



# EFMLS NEWS

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

## FALLING LEAVES

*by Ellery Borow, ACROY Chair*

Even though falling leaves are just beginning to do their thing, I'm writing an article in late September for the approaching end of the year. Yes, time is running out to send your club's selection for your AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year awardee for 2015.

While every club surely has its procrastinators among its membership, I know that there are those who have raised procrastination to a high art form by judging the timing so things happen at the last possible moment. Well, as you read in my opening statements, statements, I'm writing an article in September in order to receive your selections for inclusion by the end of 2015! There are time tables in all things and time is running short for 2015 so please consider making your selection soon.

We at the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year are dedicated to offering your club the opportunity to recognize your very own AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. The honor is all about publicly recognizing your club's most helpful, or most dedicated, or most volunteering, or most talented, or most whatever-you-choose characteristic or combination of characteristics to be honored in the pages of the AFMS and EFMLS newsletters for all to see and for all to join with you in recognizing the effort they made to become your honoree.

We request that only one honoree (or in case of a couple -two) be named each year. That said, we will also accept one junior member for the ACROY honor in addition to the adult honoree. Simply note the honoree's name and accomplishments (both humble and grand), note the honoree's club affiliation, mention your name as the submitter and then send the information to me and I will take it from there to have your honoree's deeds noted in the newsletters. It's that easy to have your honoree's accomplishments decorated with beautiful fall foliage.

For your convenience, my contact information is below and on the next to last page of this issue. Please send your information soon. Judging by the beginning-to-fall leaves, I hope the procrastinators realize that time is growing short for your 2015 honoree's to be recognized. In 2016 you will have a brand new honoree to procrastinate about -Yea!

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# MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying this fall season and getting the last of the season field trips in. The leaves are starting to change here in New Hampshire (end of September); the reds and yellow are showing the first signs of what is coming.

As many of you have heard the Merrill Dickinson, 2015 president of the EFMLS resigned in mid-September and I have accepted his resignation. As per our by-laws (Article XI, Section 2 & 3), as current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, I assumed the position of President, Dave Korzendorfer, assumed the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Barbara Ringhiser, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President elect assumed that position as of the date of Merrill's resignation. If you have any questions, please direct them to me (lgheath@comcast.net).

**Barbara Ringhiser**  
2nd Vice President

<bar5678 at comcast.net>

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in Nebraska and went to Hastings College. I enlisted in the Navy in the early 60's and went to Submarine School and then on to Nuclear Power School. I retired from the Navy in 1984 and started working for Public Service of New Hampshire Nuclear Power Plant in the engineering department. I retired from Seabrook in 2004.

**Bev Eisenacher**  
SECRETARY

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I learned how to cut cabochons during the last year I was in the Navy. After I retired, I learned how to cut faceted stones, and I was hooked. In time I learned how to do silversmithing and to work with gold. I joined the Southeastern Mineral Club and I am the current secretary.

**Jean Cransky**

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I am married and have 7 children. My wife Shirley is the editor of our club newsletter. We live in Kingston, New Hampshire, close to the ocean and also to the White Mountains. We have the best of both worlds.

I would like to thank all of the wonderful people who stepped forward to take up the work of being a committee chairperson. Thank you to all of you and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

**Andy Celmer**  
ASSISTANT TREASURER

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comcast.net>.

The holiday season is fast approaching, so at this time, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope that you enjoy that turkey. I would like to hear from all of you. My e-mail address is <heathlg@

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## EDITOR'S CORNER: MATERIAL FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER

by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair <mbateman500@gmail.com>

Activities usually abound for most clubs this time of year. It's also time for that dreaded chore to get busy and solicit articles for future issues of your publication.

