

EFMLS NEWS

Information for members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

by Steve Weinberger

The clock is ticking marking off the minutes and hours before our final EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres this September 4 - 10. I've heard from Registrar Suzie Milligan that there are still plenty of spaces left for you to fill.



If you've never been to an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop, this September would be an ideal time to find out why so many people rave about the week and return year after year.

Wildacres is infectious! Wildacres is a relaxing week away from the pressures of daily life and the hustle and bustle of car noise, blaring radios and TV's etc. The retreat is up in the mountains just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC. The "noises" you hear on campus are the singing of birds, people laughing and talking, and perhaps playing a musical instrument along with the hammering or sawing of folks creating wonderful projects in their classes.

The cost for the week is \$410 per person. Where else can you get room and board, instruction in a class or two of your choice, great food, and a chance to learn from terrific instructors and an excellent "Speaker-in-Residence"? Add to that a chance to visit various locations around the beautiful countryside on mid-week Activity Day, enjoy (and bid on) items at an always fun auction, tailgate, etc.

The fall Speaker-in-Residence is Tim Morgan. Tim enjoys the jewelry world as his second career. He teaches gemology courses for the Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation and has his own small gem and jewelry business. His wife Michele and he also do gem and mineral shows and also enjoy collecting at mines and quarries.

We urge you to visit the EFMLS Wildacres website <efmls-wildacres.org> to learn more about the classes being offered this fall and about Tim Morgan, our Speaker-in-Residence". There's a registration form on the website too. We've also added one elsewhere in this issue for your convenience.

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Happy
Father's Day

IT'S VACATION TIME!

There will be no EFMLS News published during July and August. The News staff wish everyone a wonderful and safe collecting season.

The next EFMLS News issue will be in September with an August 1 deadline.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dave Korzendorfer, President



It's getting close to summer when the EFMLS News takes a short break in publication. Despite the break in the News, there is still a lot happening in the Federation. As we wrote last month, the AFMS annual meeting and convention is taking place in Ventura, CA June 9 - 11th. This is a good venue to learn about the problems common to many clubs throughout the country, and hopefully learn what others are doing to address those problems. Our own convention in Bristol, CT in October will offer the same opportunity for those of you who do not want to travel to CA.

Every year, the EFMLS offers two sessions at Wildacres in North Carolina. I have yet to attend one of the Wildacres sessions because of a full work schedule and limited vacation time, but I look forward to my first visit sometime in the near future. Everyone that I've talked to who has attended has always raved about their experience there. Wildacres is a retreat set on 1,400 acres on a mountaintop in North Carolina, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway. The week-long sessions offer an abundance of classes in various mineral and lapidary subjects. The session this May featured Bob Jones as Speaker-in-Residence and there were 13 different classes in mineral identification and various lapidary topics. By the time this News comes out the May session will be over, but there is still time to consider the September session. See the News for registration materials.

In my role as President of EFMLS I have been spending more time looking at the website for the Federation as well as the internet resources offered by AFMS. If you have not looked at them in a while, take a few minutes to see what is available. Both AFMS and EFMLS are accessed via www.amfed.org. The EFMLS link can be found in the list of seven regional federations shown on the left side of the home page. From the EFMLS website you can access more information and registration materials for Wildacres, as well as view upcoming shows in the federation, information on our own convention, links to other helpful resources and various other information about the Federation. Make sure that your show chairman is posting the dates and locations for your own show on the website. The AFMS home page also has good links to juniors programs via the Kids Corner tab.

This past year the EFMLS News started being distributed electronically and I know that some clubs are forwarding it to their memberships. As more people become aware of EFMLS and how it can help our clubs, our hope is that we can begin to attract more people into the Federation as volunteers. We have a great group of people that keep the organization running, but there is a need for some additional help on committees and as officers. Please consider becoming more involved.

Hopefully everyone has a good collecting season. I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in Bristol.

Dave

SAFETY MATTERS - WORLD DOMINATION MADE EASY

by EFMLS Safety Chair, Ellery Borow

Did you see that? World Domination Made Easy - just the title draws attention. Now, if only I might draw your attention with the actual title of this article - which is: "How to promote and Promulgate Safety Matters articles to those in our hobby who might most benefit by their content". The actual title just does not have the same potential to draw attention.

Truly, safety messages are not the prettiest marbles in the bag. But, they sure can win the game.

