



EFMLS NEWS

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



EFMLS ANNUAL AUCTION ! DONATE, DONATE!!!

by Cheryl Neary, Auction Chair

I can't say it enough times- please consider donating to the annual auction, which this year will be held in Rochester in October at the Annual Convention.

If you want to be entertained- this is the place as well. For the last two years both Matt Charsky, our current AFMS President and Larry Huffman (Regional Vice President) were the auctioneers. Thanks to their persistence and fun-filled time, the auction was quite a success. Of course, there would not have been such a great time if you had not donated items and / or bid on them – the first steps in a successful auction!

So plan on attending the Convention and of course the auction and give them a run with your money! All proceeds fund the principal of the Eastern Foundation Fund. The interest generated from the fund is used to support a variety of EFMLS special programs, which you and your club benefit from!

I would hope that all the clubs would make a donation. Perhaps if you have a show you can solicit items from your

dealers. Items will be identified from donors, unless the donor prefers to remain anonymous. So, please ask your dealers – it is an advertising event for them!

If you are interested in donating items, please email me at <ciervo.neary@gmail.com> or call or text me at 516.449.5341 to inform me what items you will be sending and I will give you an address to ship them to.

Lastly, if you are attending the convention, and I hope you would consider attending the event- then you can personally hand me the item(s) preferably at either the Cracker Barrel Meeting or at the Annual Meeting.

If attending- Bring money - (quite a bit!) - there is a great deal of nice "stuff"! Matter of fact, this year we have equipment being donated by our President – Larry Heath!



Thank you all in advance for your participation.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Larry Heath, President

I have heard from a number of clubs that they are having problems getting members to their meetings. One of reasons that came up was communication between members. A couple of days ago my granddaughter told me "You are old fashioned - you need to join the digital age".

How is our communication? The Federation has a newsletter, and a web site which we use. We do not use Facebook, but use email to communicate between one another. We do not generally use e-mail as a means to contact all of our member clubs because too many people still change e-mails frequently.

I have been using email to pass information around to my officers and committee chairs. I will admit it is faster getting answers back and catching people when they are not home. And don't forget texting, which I use for "talking" to friends. It is great for leaving a message and getting an answer back.

After thinking about it and talking to others, I think it is time for our clubs to move into the digital age or be left behind. The younger generation is already using these new ways. If we are going get the younger group in we are going to have to use their communication and that means we are going to have to change.

Change is hard, but as clubs we have to start changing. Our clubs should have a presence on Facebook (it's free), an active website (it can be free) and maybe should even start using email and texting to contact each other. I would like to hear your thoughts on this idea. I am thinking of starting a committee to look into entering the digital age. If you are interested in moving us forward let me know. My email address is <heathlg@comcast.net>.

Don't forget that club shows in the Mid-Atlantic and New England are starting up once again. The back page of the EFMLS News lists upcoming shows. You can have your show listed by contacting Matt Charsky at <matt2430@comcast.net> with all the necessary information. Do this as early as you can so your club show can be included.

It's time to start making plans to attend the spring EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres. The registration form can be found elsewhere in this issue and the EFMLS Wildacres website (efmls-wildacres.org). Get your request in now so you have a good shot at your first choice for classes.

The EFMLS convention is still a ways off (October), but now is a good time to start making plans to attend. Hope to see you there.

Larry



SAFETY MATTERS: GIVE YOURSELF A HAND

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair

Give yourself a hand, or at least a rousing round of applause if you are one of the many folks who makes a concerted effort to take care of one of your most important tools --your hands.

There are many folks who earn their living through constant use of their hands. Even if you are not one of those fortunate folks it is likely that your hands are in constant use. If you think that you are one of the folks who does not use their hands all that much, try going even 1/2 an hour with one hand held behind your back, and then going on about your day. The hand behind ones back suggestion might clearly highlight how much we use our hands. If you are still unsure of the amount of your hand usage, try going even 10 minutes without use of either one. Our hands are important, give yourself some applause if you take care of your valuable asset --hands.

