralogists of the
National Capital Area, Inc.

Jim Stoops
A North Carolina Trip
Hound's Howl
Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society

Andrew Thompson
Minutes of the February Club Meeting
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Mary Bateman shares a laugh with Wayne Sukow

Joe Turnbow
Life or Death for Max
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Drawn Features

Trophy Award

Michael Colella
GLMS Club Show 2003
The Dopstick
Gem, Lapidary and Mineral
Society of Washington, DC

First Place Award

Michael Kessler
Crystal Comedy, May 2003
The Crystal Courier
The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

Second Place Award

Dean Powers
Field Trip Committee
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Third Place Award

Betsy Oberheim
A Post-Valentine's Day Cartoon
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Fourth Place Awards

Robin Kessler
Crystal Comedy
The Crystal Courier
The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

Reivan Zeleznik
Caramoor
The Vug Examiner
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Fifth Place Awards

Joy Bourne
Map: Directions to the Che-
Hanna Holiday Party
The Shin-Skinners News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Joy Bourne
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Sixth Place Award

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Trophy Award

Alexander (Sasha) Tihomirov
My First Quarry Trip
The Mineral Newsletter
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Poetry

Trophy Award

Rick Smith
The Projectile Point
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

First Place Award

Frances Sick
Leaverite
Shin-Skinner News
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

Second Place Award

Frances Sick
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Third Place Award

Millie Heym
Florida Fossiling
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Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Fourth Place Award

Mitchell Cohen
Key to Our Hobby
The Crystal Courier
The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

Fifth Place Award

R. J. Harris
A Rockhound's Winter
Rock Buster News
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Sixth Place Award

Rick Smith
Miocene Treasures
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

Seventh Place Awards

Mitchell Cohen
Elements in Poetry
Crystal Courier
The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

Mitchell Cohen
Lithophiles
Crystal Courier
The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

Eighth Place Award

Mitchell Cohen
Lucky Streak
Bulletin of the New York
Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

The Decade Club

The decade club, founded in 1991, is an elite group of bulletin editors who have served their clubs for ten years or more. Over the thirteen years since its inception, other fine editors have been added to the rolls of the Decade Club. We gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions of all the members to their clubs and to the EFMLS.

This year, we are happy to add Barbara Fenstermacher to this prestigious list. Congratulations, Barbara.

Nancy Ballard
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Soc. of Montgomery Co

Sandra Chmelovsky
Moraine Rockbusters

*Peggy Gochenour
Bluegrass Gem & Mineral Club of Central Kentucky

*Mary Lou Gosse
Florida Panhandle Gem and Mineral Society

Edith Hammond
Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club

Bill Longley
Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society

*Shelley Monaghan
Micromounters of New England
North Shore Rock and Mineral Club

*Carolyn Summers
Ohio Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Maron Wheaton
Lakeshore Gem and Mineral Club

Carolyn Weinberger
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Inc.

*Pearl Badaloni
Thames Valley Rockhounds

*Lois Barnhart
Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club

*Ken Boynton
Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc.

Barbara Fenstermacher
Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

Dennis Fleming
Staten Island Geological Society, Inc.

Marie Grande
Northern Berkshire Mineral Club

Henry Henning
Danbury Mineralogical Society

*Walter Johnston
Bluegrass Gem & Mineral Club of Kentucky

*Eleanor Kammer
Beaver County Rock and Mineral Society

Helen Ladd
Manasota Rock and Gem Club

*Kenneth Lawrence
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc.

*Cal Richmond
Gem City Rock and Mineral Society

*Albert Spaulding
Oxford County Mineral & Gem Association

*Ceci Stevick
Gem & Mineral Soc. of the Virginia Peninsula

*Inga Wells
Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club

*Nancy Wiser
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc.

Reivan Zeleznik
Stamford Mineralogical Society

*Emeritus Member

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Mid Georgia Gem and Mineral Society
Violet Carr
Rhode Island Mineral Hunters
Joan Lingenfelter
Delaware Valley Lapidary & Mineral Soc.
Earl Melendy
Mineralogical Society of Brattleboro
Sue Pitts
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society
Marvin Pollack
Nassau Mineral Club
Bert Wegad
Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society
Miles M. Smith
Capital City Gem and Mineral Club

WILLIAM S. LONGLEY, A PERSONAL REFLECTION

by Ellery Borow

It is with great sadness that I have to report that our EFMLS 2nd Vice President, William "Bill" Longley, passed away unexpectedly on August 1, 2004. Bill is survived by his wife, children, numerous relatives and in-laws as well as innumerable friends. And he had many friends indeed.

Bill was a member of several rock clubs in Maine; however, I am honored to say he called the Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society his home club. He became interested in rocks and minerals early on when his son was required to do several projects for school and scouting. That initial interest grew within Bill until it became a passion for all things related to the hobby. He took college courses to improve his understanding of geology, mineralogy, sedimentology *(or "crust rust" as he called it), volcanology, optical mineralogy and especially archaeology. Bill was a people person, so his interest in archaeology of the Indians of the American Southwest was particularly intriguing for him.