How does a club safety chair, or field trip coordinator draw the attention of members when important safety measures are discussed? The use of attention drawing titles, humor, pounding a gavel first, or making messages personal (as in how the matter effects each member personally), all goodways.

Member's attention often drifts away from safety messages - think of the safety talk given by the head flight attendant just prior to a jet's take off. Messages must often be repeated - think of the person who has never been on a jet plane before. When one is delivering a safety message and most of the members are glancing down into their lap, one might well imagine they are, instead of listening, texting. Lap looking -- it's a sign you've lost them.

Gaining and keeping members attention for safety messages is important - we all know that. Now, how do we manage that trick of legerdemain? Here are some ideas - try using an authoritative tone of voice, engage the members, keep the topic relevant, tell stories to illustrate your message, during the talk ask if the members have questions, mix repeat messages with new material, ask members if they can think of how they

might apply the topic to what they do in the hobby, try keeping discussions relatively short (try not to overload the members), try approaching a repeat topic in a new manner, ask (if they are texting) if they are texting about safety (that's humor there and, yes, I know it's lame humor but that's what I do).

How does one know if members are engaged? Ask. If asked, and a member can repeat what has just been discussed, and how it can be applied not just to the topic being discussed but how it might also be applied to other situations - you've got one engaged member there!

If so, pat yourself on the back and offer yourself a high five on a talk well presented!

Safety does not have to be boring, but it does take a certain engagement to keep it from being so. Telling stories about the more repetitive messages helps make them more memorable.

Certainly one would not refer to world domination in a safety message title. But you get the idea, I'm sure you can think of some more suitable catch phrase to draw attention. Gaining and holding member's attention when delivering safety messages are good things.

My hard hat is off to you dedicated safety and field trip chairpersons. Thanks for doing such a great job in getting those safety messages out to your members. Oh, and lastly, while speaking of world domination, it sure would be nice if safety messages were more often featured in our club newsletters and bulletins - just sayin'.

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ROCKHOUND SOAPBOX – M-44: WHO, WHAT, WHEN AND HOW

by John Martin – AFMS Conservation and Legislation Chair, from AFMS Newsletter, June 2017

Thanks to Keith Fackrell, 1st Vice President of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and Lauren Williams, Vice President of the American Lands Access Association for bringing this issue to my attention.

While Rockhounding on Public Lands, mostly in the Western States, and on private lands, with the permission of the land owner, be aware that the M-44 in use in areas where coyote, feral dogs and other predator wildlife are a threat to grazing livestock and domestic farm and ranch animals. If a M-44 device is found, “Let it Be”, Do not touch, consider it as a “Live Bomb” – because it is and it can Kill People and domestic dogs!

Safety tips for people to follow are talked about, discussed and even published. Some people are trained to take care of most dangers that are encountered while hiking, camping and, yes, even rock hunting. One danger that I have never seen on a list of safety tips out there is the M-44. In some areas where Rock Hounds are, there may be an M-44 “cyanide bomb”, which is EXTREMELY LETHAL!

The M44 cyanide device (also called a ‘cyanide gun’ or a ‘cyanide trap’) is used for the elimination of coyotes, feral dogs, and foxes. It is made from four parts: a capsule holder wrapped with cloth or other soft material, a small plastic capsule containing 0.88 grams of sodium cyanide, a spring-powered ejector, and a 5-7 inch stake. When the trap is triggered, the spring propels a dose of sodium cyanide into the animals’ mouth, and the sodium cyanide combines with water in the mouth to produce poisonous cyanide gas. In addition to the cyanide, the capsule contains Day-Glo fluorescent particle marker (orange in capsules used by the Wildlife Service, and yellow in capsules prepared for other users).



The M-44 consists of a capsule holder, a cyanide capsule, a spring-activated ejector, and a stake. Bilingual signs warn about the device.



When the trap is set, only the capsule holder and capsule protrude above ground level.

The M-44 device uses a cyanide capsule that is registered as a restricted-use pesticide by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). can be used only by trained certified applicators. Wildlife Service Officers are authorized to use M-44 cyanide capsules to control coyotes, wild (feral) dogs, and red, gray, and arctic foxes which are: suspected of preying upon livestock, poultry, or federally designated threatened and endangered species; or are vectors of communicable disease. The program’s use of M-44 devices strictly conforms to EPA label instructions, directions, and use-restrictions; applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations; and agency and program directives and policies.