Using my trusted, well worn, and tattered, 15th edition of Gray's Anatomy I found the Metacarpus, Carpus, Scaphoid, Cuneiform, Ulna, Radius and 22 other bones of the forearm, wrist, palm and fingers. Counting the bones of the right and left hands that's 60 bones of the body's 200 or so bones. The hands have a high percentage of the body's total bone count and ancillary tissues. It behooves us to take good care of these assets. By being good I do not mean just use of an occasional hand lotion. Indeed, hands do not deserve just good care, they deserve great care.

Soon I will transition from winter's snow shoeing enjoyments to Spring's bicycle riding pleasures. During that transition I will move from using certain muscle/bone groups to other muscle/bone groups. During that transition I will awaken muscles I have not used in a while. If I do not properly prepare for the transition I will be sore in places. What that demonstrates to me is that I'm not exercising all of me sufficiently well. The same goes for hands. For the hand tasks we do frequently, we keep well exercised, for movements we seldom do, the muscles weaken.

We, on occasion, do bad things to our hands. I have had days when I'm using my rock hammer so much that, at the end of the day, my fingers have frozen in the curl of my hammer handle. When I pull the hammer from my hand my fingers stay frozen in the curl -- that is not a good sign. What I should have done would have been to change activity and hand I finger position frequently over the course of the day.

One other way we are bad to our hands is, and this is a really bad one that I have seen innumerable rockhounds do,

hold a rock in one hand and, using the rock hammer held in the other hand, strike the rock. This activity sends shivers down my spine when I think of all the small bones in the wrist being whacked by a hammer. After all, just about all of the striking force goes through the rock and into the bones and connective tissues of the hand. Just ask any orthopedic surgeon what they think of such an activity and I'm sure you will get an earful of commentary about the un-wiseness of the act.

Next, for hand calamities, we see the all-too-common near misses of the hammer aiming for the end of the chisel. Ever seen one of those? They are not pretty -- and I'm not talking about the resultant air turning a blueish color. Hands do not have an easy life!

What is a hand to do? Yes, lotion for hands is good, but lotion will not help a missed hammer strike on a chisel (or thumb). There are (a ta-da moment) hammer guards available for chisels. A guard on the end of a chisel really can help prevent hand damage during a misplaced hammer strike. There are also numerous chisel holding devices available. There is a plethora of styles, compositions, and sizes of gloves that can prevent the many scratches, scrapes, and cuts we receive on our hands. We have available to us dirt, and flat rocks, and really great holding devices that can support/hold a rock so that it is not held in ones hand to be struck by a hammer. There are many devices and programs that can help stretch, exercise, strengthen, and increase flexibility of our hands. Although I would mention here that some of the exercise devices I have seen for strengthening ones hand can sometimes do more harm than good if used improperly -- so if in doubt about any program or device please consider consulting with a professional. Oh and hand lotion is indeed good for hands to maintain sensitivity, grip, epidermal integrity and so on.

Other general hand maintenance guidelines include watching out for too many repetitive motions, avoiding shocks to the delicate hands and fingers, and taking a break from heavy hand usage tasks. I have even seen issues with too firm a grip for too long a time with hands holding on to dop sticks being used by those dedicated cabbers among us. When tackling a big job, ask for a hand. A helping hand to share a load, or relieve a stress sure can help keep our hands healthy.

With proper maintenance our hands can last a lifetime -- and that is good for the hobby as well as the individual. So, please keep up the good work and give yourself a hand for a job well done. Be safe, stay safe.

THE EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

by Prof. Michael Kessler, EFF Chair



A happy club is one that keeps all members occupied with matters of minerals, gems, fossils and jewelry. The Eastern Foundation Fund was created to see that this happiness continues.

We function by the donations of clubs to continue this. But the Fund also can receive its funds by the bequest of members who have passed on. If you belong to a family who does not have the same excitement about this hobby as you, a bequest to the fund may satisfy your security that your collection will continue to be appreciated and cared for in the future. We will accept your contribution in any form and in any amount.

