

EFMLS ANNUAL CONVENTION
MARCH 5, 6, 7, 2010
Stanton (Newark/Christiana) Delaware

Welcome to Delaware, the First State

The Delaware Mineralogical Society invites you to join us at our 47th Annual GEM MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW held in conjunction with the 60th EFMLS Annual Convention, in Stanton/Newark/Christiana, Delaware, just south of Wilmington. Our club is honored to host the convention and we look forward to all the excitement and camaraderie that comes with the convention. The theme of the DMS show is "50 Years, 50 States", which alludes to our club's celebration of 50 years as an incorporated mineral society. Our show has a reputation of having excellent exhibits and displays of minerals, gems and fossils. Hopefully this year we will see specimens from many or all of the 50 States.

Christiana, Delaware, borders on the port of Wilmington, our largest city. We are located about 30 miles from Philadelphia and can be reached by air travel, Interstate 95, Amtrak, and by boat. Our area has a full range of amenities, such as modest to premium lodgings, great local and starred eating establishments, and entertainment from museums to nightlife. Special, and close by, points of interest are featured on the last page of this information segment. National and natural history abounds throughout northern Delaware and nearby Pennsylvania. Various historic sites mark the events and places on the founding of our nation, all within about 30 miles of our show.

The Show

Our Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show takes place at Delaware Technical & Community College, just off Interstate 95, Stanton Exit, and less than mile from the Hilton Wilmington/Christiana, our convention hotel. Show hours are Saturday, 10-6 and Sunday 11-5. The show has 19 dealers, featuring minerals, fossils, gems, beads, jewelry and jewelry-making tools and supplies and lapidary items. We have educational exhibits, a large fluorescent mineral display, and lapidary demonstrations. Our junior booth offers tons of specimens and rough at rock bottom prices. We have a raffle, door prizes, a cafeteria, and ample free parking.

Exhibits

The Delaware Mineralogical Society has always had outstanding exhibits at our shows. To see previous years' displays, go to our website <www.delministry.net> and click on the March 6,7 show box. We have pictures all the way back to 2004.

You are welcome to display at our show and we have included competitive and non-competitive applications. DMS has a limited number of display cases available. Bring your own or use one of ours. First come, first serve. Displays can be set up on Friday evening or early Saturday. Please let us know when you intend to set up your exhibit.

Convention Hotel

Except for the DMS Show itself, all EFMLS convention activities are at the Hilton Wilmington/Christiana Hotel. The hotel is located less than one mile from I-95, and 30 miles south of the Philadelphia International Airport. Hotel amenities include a swimming pool, fitness center, spa tub, Brasserie Grille, and Hunt Club Lounge. The hotel also offers room service, a business center, concierge assistance, valet parking (fee applies), and free self-parking. All rooms feature high speed internet access, cable TV, in-room movies, coffee makers, voicemail, desks, individual climate control, irons and ironing boards, and hairdryers.

The room rate for either 2 doubles or 1 king is \$99 plus tax. EFMLS attendees should secure their reservations via a major credit card ASAP and prior to February 3, 2010. The Hilton has guaranteed us a block of rooms until February 3. After that date, the rooms are not guaranteed. Late decisions on attending may result in your having to stay at another motel. The Hilton is very nice. Mention the Delaware Mineral Society when you make your reservations in order to receive the reduced room rate. The toll free number is 1-800-348-3133. The address of the Hilton Wilmington/Christiana is 100 Continental Drive, Newark DE 19713, 302-454-1500.

Driving Directions:

From the North (Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey): Follow Interstate 95 South to Delaware Exit 4B (Stanton

Metroform). Bear right at the top of the exit ramp and proceed to Churchmen's Road (Route 58) to the fifth traffic light. Turn left at the fifth light onto Continental Drive. The Hilton Wilmington/Christiana is the first driveway on the left.

From the South (Baltimore, Washington, DC): Follow Interstate 95 North to Delaware. Take Delaware exit 4B (Route 7 North). Stay in the right-hand lane and proceed to exit 166 (Churchman's Road/Churchman's Crossing). Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp (1st traffic light) and follow Route 58 west to the 4th traffic light and make a left onto Continental Drive. The Hilton Wilmington/Christiana is the first driveway on the left.