Members are usually energized with the sweltering days of summer and early fall behind them. Now would be an opportune time to approach members to write articles for the newsletter/bulletin. Remember, it is harder to say "no" if you contact them in person rather than over the phone or even electronically. It is also easier to get a "yes" or "I can do that" if you give them a specific topic to write about. Don't forget the junior members—they are often overlooked and even a six-year old can submit something. Here are a few ideas for topics for material that you might ask someone to write:

■What did you do on your vacation (hobby related, of course)?

■What is your favorite mineral? Can you research it and write an article about it? (Include where it can be found, its hardness, its properties, what it is used for, etc. Perhaps even a picture(s) of the mineral.)

■What is your favorite fossil? Can you research it and write an article about it? (Include where the fossil can be found, how did it live and where did it roam, details on size and perhaps even what it ate. Maybe even a picture(s) of the fossil.)

■If there was a field trip—

Where did you go and what did you find?

What did others find?

Can you write an article about the mineral/fossil you or others found?

■Before the meeting, ask someone if they would be willing to do a summary of the meeting's program.

■If anyone has read an interesting book on the hobby, ask them if they could write a book report/review.

■There are a plethora of shows now on TV that relate to the hobby. These include gold mining, mineral hunting, fossils, how the earth was formed, etc. Ask someone who watches some of these shows to write a review/critique of a show.

■Don't forget the news—TV, newspaper, internet. Ask someone to write up an article about a recent story. It may be about a recently discovered mineral/fossil, an earthquake, volcanic eruption, etc.

These are only a few topics to get you started. You can probably come up with many more.

Juniors can contribute by submitting a special drawing, a poem, or article. Don't forget them. They are an invaluable source and are usually enthusiastic about doing something.

If you have a poet or artist in your club, ask them to submit a poem or drawing related to the hobby. Some members enjoy creating puzzles—ask them to create a special puzzle for the newsletter.



Don't overlook the photographer (amateur or professional). They can add lots of interest to a publication. Who doesn't like to see the pictures—especially if they are in one. The expression, "one picture is worth a thousand words," is so true.

A few words of caution—tell the person you are asking that they don't have to write a tome. It can be just a few paragraphs. Yes, it would be nice if they could make it longer, however, they may not have the time. By saying you want a page or two, you may be looking for a "no." Be realistic in giving them a time frame after asking them to submit material. You may not want to give them an immediate time frame—just ask for an article for a future newsletter/bulletin, however, don't make it too far into the future (they may just forget or not do it).

Good luck article hunting and remember to submit your bulletin, articles, poems, drawings, puzzles, etc. to the 2016 Bulletin Editors Contest. Although the EFMLS Convention isn't until October, 2016, the AFMS Convention is in July, 2016 and submissions will be due in early spring. Forms and criteria for the various categories are already on the EFMLS website under BEAC.

Submission info is as follows:

**Deadline: January 15, 2016**

**Submit to: Mary Bateman**

**EFMLS BEAC Chair**

**52 Harrison Street**

**Morristown, New Jersey 07960**

*Please note that NO submissions will be accepted via e-mail—hard copies only, however we ask that you also include a CD or DVD containing copies of your newsletter and articles to use as a back-up.*

If you have any question(s), please feel free to contact me at <mbateman500@gmail.com>.

# SAFETY MATTERS: TOUGH GUY

by Ellery Borow,, Safety Chair

Quite a few folks know I write safety articles for the AFMS News and several other newsletters. So, it was no surprise when a fellow came up to me at a local gem and mineral show and posed a question and a concern about field trip safety. His question pertained to a trip to a working mine and how to approach a matter of safety that was, to his way of thinking, different from that of the mine owner's point of view.

The fellow had seen a situation at the mine that he thought could have been more of a safety hazard than had the miner owner's representative. It is possible that the owner's representative may not have noted the potential of the hazard, or may perhaps not have noted the hazard itself. The owner's representative certainly did not know the physical abilities of the club members attending when judging a potential hazard. So, in effect, the instance was one where the fellow, a club officer, thought a situation was more hazardous to his club's members than did the mine owner's representative.