Don't forget that the contributions to the Eastern Foundation Fund have no time limit or deadline. Your club can decide to use their funds in the form of a donation at any time. We will be happy to acknowledge your generosity in the newsletter of the Eastern Federation, as well as with a letter directed to the club to acknowledge its receipt. A donation of one dollar per member for your club equals a 100% donation.

We are so fortunate to have so many generous members in our organization. Help keep the Eastern Foundation Fund working for the good of our hobby.

Send your donation to
Professor Michael Kessler
4 Longfellow Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

Make your check out to *The Eastern Foundation Fund*. Thank you so very much.

MARCH MADNESS RELIEF

by Betsy Oberheim, EOTO Chair



March is the time to reflect; winter will soon be over (except for Ellery and our Maine friends), but spring isn't calling us to come out and play. So what can we do? We've already dusted off our collections, planned field trips, and finally finished up the Christmas cookies.

You know what Ellery and I advise; its time to write a paragraph about the person who goes out into the community to share our hobby, for the Each One Teach One Award. Or maybe that wonderful person your club depends upon at the meetings for so many things. Every club should have several, but often one does most of the work. What a nice way to let them know how they are appreciated.!

If you have any questions; I would be glad to try and answer them. It only takes a few minutes to nominate a deserving person, but the honor will last a long time!

ALL AMERICAN YEARBOOK

by Hazel Remaley, All American Chair

As I write this, the northeast is digging out from winter storm Jonas. Some of us were very lucky to have been missed by the frozen moisture. If you and your club members have been working on your All American Club Award entry, I hope you have it finalized and ready to sent out to me.

My home club entered in the past, and it is an honor to show that book at shows. It is particularly interesting to flip through the pages to read and look at the pictures and news clips. We may have forgotten the dealers at the show, the officers in that year, the kids in our youth program (and wonder where they are now), and so many activities.

If you have not attempted the chore of compiling your entry this year, at least think seriously about keeping the required material for next year. Please remember that your entry is judged at the EFMLS level and then forwarded on to the AFMS . BUT, the book is your history, and a darn good way to document it, awards or not. Strive for the award, but, be satisfied with the effort !!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

by Ellery Borow, ACROY Chair

It is that time of year again -- new club officers settling in, new committee chairpersons making plans, new field trip and dig locations being scouted, and new nominations coming to light for your club's choice of your very own AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year (ACROY) for 2016.

Yes, it's that time of year when a club has a new-for-2016 opportunity to select one of their members (or two if a couple) and a deserving junior member to be honored as your (fill in the blank with your club's name) honoree for 2016 ACROY.

The ACROY program encourages clubs to select their best, their most active, their most volunteering, their most helpful, their most knowledgeable, or their most (fill in the blank) member to be your Club Rockhound of the Year, and have that honoree's name and accomplishments mentioned in the pages of the AFMS and EFMLS Newsletters.

Selecting a ACROY honoree for your club affords an opportunity to publicly recognize the achievements of your honoree and make mention of just how fortunate clubs are to have such dedicated and helpful folks as members. It is also a reminder to clubs to make sure we say the "Thank You's" that we sometimes overlook in the business of our meetings and shows and field trips.

It need not be a dedicated club ACROY committee who makes the selection for a club. It need not be a specific group of club officers, or a board of directors responsibility to make a selection. It need not be by vote of the entire club that a ACROY honoree is selected. It can in fact be any club member making the recommendation and selection of a club's honoree. Indeed, sometimes it is the members themselves who know how much other members devote of their time and effort to the club. It is for the club to decide how the choice is made. Whether the selection is made by committee, officer, director or individual matters not. All we can recommend is that you have fun making the selection.

To have your honoree listed in the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters simply mention to me your honoree's name(s), club affiliation, brief (70 word or so) list of accomplishments and include the submitter's name and that's it. Send the information to me and I'll, in turn, present the information in the form of an article to the editor of the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters. It's as simple as that.

