

EFMLS NEWS

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETIES



WE'RE OFF TO BE PART OF THE CONVENTION....

by Cheryl Neary

...Yes, the wonderful convention hosted by the Orange County Mineral Society.

Before you know it, the Convention will be here! The Annual meeting is being held at the host hotel- Comfort Inn & Suites located in Goshen, NY at 7:00 pm. Please note the group rate is under "Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies" when making your reservations.

There will be a registration form for the EFMLS Convention posted shortly to the website with time and place details.

The host club's show is an outdoor show located approximately 20 minutes from the host hotel. Last year I visited the show to get a feel for the upcoming event. I enjoyed everything about the venue setting, the vendors and the enthusiastic members of the host club. The show is held in Museum Village in Monroe.

A little about Museum Village – first of all the Village is not open the days of the show; however the Natural History Building is and what a delight for such a small museum!

The Village was created by Roscoe William Smith, founder of the Orange and Rockland Electric Company, today known as Orange & Rockland Utilities. Roscoe was the oldest of seven children in the Smith family, whose ancestor, David Smith was the first to settle Monroe. Roscoe walked the three miles to school. In his early teens he built a poultry barn and began to sell eggs; tapped maple trees to sell syrup, and worked in a restaurant before deciding at the age of 15 to pursue his love for hands- on mechanical work. In his early teens he taught himself how to wire the barns and houses for alarms and doorbells. At 18, he worked for the Tuxedo Club's on-site power plant; working 12 hours a day – seven days feeding coal into the boilers. Years later upon the closing of the Tuxedo plant he worked for the Rockland Electric Company during various jobs such as maintaining the boiler, switchboards and building power-lines. When the company constructed a as-powered plant he was promoted to engineer. Meanwhile, he had a side business buying land and building houses. At the age of 28, he became the youngest bank director in NYS, when elected director of the Suffern Building

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and Loan Association. Investors bought stock in Roscoe Smith's Orange Utilities Company and in 1905, he and his associates began erecting poles made of chestnut trees and built his first power plant on a 240 square foot lot. The plant opened in February of 1906 with current available between the hours of 5pm and 6 am. In 1909, 24 hour

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Barbara Ringhiser, President

Field "Trip" Dreams

Don't most of us wish for one of these? Or many? Maybe some of you have had a dig or two where you collected a museum specimen or specimens. Of course, we all enjoy many aspects of club life but isn't finding our own treasure, the hands down ultimate?

Field trips are part of belonging to a club but as time rolls on, it's obviously becoming harder to get access to dig sites. Getting site access is one thing, but a coordinated effort to plan trips and people to lead them to new and existing sites presents challenges.

Your Federation is looking into how we can increase access and share resources for leading field trips. Over the next few months we will establish a committee to look at creating a consortium of EFMLS clubs to lead trips. If anyone has any ideas or their own club issues regarding field trips, please reach out to me.

Always Sincerely,

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No email? No problem!-Please call or write.



LAST CALL FOR ENDOWMENT TICKETS

by Carolyn Weinberger

This is your last opportunity to order AFMS Endowment tickets by mail for the 2019 Drawing. The deadline is early because the AFMS Convention where the drawing will occur is later this month in Cedar Rapids Iowa, but since you don't need to be present to claim your prize if your ticket is drawn, now is the time to order.

Tickets are \$5 each of 5 for \$20. Prizes that you can win have been pictured in AFMS Newsletters and can be viewed on the AFMS Website (www.amfed.org).

Send your check, made payable to AFMS Endowment Fund to me at PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302. Be sure to include a self-addressed return envelope, your name, address and phone number with your order.

Deadline for receipt of your mail order is March 1.

operation began. In 1958 Smith's company merged with Rockland Light & Power to create what is now known as Orange & Rockland Utilities.