It is rather unusual, given operating equipment, mine workings, owners stocks, and the biggy -- company insurances, that a club officer wished to impose greater safety limits than those required by the mining company. This is not an issue faced by many field trip leaders, so, how does one approach an issue involving the hazard potential of any one particular situation? Even though instances such as this are seldom faced by field trip leaders, I'm a firm believer in having a plan for every situation. So here are some considerations:

1. Safety is, above all, paramount.
2. The field trip is usually at the request of the club, not the miner owners.
3. Mine and quarry workers are specially trained to stringent safety guidelines. Such workers are ever watchful and constantly monitor safety issues in their work areas. Club members on the other hand, are generally not trained to evaluate every potential safety issue in a working mine. Members are usually only given the site/mine specific instruction thought necessary for the area of collecting.
4. Of several sets of safety guidelines can be applied to a situation, the strictest set of rules should be utilized. Member safety must be paramount.
5. Field trip leaders of the club should be aware of club member's weaknesses - who is likely to dehydrate

faster than the others, who has a heart condition, who might have frailties needing to be monitored more than the rest, who might have balance issues, and so on. True, folks have to ultimately be responsibility for themselves but things such as dehydration can sneak up on person, even a responsible person. Trip leaders need to be ever watchful, it's part of the job description.

6. Safety precaution lectures by mine representatives, as I have personally witnessed on numerous occasions, consist of an arm I hand wave indicating stay away from (an arm wave for) "there" or you can collect over (an arm wave for) "here". And, oh, it is also necessary to wear your hard hats, safety shoes, gloves and goggles at all times. While those guidelines are good for most folks, there are those few who tend to want to stretch the limits of "there" or "here". My own preference is to have a more distinct or physical barrier between "there" and "here". Barriers can include wooden stakes and flagging, fences, a line of boulders, or painted lines on the ground. It's harder for wanders to ignore a distinct or physical limiter.

7. It's one thing if the owner's representative gives a field trip leader the safety specifics and then that person, in turn, passes the parameters on to the club members. It is quite another when the representative gives the specifics to everyone present at the same time. These are very different approaches in one important respect. If the mine representative passes the specifics to just the trip leader, the leader is then able to pass even more restrictive guidelines on to the members. If the members are given the specifics directly by the mine representative and then the club field trip leader wants to imposes even more restrictive guidelines, it is possible that members may want to know why the additional restriction were imposed by the trip leader. More stringent restrictions may be difficult to explain to members -unless a clear case is made as to why. Such a why talk may not be understood by members, or even by the mine representative. There has to be good level of confidence in the field trip leader's judgment if additional restrictions need to be applied, and accepted by members. With human nature being what it is, there will always be members who want to stretch the mine representative's hand wave of "there" and "here".

8. What happens if a field trip leader sees the need to impose greater restriction? Might the company see it as a

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calling into question their judgment? Might the company see such a judgment as a need to perhaps rethink their allowing field trips to their facility? Such instances certainly call for communication -communication indicating that the field trip leader knows the additional needs or abilities of the members, communication indicating that the field trip leader understands the collecting interests of the members, communication indicating the need to keep any wandering folks to tighter designated areas, and so on. Good negotiation skills, good communication skills, good safety backgrounds and judgements, good people skills are important in such instances.

9. One helpful guide in deciding limits is the clubs own field trip guide. Your club does have a field trip guide doesn't it? An actual printed guide can help make a case for "No" meaning "No". Case closed, end of story. A generalized written field trip safety guide can be helpful. It is also helpful to have some specialized guidelines that may be applied if necessary - especially in instances when implementing additional site restrictions based on the judgment of the field trip leader(s)

10. Speaking of judgment, let's say a member sees a collecting treasure just a foot or two on the other side of the line where collecting is not permitted. The member, by rights, should not just walk across that limit line by those two feet and pick up the treasure. That said, it might be possible to seek permission from the owner's representative to reach over those two (or three, or four or so) feet over the line. One should always be aware of the potential problems with any over-the-line collecting. The key is to try and avoid jeopardizing future trips -- or collecting on any slippery slopes.