Wildlife Service personnel do not use M-44s on any property unless requested by the land’s owner or manager; a valid written cooperative agreement, agreement for control, Memoranda of Agreement, or other applicable document must be in place.

USDA Fact Sheet – 2010:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/wildlife_damage/content/printable_version/fs_m44_device.pdf

Bottom Line: When Rockhounding, be aware of your surroundings and if one of these M-44 devices are found, keep away. If you have your pets with you, be sure to keep a close eye on them. Pet dogs have been known to find and set off these devices and in most cases it is fatal for your family pet.

I have sent inquires to 4 state legislators and 3 federal legislators asking the status of the M-44 usage. I have not received any response as of this being published.

HAPPY MEMBERS

By Ellery Borow, EFMLS ACROY Chairman



What is a happy member and what is a happy member worth? Kids (and some adults) come up to me fairly regularly and show me a rock they found. More often than not, the kids (and sometimes the adults) want to know not just what it is but what it is worth. Hmmm, is that a dollar sign of the times? But I digress.

In a club, what is a happy member worth? What is the benefit of members who laugh, share, teach, lead, demonstrate, put on programs, or volunteer? How can one put values on a smile? I certainly can't put a value, an amount, a benefit to such things. Although I know that the clubs in which I most enjoy participating, are those that offer such things as compared with those that don't. Please don't get me wrong, I am a member of some very serious clubs as well... and indeed they have their followers. Given the choice of fun versus totally serious clubs, I like a little fun.

So, how does a club keep their membership laughing, sharing, teaching, leading, demonstrating, putting on programs, or volunteering? I'm sure that there are as many ways of doing that as there are clubs in the Federation.

One way that immediately comes to mind is recog-

nizing the members who most exemplify the ethos of the club. One way to recognize such members is through the Ta-Da! the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year program! If you want to recognize your outstanding member, we can help you with that. We can publicize your outstanding member in the pages of the EFMLS and AFMS news!

Some items to have your selection listed in the pages of the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters:

1. Prepare a brief (70 words or so) write-up of your member's good work and great attitude.
2. Send that write-up to me.

It's as simple as that!

Some rules: (There are always rules aren't there?)

1. Clubs are limited to selecting only one candidate per year (or two in the event of a couple).
2. Clubs may, in addition, have a junior member honored as your CROY.
3. We need you to include, as part of the write-up, the honored members name, and your name as the submitter. (ANY club member may submit another club member's name as the ACROY honoree.)

We would like to hear from you and your club members who have been selected as your happiest members. Personally, I love creating smiles.

A JUNIOR ROCK CLUB SUCCEEDS DUE TO ADULT CLUB MEMBERS

by Jr. Club Leader Thora Trumbo, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club from Northwest Federation Newsletter, July 2016

A Junior Rock Club Succeeds Due to Adult Club Members by Jr. Club Leader Thora Trumbo, Lakeside Gem and Mineral Club Lakeside Junior Rock Club of Kennewick, WA counts its success due to the amazing support of the adult club members and their generosity to the students. Its one thing for a leader to tell and teach students, but its another for many adults to attend junior club and share of their deep personal passion for the hobby, their activities, their collections, to give generous donations of rock and other materials and share from the wealth of their years of experience. The focus of this report is on Jr. club activities, especially those activities which help

to draw newcomers, and keep the club exciting, growing and thriving over many decades.

Our adult support and input is what makes our junior club exist year after year. Many youth have grown up in the club, earned a sash full of badges and even a few have gone beyond club activities to study earth sciences elsewhere, even into college, all thanks to adult generosity.

We've been blessed to have the same adults highly in-

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involved for many years, giving the students consistency at meetings which builds relationships, rapport, trust and motivation. Adults have taken on the role or job at meetings (attendance, teacher, assistant leader, activity director, librarian, birthday present bag assembler, party planner, rock show activity assistant, set-up, clean-up, newsletter writer, etc.) Its much to big a job for just one person. Some are highly involved every month while others assist seasonally filling a vital need.

Parents are required to remain on site and usually participate in the evening activities. Along with their children they are gaining knowledge too and thus involved and supporting their child's interests. Security is never an issue to worry about with so many parents attending.

Our students meet on the second Tuesday of the month, following the adult meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. This works well, as juniors' needs can be mentioned and adults can be reminded of the need for their involvement the following week. Students meet from 6:30 to 8:00 sharp, respecting that its a school night.