Roscoe Smith had a passion for American history and hence a collector of Americana. In lieu of a cash payment for providing electricity he would accept tools used by blacksmiths and harness makers or artifacts. Thus his collection grew and Smith built 16 buildings to hold his Americana treasures – and in 1950 the museum opened at Old Smith's Clove – Museum Village.

The EFMLS annual auction is being held at the building known as the snack bar on Saturday, 2pm. If you have any donations for the auction, please bring them to the Annual Meeting on Friday night. Please plan on attending this lively event – a fundraiser for our organization.

Conveniently, the snack bar building is located next to the Natural History Building, which is home to Harry – one of the three complete specimens of mastodon found not only in the state of NY, or the country of USA but the world! Harry was unearthed in 1952 near Harriman, NY. The building has been designed to resemble the museums of old or “cabinet of curiosities”

The adventure continues on Saturday night. The banquet is being held within the town of Goshen at Limoncello at the Orange Inn.

The Orange Inn is a building that dates back to the 1700s. It once was a courthouse, turned to post-office and then turned into an inn - one with some history! The Inn has three private dining rooms - one of which will be for the banquet on Saturday night; and one on Sunday morning hosting the Editors breakfast.

The banquet starts at 7:00pm – with EFMLS awards being presented. The dinner consists of a choice of either chicken or salmon, with pasta and a salad served prior and a delicious dessert to end the dinner. If there are special dietary needs, please let me know prior to the dinner date. I can be reached at ciervo.neary@gmail.com and in the subject please state “Dietary Needs”.

Sunday morning is the Editors Breakfast - also hosted at Limoncello. For all the delegates that trek to the annual meeting – you should be planning on attending the breakfast – so that you can recognize your local clubs which participate with great bulletin and articles. Besides, Mary Bateman does a wonderful job and you can show your support for all her efforts. Additionally, Mary works hard over the course of the year acquiring donations to offer as prizes! You can't win them unless you are there!

The Orange County Mineral Society has been working hard also trying to line up speakers at the show and field trips. They are trying to prepare for a trip to Sterling Hill Mine on Monday. Sterling Hill Mine is must see – located across the state border in New Jersey about an hour drive through scenic territory.

There will be a Cracker Barrel Session at 4:00pm on 5/31/19 at the host hotel (room TBD) – the subject Facebook Workshop.

Please not only support the host club, but your Federation by attending the Annual Meeting. Here is a great opportunity to network, share ideas and make and hold friendships. Plan on staying for the weekend and for the field trip – you will have fun!

HMMM, ACROY CRITERIA?

by Ellery Borow, Chair

What might a club use as criteria when selecting their AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year? Perhaps a better question may be, "What would not make for a good selection criteria "?

Seriously, a club may use just about any basis, guideline, criteria, position held or, duties performed as guide when selecting their 2019 AFMS Club Rockhound of the year. The only guideline, if you will, is that your ACROY honoree must exemplify outstanding service, or dedication, or activity in supporting your club and hobby.



Perhaps your club now has their best meeting greeter, or their most organized refreshment chairperson, or greatest treasurer ever now serving the club. Those would all make good choices for your ACROY. Or you might choose the couple who put on the most interesting meeting programs, or lead the most productive field trips, or have served with the most panache as your show dealer committee chair. All those would make good choices as well.

Maybe you might decide to select your most prolific membership chairman, or most dedicated newsletter editor, or perhaps the member who has tirelessly supported your club with prolific volunteering for anything that needed a volunteer. There are unlimited possibilities available. Indeed, often it is difficult to choose an honoree because there are so very many worthy candidates to be your club's AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. We, if that is that case, have a suggestion there too. Pick whomever you like and next year you will have a new opportunity to select another honoree. It's as easy as that! Although, as one might guess, there are a few rules as follows:

A club may only select one of their members as their ACROY honor per year. Although, if a couple, both may be honored. In addition, a club may also select a junior member for their junior honoree. We will also need a brief 70 word or less description mentioning the honorees service to the club, the name of the club and the name of the submitter. Then all you have to do is send me the aforementioned information and I will take it from there to place your honorees name(s) in the pages of both the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters.

