

# EFMLS NEWS

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



## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

*by Dave Korzendorfer, President*

As the incoming President of EFMLS, I have an opportunity to write a note each month with something that I feel is important to share. In this initial note, I've decided to share the reasons for why I became more involved with EFMLS and what I hope to achieve during my tenure as President. I am encouraged by the fact that I will be working with a group of people who have been involved with the Federation and have a desire to see it be a great organization.

I have been a club President and officer for many years with the Bristol Gem and Mineral Club in central Connecticut. As a club President, I viewed the role of EFMLS as a source of needed insurance for our club, and, when our club was smaller, as a source of programs for our monthly meetings. It wasn't until our club hosted the annual meeting in 2009 that I became aware of the many other activities of the organization. Unfortunately, as is true for many clubs, our club failed to take advantage of the benefits of being a member of EFMLS. I decided to become more involved so I could try and get more clubs involved in what EFMLS has to offer.

There are two ways EFMLS tries to engage with clubs: through the activities of the Regional Vice Presidents and "EFMLS News," the monthly bulletin. There are eight Regional Vice Presidents in the EFMLS, and part of their role is to visit with local clubs to learn of their needs and make them aware of EFMLS benefits. EFMLS News, as the name suggests, typically contains EFMLS news, announcements about upcoming events, such as workshops at Wildacres, and articles from one or more of the committee chairs. Often, one of the committee chairs will be looking for nominations from clubs for various awards. Sometimes, however, the focus on award nominations makes it easy to lose track of the activity that the nomination is for. As an example, it wasn't until I had a recent discussion with Hazel Remaly about the All American Award that I realized that the activity behind the award was production of a club yearbook, which highlights the activities of the club and can be used "to tell the club story" to new members, attendees at a show or anyone with an interest in learning what the club does. Putting aside the "rules" for winning the award, the purpose makes a lot of sense and is something worthwhile doing as a club.

As I have learned more about EFMLS by being involved, my goal is to help more clubs understand the benefits of the EFMLS and to make EFMLS a resource for ideas and solutions for problems that are faced by individual clubs. I hope to achieve this by focusing the organization on programs that help our clubs grow so that we can sustain the hobby and address some of the common problems we all face. Balancing the needed involvement to effect change with all of life's other activities (work, family, and other club responsibilities) will be my challenge for what I can accomplish. I hope everyone reading this note will help me out with my goal.

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## SPRING 2017 WILDACRES

Spring 2017 EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres  
**Monday, May 22 – Sunday May 27**

Speaker-in-Residence

**Bob Jones**

Class schedule and more information next month

**Plan Ahead Now!**

### FRED SCHAEFERMEYER

Fred Schaefermeyer, past president of both EFMLS (1990) and AFMS (1995). passed away after a battle with leukemia. He was 97. We'll include a tribute to Fred in the next EFMLS News.

In the meantime, contributions in his memory may be sent to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, %Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD.

### AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

*from Ellery Borow, Eastern Coordinator*

The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse is pleased to recognize **Rick Moore** as our 2016 Rockhound of the Year. Rick is a credtialed geologist always willing to share his expertise. He is enthusiastically involved with our club's educational and public outreach programs. He frequently speaks at monthly club and Junior Rockhound meetings and offers presentations to local schools. Last year Rick provided leadership in evaluating several rock collections donated by families of former members. He continues to serve as our club's webmaster technical advisor and Facebook coordinator. Under his direction, the online advertising for the club's 50th anniversary reached significantly more people than in the past. Rick is an invaluable member of our organization.

submitted by Cheryl Brown, Secretary

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## VISIT A SHOW

*from Carolyn Weinberger*

### October:

29: South Penn Rock Swap & Sale sponsored by the Franklin County Rock & Mineral Clubs. So. Mountain Fairgrounds, 615 Narrows Rd; Biglerville, PA.

30: Annual Sale & Auction sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Washington, DC. The Woman's Club of Bethesda, Old Georgetown Rd and 5500 Sonoma Rd; Bethesda, MD 20817. Info: <[www.glmmsdc.org](http://www.glmmsdc.org)>.

### November:

5 – 6: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show – Gemarama 2016 sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center at Oaks, Hall C. Contact: Amy Karash <[amy.karash@gmail.com](mailto:amy.karash@gmail.com)>

12: Annual Fossil and Mineral Show sponsored by the Lancaster County Fossil & Mineral Club. Trinity United Church, 450 W Main St; Mountville, PA. Contact Christopher Haefner <[silverfordinc@yahoo.com](mailto:silverfordinc@yahoo.com)>

19-20: 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Jewelry, Gem, Fossil & Mineral Show sponsored by the Worcester Mineral Club. Natuional Guard Armory, 701 Lincoln St; Worcester, MA. Contact: Phil Papogian <[philip320@yahoo.com](mailto:philip320@yahoo.com)>.

19-20: 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. The Hub Ballroom at George Mason University. Braddock Rd & Rt. 123, Fairfax, VA. Contact: <[novaminalclub.org](http://novaminalclub.org)>

### March:

4 – 5: 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. NEW LOCATION: University of Delaware, Wilmington Campus, 2800 Penn Ave (Rt. 52), Wilmington, DE. Contact: Gene Hartstein <[gene@fossilnut.com](mailto:gene@fossilnut.com)>.

11: 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Micromount Symposium sponsored by the Leidy Micromount Society. Northminster Presbyterian Church, 140 Trenton Rd; Fairless Hills, PA. Contact: Don McAlarnen <[don.mcalarnen@hpe.com](mailto:don.mcalarnen@hpe.com)> or 610-584-1364.

18-19: 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual GLMS/MC Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co. MD. Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St; Gaithersburg, MD. Contact: Doug Baum <[dbaum18@aol.com](mailto:dbaum18@aol.com)>, 240-888-7485 or <[glmsmc.com](http://glmsmc.com)>

24-26: Annual Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Dr SE; Hickory, NC 28602. Info: Dean Russell 828-303-1448 or <[cvgmsecretary@aol.com](mailto:cvgmsecretary@aol.com)>.

25-26: CVMC 2017 Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Hadley Farms Meeting House, Rt. 9, 41 Russell St; Hadley, MA. Contact: Lee Champigny, 413-320-9741 or <[pullg4fun@gmail.com](mailto:pullg4fun@gmail.com)> or <[westernmassmineralshow.com](http://westernmassmineralshow.com)>

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