Every monthly meeting is a surprise for the students; they never know what to expect but just recently we began sending each family a flier about the main activity or speaker and topic. We'll see how this changes attendance and interest. At a minimum, the flier is a quick reminder of the upcoming meeting and a spark of interest is hopefully gained too. This also gives families an opportunity to discuss invitations with others to attend. Occasionally a Boy Scout troop calls ahead and attends to earn one of their badges.

Fluctuations have occurred over the years regarding the ages of the students attending. Currently we have mostly elementary and junior high students, having lost some to college or high school study demands, theater, jobs and sports related activities. Three years ago we had mostly older students. Activities and crafts are always geared so as the youngest can be successful while the older students are challenged by extending their assignment. Occasionally we have different activities or allow choices from a variety offered.

Meetings always begin with the flag salute, intro-

duction of officers, guests are welcomed with student-made key rings/zipper pulls or a special rock. We sing Happy Birthday, draw tickets for door prizes and for the privilege of drawing from the Mineral of the Month Box. We share announcements or invitations, and tell of upcoming field trips or shows. We listen to those reporting research efforts on their chosen mineral. Badge program involvement is encouraged and badges are distributed a few times a year. Badge sashes and club t-shirts and hats are proudly worn by many (prizes are often a surprise for those who wear them!)

Every meeting's main event involves an activity, craft &/or special guest speaker with their display, collection, photos, slide show, etc. Guest speakers share of their collection specifics, hobby activities, their field trips, knowledge and perhaps expertise although most are casual collectors and hobbyists, not professionals in the field. Guest demonstrations are always the student's favorites, for hearing of another's passion is thrilling. What a joy to see the students excited to learn! In the months leading up the our big annual rock show, students are encouraged and taught how to do display cases for the show.

Public speaking practice is experienced by nearly ever member when they choose a mineral specimen from a variety box, take it home and do research, write a report on what they learned, then read their report at the next meeting. Students learn of various rock characteristics, the MOHS scale, specimen locations, density, crystal structure, how minerals are used in industry, and on and on. We used to draw tickets for who could do mineral reports, but it seems to be best if the box offers a large variety of minerals from which any students can choose. Their name goes into the meeting minutes and is later published in our newsletter which serves as a reminder to get their research written. Young students often need en couragement when standing before the others giving their first reports and receive supportive pronunciation of difficult words, but after a time or two, everyone seems to enjoy the experience and proudly receives rounds of applause and appreciation. Most students excitedly do many Mineral of the Month reports each year and grow their personal collections in the process! Our

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newsletter also publishes their reports so students can proudly share them with their school teachers, family, friends and adult club members.

Students share from their own collections during Show-N-Tell. Afterward, students are encouraged to examine these specimens, keeping hands behind their back, unless invited to handle items, the same as for guest's exhibits.

As the years have gone by, lessons have included rock identification, crystal structure, flint knapping, fossils, shark teeth, dinosaurs, earth structure, plate tectonics, volcanoes, fault movement, rock cycle, gold mining, geode and thunder egg formation, terminology, MOHS scale, specific gravity & weight, etc. Our oldest students do various presentations too.

Crafts and activities have included simple "camp-like weaving" to fancy jewelry making, photo frames and bird houses covered in tiny pebbles, pet rocks, key chains, beading, paper crafts, dino bone assemble kits, bread with pb&j fault line experiments, sedimentation studies, snack food "conglomerations", salt and sugar crystal growing. We've made clay pots, Christmas spiders, gem trees and cootie catchers. At a nearby park, we made a mess carving soapstone with files (and swept away the dust.) We play a variety of BINGO to learn terminology, mineral id, etc. We do field trips to museums and rock collecting. We play lots of games and have an annual silent auction (don't forget your piggy bank and remember Christmas gift giving. Students give speeches before election of officers (Pres., V.Pres & Sec.). We prepare for our annual rock show by stuffing tiny plastic bags and vending machine eggs with small specimens. We've made clay impressions from foam "ancient fossils" and once made "excavation of dinos" mud pies to sell at shows. Craft nights vary greatly according to student interests and age, while activities tend to be educational in nature, much like a typical classroom. We've even had success with older students doing homework packets which when returned, were greatly rewarded.