Yes, it's that time of year again. Please note however that time is limited to have your 2016 honorees included in our newsletters.

Time marches on and before you know it 2017 will be a new opportunity to select a new member to honor as your club's Club Rockhound of the Year.

Send your information to me at:

Ellery Borow

PO Box 47

Waterville, ME 04903-0047

Sorry, but living here in rural Maine, I do not have e-mail.

LAST CALL FOR RENEWING

from Jean Charsky, EFMLS Treasurer

Article XIV, Section 2 of our Eastern bylaws says:

"Annual dues of a member society shall be one dollar seventy-five cents (\$1.75) for each individual voting member on the rolls of the member society as of December 31 of the preceding year and shall be due and payable on or before January 1. New member society dues shall be based on the number of individual voting members in the society at the time of application for membership. **If dues are not paid by March 1, the member society will forfeit its right to all services provided by the Federation to member societies. ...**"

What that means is that your club needs to renew its membership in our Eastern Federation and that this must be done no later than March 1 so that your club does not lose its member benefits (including insurance, ability to borrow programs from our library, attend Wildacres, etc).

Take a look at the mailing label on this issue. If it has the number 15 on it, just to the right of your name, it means that your club has not yet renewed...and we're becoming very concerned.

For convenience, we've included a copy of the information form that you need to fill out and include with your dues check. One copy gets sent to me and the other to Directory Editor, Carolyn Weinberger to ensure that your club information is in the Directory and on the EFMLS website. Addresses of where to mail the information and check are on the form on page 10.

WONDERFUL WILDACRES

by Steve Weinberger, EFMLS Wildacres Committee Chair

In recent days I've spoken to a number of people who tell me that they plan on attending Wildacres this year. "Have you sent in your registration form yet?", I ask. "Not yet" is too often the reply. If you're like the people I'm referring to, my question is



"What are you waiting for?"

We've put together what I think are two dynamite sessions for 2016. The first, May 9 – 15 features Helen Serras-Herman as our "speaker in residence". Helen is a world renowned glyptographer (gem stone carver) a terrific, knowledgeable speaker and a darn nice lady. She'll present several programs during the session which are sure to be of interest to everyone. Her images are always great too. (Take a look at examples of Helen's amazing work on her website <www.gemartcenter.com>.)

The second session, September 5 – 11 will feature Alfredo Petrov as the "speaker in residence". Alfredo has travelled the world and is extremely knowledgeable about minerals. Most recently, Alfredo has been honored by having a new mineral, Alfredopetrovite, named after him. He's a charming and interesting fellow and his photographs and tales about his travels are amazing.

There's nothing like a week at the Wildacres Retreat. Our sessions are always relaxing and enjoyable and you're sure to come away with new skills learned during class, new friendships made, and a better appreciation for our hobby.

So...What are you waiting for?

Tuition for the entire week is \$400 per person including room and board, gratuity for the Retreat employees, and instruction given by our outstanding cadre of teachers. The only extra charge is for the materials that you use in the class or classes you take. Meals are wholesome and tasty, rooms comfortable, the air unpolluted, and the camaraderie among participants always terrific.

So...What are you waiting for?

A complete listing of classes can be found on the web site (efmls-wildacres.org) and a registration form is on page 12. Come and join the fun at Wildacres in 2016!

LET'S KEEP THE MOMENTUM ROLLING!

by Cheryl Neary, AFMS Endowment Chair

Over the last several years it has been reported that EFMLS has been the leader in the sale of the AFMS Endowment Fund drawing. This year the 2016 AFMS Convention is being held in late July of 2016. Let's keep that momentum rolling! It also has been reported that the EFMLS has the greater percentage of "wins" – fact is, you need to be in it to win it!

This year I sent an e-mail or USPS letter to each of the Regional Vice Presidents requesting that each of them try to either obtain donations or people interested in obtaining the tickets from our representative – Carolyn Weinberger.

First, I would like to thank Carolyn for renewing her commitment to the sale of the tickets once again. It is because of Carolyn that the EFMLS leads in the number of raffles purchased or won!