There are numerous possibilities and pitfalls with any added restrictions. First and foremost is putting club member safety first --even if the field trip leader has to be the tough guy. All the official positions in a club have club constitutional or bylaw or other governing club document authority, therefore field trip leaders should be no less so authorized to do their job --after all, safety rules.

Be safe, you deserve no less. Please mind your field trip leaders.

## EACH ONE TEACH....ONE?

*by Betsy Oberheim <Aoberheim3@comcast.net>*

I was thinking about this award; "Each One Teach One" and wondered if it isn't impossible!

As I walk around our rock club meetings, rock shows, even flea markets, I hear people asking questions about rocks and minerals, and as someone explains the answer; other people gather to hear. You may start out teaching one, but its like dropping a pebble in a still pond; the ripples spread and affect many others.



Dealers of rocks, minerals and fossils are natural teachers; they delight in telling customers and others how the minerals formed, where colors came from, how old a specimen could be, etc. Unfortunately they do not always belong to a rock club, so that a member can nominate them.

But I am sure you have a fellow club member who is a natural teacher and enjoys an audience among the public. Its only a few minutes of your time to nominate that person and see how proudly they accept a certificate or plaque acknowledging their contribution to furthering our hobby.

## EFMLS INSURANCES

EFMLS insurance policies are due to be renewed in November. At this writing, insurance coordinator Carl Miller is still in negotiations with our carriers to ensure that we obtain the best rates for our coverages.

If you are your club's president or treasurer, watch both your e-mail and your postal box for the renewal notices which will be sent out as soon as they are available. Once received, please act on the notice promptly since there is only a short subscription period.

**Please note:** Insurance premiums are not the same as your EFMLS annual dues (separate forms to be sent in December).

# READY, SET, START ASSEMBLING!

by Hazel Remaley <northridge5@verizon.net>

The All American Club Award Program is a way for your club to record the accomplishments that have been achieved in the year 2015. This alert may be a bit late, but you can still do it.



The AFMS All American Award is essentially a history book about your club. In it, you're taking an inventory of what you're doing well and what could be improved. Clubs that

enter the All American Award competition find that just putting the book together provides them with valuable incite.

The book you assemble will be evaluated by a team of judges here in the EFMLS with results announced during the convention in Rochester, NY in October. Before that, the our EFMLS entries will be forwarded to the AFMS for

further judging against the entries from all the other regional federations with winners announced at the AFMS convention in Albany, OR in July (before our EFMLS convention!). I would like to have all entries by March 1, 2016.

You can now submit your entry via a CD, DVD or USB flash drive as well as via a loose-leaf notebook.

Large and small clubs have a chance for awards, but remember, that is just the bragging rights. The book that is assembled will be your club's history for the year and should be an asset to all of you.

The complete entry form begins below and continues on the next pages and should be on the AFMS website by the time you read this if you wish to download it.

Have questions? Contact me.

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## ALL AMERICAN CLUB "YEARBOOK" AWARD - FOR YEAR 2015

### SECTION 1 - CLUB INFORMATION (NO POINTS AWARDED)

Club Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date organized \_\_\_\_\_ Federation affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary/Life \_\_\_\_\_ Juniors \_\_\_\_\_

[Don't combine Honorary/Life with total adults.]

Meeting Place: \_\_\_\_\_

[Include city, state]

Person filling out form: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mission or purpose of the club: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION 2 – SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS (30+ POINTS POSSIBLE)

General Meetings: Number of meetings: \_\_\_\_\_ Average attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Programs: \*Include a separate list of programs for the year, including topic, speaker, etc.

Board Meetings: Number of meetings: \_\_\_\_\_ Average attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Officers: \*Include a separate list of officers, directors, and committee chairmen.