Awards are given for bringing guests, best attendance, turning in optional homework, but the best is trophies and ribbons for display case honors. We conclude with a huge Christmas Party and Potluck dinner (the only food served during the year) and play games

and give gift bags. I borrow from a wealth of materials which includes my own college materials and experiences, public library books, magazines, the Internet, homeschooling resources, teacher supply stores, and from my classroom resources.

Because of the many, generous donations of specimen samples from the adult club members, our students never go home without a new stone to add to their own collection. Its a challenge sometimes to not repeat what is offered, but our supply is constantly added to by others who share from their own stash, field trip finds or shopping experiences. We keep a fairly large stash, all organized in boxes and flats. We appreciate the adults who look for small samples to purchase while at shows and exhibits, keeping the juniors in mind but the costs low. Some adult members have really blessed the juniors with cases/flats full of minerals from around the world, purchased while attending the biggest shows in Arizona. Juniors receive jewelry findings, beads, tools and supplies too; everyone is so kind. Many collect a shoe box full of roadside rock during their travels or share from their "rejects" or "leftovers" once home and working on their projects to make slabs, spheres, jewelry, etc. (Plug: Always remember to label donations as to what it is and where its from please!) Students like to send thank you cards and mention donations in the monthly newsletters too to show their appreciation. At the end of each meeting, students can check out resources from our lending library (stored in a large trunk): books, puzzles, games, videos, etc. All items are price marked so families protect our resources. (Parents sign the library card which has note of the ISBN number and replacement price if lost or broken. We've only lost one in many years!)

I'm grateful for this opportunity to share about our Junior Lakeside Club success. Its really a testimony to how wonderfully the adult club supports our juniors!

2017 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

For Office Use Only

ID # _____
Date Rec'd" _____
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Amt. Paid: _____
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CHECK ONE: May 22 - 28: _____ Fall: September 4 - 10: _____

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, 2017.** (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 \$410.00 per person. Deposit is \$205 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.

Do you have a skill to demonstrate or a program to share (up to 40 minutes)? Yes _____ No _____

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 preregister you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.

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2 _____
3 _____
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Second Semester

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

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VISIT A SHOW

from Carolyn Weinberger

- May:
- 20-21: 49th Annual "World of Gems and Minerals" Rock, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show sponsored by the Berks Mineralogical Society. Leesport Farmers Market, Leesport, PA. Contact: Jim Woodshick brwoodpile@yahoo.com.
- June:
- 3 - 4: 43rd Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society of Birmingham, AL. at the Tannehill Ironworks State Park 12632 Confederate Parkway Mc Calla, AL. 35111 Contact: Cathy Kellogg <tannehillgemshow@gmail.com>
- 3-4: 24th Annual GemFest 2017 sponsored by the Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club. Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N Bloomfield Rd; Canandaigua, NY. Info: Fred Haynes fredm-haynes55@gmail.com or www.wcgm.org
- 3: 2017 Spring Mineralfest Show sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA. Info: www.mineralfest.com
- 17: Gene Bearss Annual Micromounters Symposium sponsored by the Micromounters of New England. Trinity Lutheran Church, 170 Old Westford Rd; Chelmsford, MA. Info: micromountersofnewengland.org or Scott Dion 603-670-8999.
- July:
- 29-30: 38th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St; So. Burlington, VT. Contact: Peg Powers at 802-462-3548 or burlingtongemandmineralclub.com
- 29-30: Long Island Mineral & Geology Society Annual Show. 15125 Main Rd; Mattituck, NY 11952. Info: Eugene Genova at ligeo@aol.com
- August:
- 5: 22nd Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Sale sponsored by the Morris Museum Mineralogical Society. Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Rd; Morristown, NJ. Info: kfrancis@morrismuseum.org
- September:
- 16:17: Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club. Zembo Shrine, Third & Division Sts; Harrisburg, PA. Contact: Betsy Oberheim aoberheim3@comcast.net
- 16-17: 49th Annual Gem & Mineral Show & Sale sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Gold's Gym and Family Sports Center, 258 Titusville Rd; Poughkeepsie, NY. Info: Carolyn Reynard sunstone33@verizon.net
- 22-23: 53rd Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. Info: gemcuttersguild.com
- October:
- 21-22: 45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and 67th Eastern Federation Convention. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, Connecticut.
- EFMLS Annual Meeting: Friday, October 20.

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to Carolyn Weinberger, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 2PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302 or e-mail at <cscrystals2@gmail.com>.