I would like to thank the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club for all the donations from them. I am sure it helps having the Regional Vice President, Larry Huffman, in the club! Another kudo for Larry, he is basically the only Regional VP besides Jean Charsky who has been supportive of the Endowment Fund thus far.

Therefore, you need to purchase your tickets from Carolyn Weinberger and be a part of her great track record!

You can personally purchase them if you attend the Spring EFMLS Wildacres Session! Or you can send Carolyn your club's or your personal check and a self-addressed stamped envelope and she will provide you with hopefully winning tickets! The tickets are reasonably priced at \$5.00 per ticket or 5 for \$20.00.

Again, if you are unable to purchase the tickets, have no fear, you can help out the Endowment Fund by donating items for the drawing. The criteria is quite simple- anything related to our hobby and with a minimum value of \$25.00.

If you chose to donate – and I hope you do- please send me via email a good picture of your generous donation so that I can get it posted to the AFMS website and into the newsletter. You or your club will be recognized for the donation. This is a great way to advertise what your club does, especially the lapidary clubs! Also, please keep the weight of the item under five (5) pounds!

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Please contact me via email at <ciervo.neary@gmail.com> or via cell phone @ 516.449.5341 (texts work the best) to let me know of your intentions to donate. The item can be shipped, which I prefer or brought to the 2016 Convention in Oregon. Call or text me at 516.449.5341 to arrange the ship to address, due to the unfortunate events here in NY where people have decided that a package on someone's front porch is an invitation for them to abscond with it!

You can also let your Regional Vice President know of your intent to donate or buy tickets!

Why the raffle? The money collected is for the AFMS Endowment Fund. The interest from the monies generated is used for AFMS special projects, such as, junior badges, judges training, digitizing of slide programs, to name a few.

So step right up! Purchase or Donate or why not both? You can see photos of all the prizes that have been donated so far on the AFMS website (www.amfed.org) or in the December and March AFMS Newsletters (download them at <www.amfed.org/afms_news.htm>). The descriptions of each are below.

#1 Soapstone Sculpture Bear. Donated by EFMLS Wildacres Instructor- Sandy Cline of Canada. Estimated value: \$250.00 (EFMLS)

#2 Tigers eye Gem Tree Donated by EFMLS Wildacres Instructor Suzie Milligan of New York. Estimated value: \$25.00 (EFMLS)

#3 Tigers eye Bolo tie & matching pendant Donated by Huffman's of Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Estimated value: \$85.00 (EFMLS)

4 Amethyst cluster from the Reel Mine, North Carolina Donated by Jake Cline of Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Estimated value : \$125.00. (EFMLS)

#5 Framed Wyoming Fossil Fish: Diplomystus Donated by Richard Jaeger, RMFMS President. Estimated value: \$110.00

#6 Black Tourmaline Specimen: Afghanistan Donated by Jean & Matt Charsky, AFMS President. Estimated value: \$250.00 (EFMLS)

#7 Pair of Fossil Coral (Agatized Coral) Tampa Bay , Florida (form an old collection), Donated by Jean & Matt Charsky. Estimated value \$35.00. (EFMLS)

#8 20- inch Seed Bead Necklace Donated by Jean & Matt Charsky. Estimated value: \$35.00 (EFMLS)

#9 Polished Carnelian – Cabinet Display, Chandler Mt., OR Donated by Jean & Matt Charsky. Estimated value: \$35.00

#10 Gold-filled (14K) Wire-wrapped composite stone with chain Donated by Judi Allison of Hatrockhounds and Lakeside Gem & Mineral Clubs Estimated value: \$30.00 (NFMS)

#11 Sterling Silver Wire-wrapped Cultural Pearls surrounding stone Donated by Judi Allison of Hatrockhounds and Lakeside Gem & Mineral Clubs. Estimated value: \$35.00(NFMS)

#12 Gold wire wrapped Unakite (Syria, VA Rose River Mason Co.) pendant Donated by Baxter Leonard of Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Estimated value: \$65.00. (EFMLS)

#13 Gold wire wrapped Honey Quartz pendant –Donated by Harry Polly of Catawba Valley. Estimated value \$60.00 (EFMLS)

#14 Gold wire wrapped Mt. View Jasper pendant –Donated by Harry Polly of Catawba Valley. Estimated value: \$60.00 (EFMLS)

Visit the website at www.amfed.org to see the pictures of all the beautiful donations that you can only win if you are in it!!!