Yes, the choice is easy, and is all yours. Please honor your outstanding members as your club's 2019 Rockhound of the Year.

In this litigious day and age, sadly, all it takes is one action, one member, one disrespectful event to cause a property owner to boot an individual or a club from a collecting site. The best solution to such a problem is, most certainly, for it not to be a problem in the first place. Prevention is a great thing but there are limitations to what one can accomplish.

Club members can be coached, encouraged, guided, and otherwise instructed in the ways and means to be good rockhounds and remain in the good graces of property owners. However, accidents happen despite ones best effort. Worse however are the intentional disregards of property owner's wishes. What does a club do if a member willfully and repeatedly disregards a property owners wishes? It can be a very touchy issue to give a member the boot for disrespectful behavior at a collecting site.

A way of making the expulsion process easier is to have within the clubs rules, regulations, and bylaws a reasonably comprehensive description of reasons to expel a member whose disrespectful collecting methods reflect badly on the club's field trip activities. No set of rules, regulations or bylaws can cover every incident but even so may be specific enough to everyone that certain behaviors and means are unacceptable... and then have a group of people, rather than a single individual, concur to remove a member from the club rolls. Having specific expulsion guidelines makes it easier to point to rules that say "Sorry, but we just cannot accept misbehavior of such a nature on digs, or any other club activity."

An even worse situation occurs when a club is booted from a collecting site due to the activities of non-club member rockhounds. What can a club do in such instances? A good starting point is to stress to a property owner that the disrespectful collector was NOT a member of ones club and does not represent the respectful nature of club members. A good document to use in making such a case is the AFMS Code of Ethics.

Indeed, most of the items in the Code are items that have their roots in being safe and respectful! Even more helpful would be to, in addition to the AFMS Code of Ethics, have your own local regional federation and club guidelines relating to matters of respecting property owner rights and wishes. It goes without saying that having a calm, measured, and patient approach is helpful when discussing such matters with the owners of property that permit, or at least at one time permitted, collecting.

Your safety matters, so please keep in mind that respect plays an important part in safety. Respect for your personal limits, property owner limits, and codes of ethics all play a part in being and staying safe.

WILDACRES FALL CLASSES – SEPTEMBER 2 - 8, 2019.

SPEAKER-IN-RESIDENCE: ELISE SKALWALD

Class	Description
Intarsia John Milligan	Intarsia is the making of a geometric design using a variety of stones cut to precision and fitted together to form a pattern while leaving no gaps between the pieces. In this course, students will learn the beginning skills of Intarsia by melding together stones of various colors and patterns to form a finished cabochon. Students should bring an Optivisor. Prerequisite: Must have cabbing experience. Two day class offered both semesters.
Viking Knit (1st Semester) Valerie Johnson	You will learn a technique used nearly 1300 years ago by ancient people to weave a silver rope. Viking knit is also called trichinopoly chain and was used to make bracelets, trim on clothing and many other decorative objects. Once you learn the skill it is very easy and uses few tools and supplies to create stunning chains. 2 day class offered 1st semester.
Wire Works (2nd Semester) Valerie Johnson	Students will learn how to work with various tools to create sterling silver wire wrapped jewelry. You will become familiar with the techniques needed to bend and twist wire to make a bracelet and a pendant. 2 day class offered 2 nd semester. No prior experience necessary. Hazard: Wire wrapping can damage acrylic or long fingernails.
Tab Setting (1st Semester) Linda Searcy	We will fabricate a pendant using odd shaped stones, such as river rocks or non-flat backed cabochons using tab settings where no soldering will be required.
Prong Setting - (2nd Semester) Linda Searcy	We will take setting to the next level, fabricating prongs in sterling silver.
Cold Connections/Etching 1st Semester Arlene Lazzaro	In this class we will etch Copper, Brass and Nickel Silver with Ferric Chloride. You will have a selection of copper shapes or you can cut your own shapes. We will make components that we will later rivet together and patina. Students may choose to complete a pendant and earrings or bracelet and Earrings, and will also complete several components to later make into other pieces. No prior experience necessary. . 2-day class offered first semester.
Cold Connections II/Etching & Setting Stone 2nd Semester Arlene Lazzaro	In this class we will etch Copper, Brass and Nickel silver with Ferric chloride. You will design a pendant or bracelet around an Ammonite. You will learn to use a Jeweler saw to cut prongs for setting the Ammonite in the Pendant or Bracelet. Earrings to match will also be completed. Cold connections will be made using rivets to create layers of different metals. Patina will also be taught. Students will also complete several components to later make into other pieces. No prior experience necessary. 2-day class offered second semester.

