

EFMLS NEWS

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



EDITOR'S CORNER

by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair



Congratulations to all whom AFMS national awards were given. EFMLS clubs and authors did really well. The list of winners is in the August-September issue of the EFMLS News beginning on page 5. A special note of congratulations go to first place winners Michael Pabst (*"Formarierite,"* Micomounters of the National Capital Area) for Original Adult Article; Otis Kidwell Burger (*"On The Rocks,"* New York Mineralogical Society for Adult Poetry; and Kristin Lolmaugh (The Rockhounder, GLMS/Montgomery County, MD) for New Editor. Great Job! to them and to all who received national awards.

This month's column is all about getting ahead of the game and things to do. We are all busy with our daily lives -- family, club, friends, hobby activities, etc. As a result, we tend to put off until the last minute (and even second) to do something -- whether it be large or small. Listed are four things for you. Two you can do right now and two are special requests.

1. Now that summer is officially over, the kids are in school, and we are reinvigorated by the fall weather, it is time to pull out those issues of your newsletter that you have worked so hard on this

year. While you may change your mind come December, you can start weeding out those newsletters or contents that you may want to enter into the contest. (Entries will be due on January 5.) Doing this now will allow you to enjoy the holidays without the stress of deciding what to enter and filling out the forms during the busy holiday season hanging over your head. Look ahead and start now to decide what you want to enter and enjoy the holidays.

2. March and April is a great time of year in Hickory, North Carolina. The 2015 EFMLS Convention will be sponsored by the Catawba Gem and Mineral Club March 27 through March 29 at the Hampton Inn. (See page 7 of the EFMLS News, August-September 2014 for more details.) Sunday, March 29, will be the annual awards presentation Editors' Breakfast. Plan now to attend the convention and rejuvenate yourself by taking a vacation exploring the beautiful area surrounding Hickory either before or after the convention.

3. We are in the process of obtaining judges for the contest. If you know of someone you think would make a good judge, please forward their name and contact information to me at mbateman500@gmail.com. Judges are an important part of the contest. Just like the entries, without them, there would be no contest.

4. Your help is needed. The

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Decade Club was established to acknowledge those editors who have served their clubs in that capacity for more than ten (10) years. If you are not already a member of the Decade Club and have served as editor for you club for ten or more years, please let me know so that we can include you in the Club and list you in the 2015 program. If you are not sure if you are a member, you can find the list on the EFMLS website.

EFMLS OFFICERS 2014 - 2015



A NEW BEGINNING by Merrill Dickinson, President

A message to the Rank and File

Well here it is, time to get started in a new term and year, FY 2014-2015. It looks like we, the Federation, (you are the Federation), the officers, the committee members and I will be experiencing some challenging events, as we have had in the past two years of my climb up the ladder. Those who have preceded me can attest to governing the Federation was and is still not an easy task. The system is full of many hurdles, rules, restrictions, personalities, negativities and issues that need constant attention. So this year, I will try to address these conditions to make things better and easier to handle. My challenge to you is for you to join the team and work with me to get things done. We will need to work fast, we only have one year to make a difference.



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Let us see what was accomplished in the past two years. In FY 2012-2013, of course we held our annual convention and business meeting in Long Island, NY, hosted by the Island Rockhounds and the Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club. As I recall, nothing earth shaking took place at the General Meeting and the Federation's affairs went on as usual. In FY 2013-2014, the Convention and Annual Meeting was held in Plymouth Meeting Pennsylvania, hosted by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society. This event went off with "Robert's Rules" being tested, but there was a little more ruffling of the winds at the General Meeting. A motion was made to review the Federation's Bylaws and a committee was formed to take care of this. The review is still in progress and information will be forth coming. Discussion was held on what we can do to assist the Federation's member clubs with their programs. Perhaps, a future generation can resurrect this?

Now comes the good news about FY 2014-2015. It will start off with a bang, beginning with the Convention and General Meeting to be held in Hickory, NC, hosted by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club. All of the chairpersons with a few committees for the Federation are in place, half of the Regional Vice Presidents were elected and we are moving on, hopefully in a new direction. There is a Proposal to the Federation in the works that you will hear more about in the near future through the directors (your club Presidents) and the newsletters. Hopefully this proposal will be approved with an overwhelming majority vote.

Ask not what can the Federation do for you
Ask what can you do for the Federation!

Merrill



EOTO AWARD SEEKS YOU!

by Betsy Oberheim, Chair



Can you believe that the holidays are just around the corner again? As soon as we start to recuperate from them the EFMLS Convention will be upon us and then, shortly thereafter, EFMLS Wildacres and field collecting season here in the north. With the year flying by you need to start thinking about who you wish to nominate for the EFMLS Each One Teach One Award. Entries need to reach me by February 26th so our judges can decide on which person should receive the EOTO Award at the March convention in Hickory, NC. Please don't wait that long!