At this point I must apologize that my pictures do not really do any justice to the pieces. As I was taking a few pictures of the specimens, all I could think of is the week I spent at Wildacres in the mountains of North Carolina with the EFMLS and the guest speaker was Jeff Scovil. During the week he presented us with wonderful lectures on how to probably shoot the pictures of minerals- it is very time consuming! I was trying my best – but I am no Jeff Scovil- so again- the pieces are absolutely gorgeous!

Additionally, there are pins, which are being sold for the AFMS Endowment Fund. For \$100.00 you receive a full set of seven federation pins, which are the separate federations in different colors, which can be placed together to form the mainland of the U.S. with the addition of Alaska. There are only a few of these pin sets available – so do not delay if interested! Or, I have extra pins of our federations for \$20 for the single federation.

Thanks again for your support!

IMPROVING YOUR CLUB'S BULLETIN

by Dan Fontaine, SCRIBE Regional VP

Your local rock club probably has a bulletin to keep you aware of club activities and share general rockhounding information. Have you ever thought about the process that produces your club's bulletin?

Let's say your club's meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month. You get your bulletin about a week before the meeting as a reminder. That means your Editor has already spent a week or more bugging the President and others for an article, looking for some interesting articles from other bulletins, compiling, formatting, and copy checking before finalizing and distributing the bulletin to you. Your editor starts the next bulletin on the 3rd Wednesday (i.e., the next day after distribution) of each month. As a club Editor myself, I believe that our club Editors donate the most time to the Club each month.

The first thing you can do to help your Editor is to write an article. Your club members have a lot of rockhounding knowledge and experiences that can benefit newer, less experienced members. If you went on a field trip, write an article about your experience and what you learned. If you figured out a way to get cabochons to stay on a dop stick or to get a great polish, write an article. If you found a great geology website, write a review. While your article may not be included in this month's issue, the Editor will have it for next month.

The second thing you can do is tell your Editor to join the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (S.C.R.I.B.E.). S.C.R.I.B.E. is a community of gem, mineral, and fossil club editors to share knowledge and learn from each other. As such, S.C.R.I.B.E. members include Editors with the full range of knowledge (from new to experienced) related to being a club Editor and publishing and distributing a bulletin. Being a member of S.C.R.I.B.E. provides you ready access and a forum to share your thoughts, get help when needed, and advise and assist your club Editor in publishing better bulletins.

Your Editor should be connected with other Editors. I encourage your club's board to approve paying the membership (as mine did) for your Editor to join S.C.R.I.B.E. Membership is only \$6 for an individual, \$8 for a couple, and \$12 for your club officers (President, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor). Membership includes ready access to other Editors through an online discussion group, a bulletin with thoughts on providing a better club bulletin, an annual meeting, and helpful guidance documents like a New Editor Guide, Copyright Guidance, and (coming soon) Editor Tips.

EDITORS CORNER

by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair

Hopefully the snow falling is past in the area you live in and that you are out and about.

The entries for the 2016 BEAC contest (2015 bulletins) have been received and the judging has been completed. There were twelve (12) clubs that entered the contest this year. We had entries in every category except Junior Poetry. Four (4) of the ten (10) judges were new this year.

Thank you to all the judges for their time in doing the judging. The past two years have been tight on the judges and we thought we could give the judges a good six to eight (6-8) weeks to complete their task this year. The AFMS convention date is such that we could only give them four weeks to complete their task and they came through! A huge debt of gratitude goes to them all.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the top entries in most categories will be going to AFMS for the national contest in a couple days. Good luck to all whose entries are being passed on.