In the EFMLS we have the slogan "Communication is the Key to our Success". Bill was a communicator. In our club he served as president, vice president, secretary,

show chairman, program chairman, newsletter editor, etc. In fact, he often held several positions concurrently. In all his positions, he was the communicator... ensuring a flow of information to one and all. Bill was asked if he would be willing to serve as the EFMLS Region I Vice President. He jumped at the chance. After two terms, he moved on to serve as the 2nd Vice President and then as EFMLS 1st Vice President-elect. In each and every position, he made a special effort to communicate. He was quick to start with a smile, tell a joke and then proceed to laughter. The approach was his way of leading to a dialog that was very effective in getting the job done... whether coordinating a program, settling a club dispute or just passing on some news. If Bill did not have an answer to a question, he usually knew where to find one or at least know where to look.

Bill was dedicated to his hobby. While serving as Region I Vice President, he made every effort to get to as many shows and programs as possible. Even with the difficulty in dealing with the Maine wintah (that's "winter" for all of those folks "from away"), he was able to attend most of the Region I shows during his terms in office. Even during periods of ill health,

as soon as the doctor gave his approval, Bill was off visiting shows and clubs again. At each and every show he was the communicator. For many, many years, Bill and I traveled to EFMLS and club shows together. Most of those journeys required long car trips. On every trip, whether for an hour or 12 hours, Bill and I talked. At the end of the trip, we were still talking and still enjoying one another's company...and still wanting to know more. Bill was indeed a communicator. Bill was my mentor, traveling companion and dear friend for 30 years.

Bill put on programs, offered the services of the families "Fluorescent Mineral Booth" at shows, provided support wherever he could and, in general, was a person of whom every club could use a dozen or so. He communicated with his smile and a joke all the way through. One of Bill's fondest wishes was that he could serve as president of the organization he supported so very well...The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies. Sadly he will not get his wish. Those who knew him well know that he would have done a very fine job...communicating all the way through. He will be missed by one and all.

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been installed on the plaque this year, honoring the following EFMLS Clubs:
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County Maryland
Lakeshore Gem & Mineral Society
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society.
Congratulations to these, the first three clubs to achieve "Roll of Honor" status!

The following contributions were received during July, 2004, and will be included in the report totals for the 2005 Annual Meeting:

From Marion Reynolds, in honor of Milton Shaw and Geri Schaefermeyer

From Clyf and Joy Bourne, also in honor of Milt Shaw and Geri Schaefermeyer

In addition, we received a most generous contribution from the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, which was presented at the 2004 combined

EFMLS/AFMS convention.

We are grateful to all the members and clubs who have so faithfully continued to support the Eastern Foundation Fund. Your contributions go directly to increase the principal value of the Foundation Fund, and only the interest generated from Fund is used to further the programs of outreach of the Eastern Federation. Your gifts benefit all the clubs of EFMLS. Thank you from all of us.

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from William Lema

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to William Lema, EFMLS Show coordinator at 74 Ninth St; E. Providence, RI 02914 or e-mail <williamlema@cox.net>

August:

27-29: 38th annual show sponsored by the St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club. Canton Sportsman Club, Canton, NY.

September:

4 - 5: 16th Annual Rockhounds Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by Kennebec Rocks and Minerals Club. Augusta Armory, Western Ave., Augusta, ME.

11 - 12: 54th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show sponsored by the Danbury Mineralogical Society. NEW LOCATION: New Milford High School cafeteria, Route 7, New Milford, CT.

11-12: Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. VFW Hall, Rt. 2 at the base of the Mohawk Trail, North Adams, MA

18-19: 39th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club. The Zembo, Third and Division Streets, Harrisburg, PA

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

25-26: 16th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Rd; Hiddenite, NC

October:

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

2-3: 11th Annual Wayne County Jewelry, Gem, Mineral Fossil Show and Sale. St. Michael's School, 320 Main St.(Rte88) Newark NY

8-10: Paul Desautels Micromount Conference sponsored by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MD Hosp. Assoc., Elkridge, MD. For information & registration, contact Cal Pierson <cperson@mhsonline.org>

16-17: 35th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Mid-Hudson Civic Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY.

23-24: 34th Rochester Gem, Mineral and Fossil show sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society and the RAS Mineral Section. Minett Hall at the Dome Center (Hylan Drive Exit off 390 to Calkins Road) Henrietta, NY.

23-24: 32nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Bristol Senior/Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT

November:

6 - 7: Golden Anniversary Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry & Gem Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. New location: Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Av; Old Greenwich, CT.

6-7: 35th Annual Gemarama Fine Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. CFS, School at Church Farm, Business Route 30 & Route 202, Exton, PA.

13-14: 42nd Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Nassau Mineral Club. SUNY College at Old Westbury, New York. Info: www.nassaumineralclub.com

20th - 21st: Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Student Union II Building, George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA.

April 2005:

1-3: Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromounters of the National Capital Area. MD Hospital Center, Elkridge, MD. For info & registration, contact Steve Weinberger <cweinber@bcpl.net>.