Junior Meetings: Number of meetings: \_\_\_\_\_ Average attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult leader(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus:** Separate junior workshops or events other than meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Group Meetings (Established groups): Number attending:

Cabbing: \_\_\_\_\_ Tumbling: \_\_\_\_\_ Carving: \_\_\_\_\_ Flint Knapping: \_\_\_\_\_

Faceting: \_\_\_\_\_ Metal-working/metalsmith: \_\_\_\_\_ Beading: \_\_\_\_\_

Mineral study: \_\_\_\_\_ Fossil study: \_\_\_\_\_ Intarsia: \_\_\_\_\_ Jewelry making: \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ [Indicate type.]

Social Events: Number attending Picnic: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Club hosts Show: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Dealers: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrators: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Displays: #: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Displays: #: \_\_\_\_\_

Bonus: Competitive Displays by members?: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Features: Club library: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook committee or Website committee: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Lapidary studio/workshop (supported by and available to members): Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trips: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ No. of trips in field \_\_\_\_\_ Other trips (museum, shows) \_\_\_\_\_

Other clubs invited? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Workshops: (beading, lapidary skills, jewelry, etc) : Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\*Include a separate list of workshops.

Club maintains an active Website: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ URL \_\_\_\_\_

Traveling club display (For other club shows, youth groups, schools, etc.): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Bonus:** Members performed as judges for Bulletin Editor's contest, Competitive displays or Website competitions?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (give names, details or photo documentation)

## SECTION 3 - PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Bulletin: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Bulletin name \_\_\_\_\_

Editor's name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Website: Show information posted : Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Meeting information posted : Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop information posted : Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting notices published in local media: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Show fliers posted in public places: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Show information published in local media: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Free or paid ads on TV or radio: Meeting notices: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Show information: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*Copies of supporting material to include in report: 1) fliers; 2) media articles about the club activities; 3) show ads; 4) show or meeting notices from newspapers; 5) articles copied from club newsletter; 6) screens shots from web; 7) other.*

## SECTION 4 - SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS (20+ POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served in Federation as Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:

Regional federation: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Include a separate list of members serving.)

AFMS: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Include a separate list of members serving.)

Members attended a Federation convention or show:

Regional Federation: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ AFMS: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds:

AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Endowment fund: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Other support for regional federations? (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Members gave programs for other clubs: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a separate list of programs.

Members attended other club shows, swaps, etc: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a separate list.

**Bonus:** Bulletin Editor is a member of Scribe: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*Supporting material should include lists of all the above persons, positions, etc, and could include pictures, copies of certificates, reports printed in club newsletter, thank-you notes, etc.*

## SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a separate list of those given.

Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a separate list of those given.

Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a separate list of sites.

Members maintained a booth, or an activity, at a local event: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a separate list of events.

Members donated materials to school, college, scouts, etc.: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Members active in local affairs: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*Supporting material for the above should provide details for these items, and could include pictures, thank you cards, letters and certificates of appreciation, reports from club newsletter, etc.*

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## SECTION 6 - GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served on governmental agency committees: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a separate list of those who served.

Members provided comments on governmental agency proposals, etc: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\*Include a separate list of proposals and participants.

Members contacted congressional representatives regarding legislation affecting access to sites, and collecting from same: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Include a separate list of representatives contacted and legislation, or copies of letters.

Members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations like ALAA: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\*Include a separate list of organization(s).

**Bonus:** Club is member of ALAA: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

*Supporting materials should include details for all of the above items, reports from club newsletter, and should include copies of correspondence.*

## SECTION 7 - OVERALL FORMAT AND PRESENTATION - (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

This section evaluates neatness, organization, grammar, spelling, and overall presentation of material

## SCORING AND AWARDS

Gold All-American Club Award: 90 - 100 points (average of three)

Silver All-American Club Award: 80 - 89 points (average of three)

Bronze All-American Club Award: 70 - 79 points (average of three)

Honorable Mention: Less 70 points (average of three)

**Bonus** +1 point for each

## Instructions for completing the entry form:

1. Each entry can be submitted either as A) single document, limited to a maximum of 100 pages (one- or two-sided), including text and graphics. A loose leaf notebook or a scrapbook are suitable binders. Or B) one pdf file with bookmarks to indicate sections, with maximum page count of 100 pages. This can be emailed or mailed on a flash drive or burned to CD or DVD.