Since the convention isn't until October 21-23, why not plan now to attend. Upstate New York is beautiful that time of year. More will be forthcoming in the EFMLS newsletter regarding the convention – keep an eye for it. Winners and awards will be given out at the convention. Some of you may know ahead of time that you were a top award winner because AFMS awards will be announced before EFMLS'.

Please note that I now have my internet and e-mail back up and running. My e-mail address is <mbateman1@verizon.net>. Feel free to e-mail me with any questions, concerns, and/or even what you would like to see in this column.

Looking forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, enjoy the warmer weather and have a happy spring!

The third thing you need to do is THANK your Editor regularly for their service. If they are not happy and appreciated, you will have to find a replacement for them since your Editor is an essential club function. Don't buy your Editor a cup of coffee; buy them a S.C.R.I.B.E. membership.

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VISIT A SHOW

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16-17: Western Mass. Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show presented by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION: Hadley Farms Meeting House, 41 Russell St; Hadley, MA. Info: <westernmassmineralshow.com>.

16-17: 33rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society. Alford Center at St Joseph's College of Maine, 278 Whites Bridge Rd; Standish, ME. Contact: <mainemineralclub.org>

22-24: Rock, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society. Florida National Guard Armory, 2809 S Fern Creek Ave; Orlando, FL. Info at <www.cfmg.org>

23-24: Sterling Hill Super Dig sponsored by the Delaware Valley Earth Science Society. Sterling Hill Mining Museum, Ogdensburg, NJ. Contact: <www.dvess.org>

30 – May 1: 53rd Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rt 1, Topsfield, MA. Contact: <nsrmc@verizon.net>

May:

14-15: 48th Annual World of Gems & Minerals sponsored by the Berks Mineralogical Society. Leesport Farm Market, Rt 61; Leesport, PA. Contact: Don Pitkin <pitkind@earthlink.net>

14-15: Annual Spring Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Cape Atlantic Rockhounds. 2641 S Cologne Ave; Mays Landing, NJ. Contact: Howard Stoddard <ministryman04@yahoo.com>

14: South Penn Rock Swap & Sale sponsored by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club and Franklin Co. Rock & Mineral Club. So. Mountain Fairgrounds, 615 Narrows Rd, Biglerville, PA (West of Arendtsville, PA). Contact: <tsmith1012@comcast.net>

21: 27th Annual Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show presented by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Rohl Armory, York Rd at I-695; Towson, MD. Info: <chesapeakegemandmineral.org>.

21: 1st Annual Earth Science Show & Sale sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks Co., PA. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Rd; Fairless Hills, PA.

October:

22 – 23: Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show & Sale and 66th Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Rochester Lapidary Society. Main Street Armory, 900 E Main St; Rochester, NY. Info: <www.rochesterlapidary.org/show>.

EFMLS Annual Meeting, Friday, October 21.

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And finally you need to think about who will take over if your club's Editor leaves the club or simply gets "tired" of being the Editor. Your Editor, like any club officer or committee chair, needs an apprentice who is able to take over.

Note: This article was adapted from an article submitted by Kreigh Tomaszewski, S.C.R.I.B.E. Midwest Regional V.P. for a Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies newsletter.

CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

from Ellery Borow, ACROY Coordinator

The Lapidary & Mineral Society of Central Connecticut (L&MSCC) pleased to announce that **Bob Reynolds** has been selected as our Rockhound of the Year. Bob is a prolific speaker and has given over 30 presentations on minerals, fossils, and meteorites at schools, clubs, senior centers, fairs and other public events in 2015 alone. He frequently hands out copious amounts of mineral and fossil specimens to school children and teachers at his own expense and from donations he receives from others. Bob also enthusiastically volunteers in club activities and provides educational displays at schools and libraries as a valuable community outreach activity for our club. He is a great ambassador for the L& MSCC and the Geosciences in general. Bob eagerly shares his knowledge with students and the public. We congratulate Bob for a job well done.

submitted by Tom Benedict, President

2016 EFMLS Club Information Form

Please type or print clearly. Be sure to fill in all spaces!