FALL CLASSES CONTINUED

Class	Description
Enamel Stone Pendant, Wire Inlay Pendant and Earrings 1st Semester Samantha Lazzaro	We will start by learning kiln and tool safety, as well as how to anneal, shape, and clean copper before enameling, then begin the basic enameling techniques. Students will complete a pendant with a stone set in the middle, a wire inlay pendant and a pair of earrings. Lab fee includes use of tools, copper, findings and enamel needed to complete the three projects. Additional copper will be available for purchase if you finish all projects early and would like to make another. This is a 2 day class offered 1st semester, no prior experience necessary.
Crackle Enamel Pendant, Separation Enamel Pendant and Ring 1st Semester Samantha Lazzaro	We will start by learning kiln and tool safety, as well as how to anneal, shape, and clean copper before enameling, then begin the basic enameling techniques. Students will complete a crackle enamel pendant, a separation enamel pendant and a ring. Lab fee includes use of tools, copper, findings and enamel needed to complete the three projects. Additional copper will be available for purchase if you finish all projects early and would like to make another. This is a 2 day class offered 2nd semester, no prior experience necessary.

2019 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: May 20 - 26: _____ Fall: Sept. 2 - 8: _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to SUZIE MILLIGAN, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320. **No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2019** (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You September photocopy it as needed.) Please write legibly!

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number with area code: _____ e-mail: _____

Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$425.00 per person. Deposit is \$215 per person, payable with registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of fee is due 30 days prior to start of session. No postdated checks will be accepted.

Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? Yes _____ No _____ Is your Club paying your tuition? Yes _____ No _____

Name of roommate: _____ (If none, one will be assigned).

Are you: Male _____ Female _____ (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes _____ No _____
(No smoking is allowed in any building)

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

Class Pre-registration

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website (efmls-wildacres.org/) for class offerings.

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. All participants must take classes.

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? **Please indicate at least 3 choices** in order of preference for each semester. You will be preregistered for classes based on your choices, but no class placement is guaranteed. Should your preferred class be unavailable for any reason you will be preregistered for another of your choices. If no alternate class preference is indicated we will pre-register you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.

1st Semester or 4 day classe choices

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

Second Semester

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2019)

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from Carolyn Weinberger

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16-17: 55th Annual GLMSMC Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show hosted by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co MD. Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, 5- Perry Pkwy, Gaithersburg, MD INFO: glmsmc.co

23-24" 50th Annual Rock & Mineral Show presented by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Wysox Volunter Fire Co, 111 Lake Rd., Wysox, PA. Info: Bob McGuire – 570-928-9238 or uvbob1942@gmail.com.

30-31: Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA (PA Turnpike, exit 333 or I-476, exit 20). Info: www.phillyrocks.org

May:

11: 30th Annual Chesapeake Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show hosted by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. **Ruhl Armory**, 1035 York Rd; Towson, MD. 21204. 10:00 am – 4 pm. INFO: chesapeakegemandmineral.org

July

27-28: 40th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, Vermont. Handicapped accessible. Info: Christine Smart at csmart813@gmail.com or <http://www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org/show.html>

October

28-29: 55th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. Info: gemcuttersguild.com