2. The document should have six (6) sections, divided with the numbers 1 - 6, with the entry form in section 1 and the supporting documentation (or scan of documents) for each of the entry sections following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any one section, **PROVIDED THE TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS DOES NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES.**

3. When filling out the entry form, mark all appropriate blanks and entry numbers, or other information where requested. Assemble requested supporting materials and lists following the appropriate section divider and insert photos and other graphics following the typed information.

4. All requested material is **for the year 2015.**

5. Deadline for submitting to the EFMLS chairman Hazel Remaley northridge5@verizon.net) is **March 15, 2016.**

## THE AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

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I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.



## AFMS LAND USE POLICY

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1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assures compliance with most statutes and regulations governing collecting on public lands and encourages respect for private property rights and the environment. Clubs are urged to read the AFMS Code of Ethics in at least one meeting every year, to publish the Code frequently in the club newsletter, and to compel compliance on club field trips.

2. Individuals and clubs are urged to write their elected representatives and land use management agency supervisors regarding issues of rule making, legislation and enforcement affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.

3. Individuals and clubs are urged to join and support activities of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), a sister organization with responsibility for advancing the interests of earth science amateurs with legislatures and land use management agencies.

4. The AFMS will receive a report from ALAA at its annual meeting.

5. The AFMS endorses the principle of multiple use of public lands as a guarantee of continuing recreational opportunities.

6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with the principle of multiple use. In view of the vast amount of public land already designated as wilderness and monuments, future such designations should be minimal, taking into account the increased demand for recreational opportunities, including rockhounding, created by a growing population.

7. In furtherance of the principle of multiple use, the AFMS believes that laws, regulations and rules established by relevant governmental authorities should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands, coupled with minimal restrictions on the recreational collection of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.

8. A right to collect minerals and fossils on public lands should be protected by statute.

9. The AFMS urges its members to work with any or all government authorities to achieve a good working relationship in order to improve the "Public Image" of recreational collectors.

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*from Matt Charsky*

### October:

17-18: Annual Rock & Gem Club Show sponsored by the Kanawa Rock & Gem Club. So. Charleston Community Center, 601 Jefferson Rd., Charleston, WV.

24: Annual "Ultraviolation" (Fluorescent mineral show) sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks Co. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Rd; Fairless Hills, PA.

31: South Penn Fall Rock Swap sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania and Franklin County Rock & Mineral Clubs. South Mountain Fairgrounds near Arendtsville, PA (Rt 234).

### November:

7-8: 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Gemarama 2015: "Rocks in the USA" hosted by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. **NEW LOCATION:** Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, Hall C; Oaks, PA.

7-8: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock & Gem Show sponsored by the Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club. Brewer Auditorium, 203 State St; Brewer, ME.

7-8: 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd; Old Greenwich, CT

14-15: New York City Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the New York Mineralogical Club. Holiday Inn Midtown Manhattan, 440 W 57<sup>th</sup> St; New York City, NY.

21-22: 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. So. Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL.

21-22: 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. George Mason University, The HUB Ballroom, Rte 123 & Braddock Rd; Fairfax, VA

21: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mineral/Fossil Fest sponsored by the Lancaster Co. Fossil & Mineral Club. Trinity Church of Christ, 450 W Main St; Mountville, PA.

27-29: 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society Show sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society. Salem Civic Center, 1001 Boulevard, Salem, VA

### April:

2-3: 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the New Haven Mineral Club. Amity Regional Middle School, Sheffield Rd; Orange, CT.

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