Club Name: _____

Club Website: _____

Meeting Date: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

President: _____ Telephone: _____

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Show and/or Swap Date: _____ Location: _____

Number of Members: Adults: _____ Juniors: _____ Total: _____
Are you paying for Juniors: Yes: _____ No: _____

Months Officers are: Elected: _____ Installed: _____ Take Office: _____

If you are in need of Membership Cards please contact the EFMLS Supply Chair,
K.C. Foster, 114 Mayfair Lane, Boynton Beach, FL 33426; (561) 968-5287; <katrinkaper@yahoo.com>

INFORMATION FOR THE EFMLS WEBSITE:

The EFMLS website will list the name, location and meeting time and information for your club as well as the date and location of your annual show or swap. We would like to list at least one contact person as well so that interested persons know who to contact for information about your club. Please indicate the name(s) of your contact people plus the info that you wish to have placed on the website for each. (i.e. Editor: Barkley Bigfoot, <milkbone at dogbreath.org>)

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Contact information for web: _____

Name: _____ Office held: _____

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Do you need membership cards? Yes: _____ No: _____ Are you paying for Juniors? Yes: _____ No: _____

Please verify your check is for the correct amount (\$1.75 per voting member) and that you have completed all of the information on the form. Mail your check and one (1) copy of this form to the EFMLS Treasurer, and one (1) copy of the form to the EFMLS Directory Editor. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS".

Jean Charsky, EFMLS Treasurer, 2430 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22207
Carolyn Weinberger, Directory Editor, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

2016 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: May 9 - 15: _____ Fall: September 5 - 11: _____

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, 2016.** (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 \$400.00 per person. Deposit is \$200 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 pre-register you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.

1st Semester or 4 day class choices

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Second Semester

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2014)

Mail to: Suzie Milligan, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320

If you have any questions, please contact either

Suzie Milligan, Registrar at <smilligan@stny.rr.com> or 607-687-5708 or
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VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

March:

5-6: 53rd Annual Earth Sciences Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Tech & Community College, 400 Stanton-Christiana Rd; Newark, DE. Info: <www.delministry.org>.

11-13: 28th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society and Augusta Gem & Mineral Society. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St; Augusta, GA. Info: Barbara Fenstermacher <bfenster2@bellsouth.net>

19: Special Club Auction sponsored by the Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club. Mitchell Memorial Club, 29 Elm St; Middleboro, MA

19-20: 47th Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Hall, Sayre, PA. Info: Hazel Remaley <northridge5@verizon.net>

19-20: 52nd Annual Gem, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD. Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St; Gaithersburg, MD. Info: Holly McNeil <hollyheighes@earthlink.net>

19-20: 38th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Franklin Co. Rock & Mineral Club. Hamilton Heights Elementary School, 1589 Johnson Rd. Chambersburg, PA. Contact: Michael Mowen <mimo@innernet.net>

April

1 – 3: 46th Annual Uniflour Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center, I-40, Exit 125; Hickory, NC. Contact: Baxter Leonard <gaillandbaxter@aol.com>

2 – 3: 43rd Annual Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the New Haven Mineral Club. Amity Regional Middle School, Sheffield Rd; Orange, CT. Contact: Arthur Doyle <adoyle@crofut.com>

2 – 3: 47th Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the NY Southern Tier Geology Club. Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brocton St; Johnson City, NY.

2 – 3: 43rd Annual New Haven Mineral Show sponsored by the New Haven Mineral Club. Amity Regional Middle School, 100 Ohman Rd; Orange, CT.

2 – 3: Mineral Treasurers & Fossil Fair sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontology Society. LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA. Info: Douglas Klieger <dklieger@verizon.net>.

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If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to Matt Charsky, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 2430 N Glebe Rd; Arlington, VA 22207 or e-mail at <matt2430@comcast.net>.