

2002 EFMLS ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION April 26 -28, 2002

Hosted by the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, New Jersey Earth Science Association and the Sterling Hill Mineral Museum, Franklin, New Jersey.
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Friday THE CRACKER BARREL and THE ANNUAL MEETING, AT THE STERLING HILL MINE



The Cracker Barrel session was held Friday morning - below ground - in the restored basement of the Sterling Hill mine.



EFMLS officers seated at the head table for the meeting: treasurer, Lou Budell, parliamentarian Reivan Zeleznik, president, Bob Livingston and secretary, Madelyn Todd.



EFMLS photographer, Barbara Sky is ready with her camera to document the meeting for the archives.
- Photo by Frances Sick



First vice-president Larry Vandergrift and immediate past president Joy Bourne seated in the front row.



Joy Bourne reads her updated Immediate Past President's report to the delegates

Michael Kessler, president of the Brooklyn Mineralogical Society, Inc., entertained the group, following the meeting, by playing and singing an original composition entitled, "A Hammer, A Bucket and a Newspaper Please".

To obtain a copy of the lyrics for the song, contact Mike at:
<inxls@aol.com>



- Photo by Frances Sick

Saturday Morning -

THE 30TH ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW OF
THE FRANKLIN-OGDENSBURG MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY, THE NEW JERSEY EARTH SCIENCE
ASSOCIATION AND THE STERLING HILL MINERAL MUSEUM



AFMS president, Steve Weinberger sits at the EFMLS Supplies table with Duane Evans, Supplies Chairman. Notice the roll of red raffle tickets at Steve's right hand



Steve was selling AFMS raffle tickets for this magnificent 5,854-carat salmon colored cubic zirconia gemstone cut by the "Dare Devil Faceters", members of the Intermountain Faceters Guild and the Northwest Federation. Tickets may be obtained from Steve for \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00. Drawing to be held in July at the AFMLS Convention in Port Townsend, WA.



Uniform Rules Judges Roger Barnett and Angie Teixeira carefully evaluating the minerals in a competitive exhibits case.



This excellent exposition of the lapidary arts was viewed in the entry exhibit hall.



EFMLS Uniform Rules Chairman, Sue MacInnis took a few minutes to look at the beautiful case of spheres in the non-competitive display area.



Unusual minerals from Australia were displayed in the non-competitive exhibit area.



"Sisters," Joy Bourne and Myra Zeleznik pose for their annual picture - taking. This year, their different attire and hair styles helped keep people from mistaking one for the other.



President Bob Livingston presents the EFMLS All American Club Award certificate to Fran Sick, who accepted on behalf of the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club of Sayre, PA.



Fran Sick, Each-One-Teach-One Committee Chairman presents Bob McGuire's certificate to Clyf Bourne for delivery to Bob.

- Photo by Joy Bourne



Susanna MacInnin, Uniform Rules Chairman presents a trophy to George Powell, president of The American Fossil Federation of Falls Church, VA, for his excellent case of fossil shark remains.

- Photo by Frances Sick



Cynthia Payne, of Bethesda, MD, accepts a trophy for her case of beautiful minerals from Sue, as her husband approvingly admires the plaque.

- Photo by Frances Sick



President-elect, Larry Vandergrift happily accepts a bottle of New York Maple syrup from soon-to-be past president, Bob Livingston.

Saturday Evening Continued - INSTALLATION OF EFMLS OFFICERS FOR 2003



EFMLS OFFICERS FOR 2003: Steve Weinberger, AFMS president, performed the Installation ceremony for Madelyn Todd, Secretary; Carl Miller, 2nd vice-president; Matthew Charsky, 1st vice-president, and Larry Vandergrift, president.



Matt Charsky's home club, the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC, turned out in force to see his installation as the new EFMLS 1st vice president.



Following the Installation of Officers, Larry presented Bob with a plaque in recognition of his service as EFMLS president for 2002.



At the conclusion of the evening's program, Richard Bostwick, of the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, presented president Bob with a most generous gift for EFMLS on behalf of the host clubs for the Convention.
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Sunday, Morning - THE EDITORS' BREAKFAST at the Hampton Inn, Rockaway, New Jersey



Mary Bateman, EFMLS Bulletin Editors' Advisory Committee Chairman, presented Clyf Bourne with a certificate for his Written Features article in the "Shin-Skinner News."
- Photo by Frances Sick



Frances Sick received a certificate for her feature article about Wildacres, entitled "Magic In The Mountains." George Powell is the clown in the background - at the instigation of Reivan Zeleznik!



The parking lot affords a view of the old conveyer which transported rock to the crusher.



Sixty EFMLS members attended the special Convention mine tour, which started in the museum. This room was formerly a miners' clothes-changing room.



Huge chunks of metallic minerals are displayed on flatbed rail cars between the rows of exhibits. All the walls are lined with exhibits, as well.



A beautiful antique safe serves as a secure showcase for the many spectacular specimens of gold.



In the fluorescent display area, this beautiful exhibit is photographed using a camera flash to simulate normal lighting conditions . . .



This is the same exhibit under ultra-violet light.
Breathtaking!