Convention Activities

Friday, March 5, 2010

3:00 – 4:00 pm – Cracker Barrel Meeting and Convention Registration in the Le Chameleon Room of the Hotel. Name badges which will admit you to the show if you've registered and will identify your choice of entree for the Saturday night banquet will be distributed. The Cracker Barrel is an informal discussion of issues without the usual parliamentary procedure of the annual meeting. Assorted soft drinks and bottle water will be served.

4:30 – 7:00 pm – Dinner, dutch treat. Nearby restaurants include:

The Brasserie (on site)

Red Lobster

Border Café (Mexican)

Michaels

Applebees

Bugaboo Creek Steak House

Olive Garden

All the off site choices are within _ miles of the Hilton Site.

7:30 – 10:00 pm – EFMLS Annual Meeting in the Le Chameleon Room of the Hotel. Registration begins at 7:00 pm. Assorted cookies, brownies, soft drinks, bottled water and coffee served.

Saturday, March 6, 2010

10:00 am – The 47th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show opens at the Delaware Technical & Community College within _ mile of the Hilton. Your name badge is your admittance to the show.

6:00 – 7:00 pm – Happy Hour cash bar at the Le Chameleon room at the Hilton.

7:00 – 10:00 pm – Awards Banquet at the Le Chameleon Room. Cost is \$40 per person. The dinner will include a tossed salad with house dressing and your choice of one entrée:

Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus

Horseradish Cream

(we must have a minimum of 20 reservations for this entrée)

Mediterranean Rockfish

Roasted Tomatoes, Capers

Olive Oil and White Wine

Sauteed Breast of Chicken

with Spinach and Pine Nuts

Tomatoes, Roasted Red Pepper Coulis

Dessert: Lemon Layer Cake along with Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Sodas and Gourmet Tea.

Please indicate on the registration form the number of dinner tickets you want and your choice of entrée. Your name badge must be worn since it indicates your entrée choice. In addition to great food, there will also be presentation of awards, a special guest speaker, and installation of new officers as well as a surprise or two.

Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:00 am – Editors Breakfast in Parlor 184 of the Hilton. Cost is \$24 per person. Food served will be a Fresh Fruit Display, Assorted Cold Cereals, Bakery Fresh Muffins and Fruit Danishes, Biscuits, Bagels, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage and Breakfast Potatoes. Please indicate the number of breakfast tickets you wish on the registration form.

11:00 am – 5pm – DMS Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show.

**Deadlines and Money
IMPORTANT!**

Hilton room reservations – February 3, 2010

Registration deadline – February 17, 2010

Deadline for exhibits – February 20, 2010

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Things to do and see while visiting Delaware:

Longwood Gardens – The World’s Premier Horticultural Showcase *** 1,050 acres of indoor and outdoor gardens, woodlands, and meadows.

Kennett Square, Pa – 14 miles from Christiana Hilton.

<www.longwoodgardens.org>

Brandywine River Museum ***

Unparalleled collection of works by three generations of Wyeths. Chadds Ford, PA – 21 miles from Christiana Hilton

<www.brandywinemuseum.org>

Chadds Ford Winery ***

Pennsylvania’s premier winery Chadds Ford, PA – 21 miles from Christiana Hilton

<www.thebrandywine.com/attractions/chaddsfordwinery.html>

Hagley Museum and Library

Hagley is the site of the gunpowder works founded by E. I. du Pont in 1802 on the banks of the Brandywine River. 11 miles from Christiana Hilton.

<www.hagley.lib.de.us/info.html>

Olde New Castle

Historic town established in 1651 with many old houses and fine restaurants.

6 miles from Christiana Hilton

<www.thebrandywine.com/go/historic_new_castle.html>

Delaware Park Casino

Slot machines and restaurants

1 mile from Christiana Hilton

<www.delawarepark.com>

Christiana Mall

Tax free shopping with over 130 stores. 1 mile from Christiana Hilton.

<www.shopchristianamall.com>

*** These three sites are within 5 miles of each other.

Convention registration and exhibitor forms are attached separately. All forms may be duplicated as needed.

We look forward to welcoming you and your friends to a wonderful weekend in Delaware.

March 5 - 7, 2010