The Each One Teach One Award was established as a way of recognizing individuals in our clubs who go out and teach others about our hobby – all without monetary compensation.

I'm sure you have an idea now who deserves to be the EOTO award winner in your club. Who is the speech-maker, the teacher, the communicator, in your club? We have several, which is why our club is so healthy and growing. These are the people who bring in new members. who go to community organizations and tell them about rocks and minerals, but, more importantly: how to enjoy them. I wish I had an amethyst crystal for every person who shows me a rock they found somewhere and says "Its so neat, what is it?", I could build my own geode!! When that person comes to the club meeting, who is it that explains and answers their questions? Who is the person who teaches others how to cut cabochons or faceted stones; make jewelry or string beads because they enjoy doing so?

The Each One Teach One program is an excellent way for you to recognize the efforts made by these people over the years. Just fill out the simple form that's on page 6 and ask a club officer to endorse it and then mail it to me. It's that easy!

Don't hesitate; you'll be too busy the next 2 months. Write me now; the application is in this issue!

ALL AMERICAN AWARD PROGRAM

by Hazel Remaley, Chair

The All American Club Award Program is a way for your club to record the accomplishments that have been achieved in the year 2014. This alert may be late, but you can still do it. The form to be followed is included in this issue (page ___) and should be on the AFMS website shortly.



The book you assemble will be judged by my judges here in the EFMLS with results announced during the convention in Hickory, NC at the end of March. The entries will then be forwarded to the AFMS or further judging against the entries from all the other regional federations with winners announced at the AFMS convention in Austin, TX in October. I would like to have all entries by January 31, 2015.

One change for this year is that you can now submit your entry via a CD, DVD or USB flash drive. Some points have been adjusted for the various categories as well.

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.

Have questions? Contact me.

PLEASE NOTE:

SOME EFMLS COMMITTEE CHAIRS
HAVE CHANGED.

SEE PAGE 13 FOR THE COMPLETE LIST.

2015 EFMLS CONVENTION NEWS

by Larry Huffman

To Be Presented For Your Viewing Pleasure

At the March 27-29, 2015 EFMLS Convention to be held in conjunction with Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Show there will be many once-in-a-lifetime gems to see. "Somewhere in the Rainbow" is a privately owned collection from the Phoenix AZ area.

This collection first started in 2008 with the purchase of several world class faceted stones. Since then the collection has grown to several hundred items which are comprised of 40% finished jewelry and 60% unmounted stones/carvings. The focus of this collection is to make the collection accessible to the public for educational purposes through exhibits in museums, galleries, jewelry associations, and shows. With over \$10,000,000 in value, this collection is considered to be of the highest and unique quality. A portion of this collection will be available for your viewing at the convention; an extremely rare opportunity to see such rare gems. This will be the first showing East of the Mississippi.

Several important area representations will be available for your viewing:

- A World Class Hiddenite, NC Emerald in a designer necklace
- A newly found flawless 3.25 Hiddenite from Hiddenite, NC
- A 48.30ct Jackson Crossroads, GA Amethyst of rich deep color. (These last two items will be displayed in memory of Terry Ledford who tragically was killed in a mining accident in September of this year. Terry was a long time friend and an exhibitor at the CVGMC Show.)

Added Field Trip

The CVGMC show has added a 2nd field trip. On Monday Harry Polly, Field trip advisor, will lead a group to the Propst Farm, in north Lincoln County, North Carolina.

Propst Farm has for decades been a source of large euhedral corundum(Sapphire) crystals in various colors, including red, pink and deep blue. Corundum was first discovered by locals as loose crystals in their plowed fields and gardens. When the Propsts stopped farming the land, they began to allow rock hounds to access the fields and adjacent forest to collect for a small fee. Mrs. Propst, now a widow, continues to allow rock hounding on her property, but she greatly frowns on having large groups show up all at once. It is my understanding that her dislike of large

groups is mostly due to a certain unsavory former member of a rockhounding club who, while on a club trip there, threatened to kick her dog. Upon seeing this, she banned that person and all clubs from the site. However, it didn't take Mrs. Propst long to mellow so that she now allows individuals and small groups to access the property for a fee of \$5 per person.

There will be more information about this 2nd field trip in next month's news article. Don't miss this great extended weekend the CVGMC has planned for the delegates and guest to the EFMLS convention.

Till Next month

HAVE YOU AND YOUR CLUB JOINED ALAA?

As you read last month, more and more of our public lands are being closed due to the greed of a few individuals who do not understand how precious the rights of collecting on our public lands is.



The American Lands Access Association is a 501(C)(4) organization that was formed to fight for our right as rockhounds to continue to collect on public lands. The more members ALAA has, the more influence its leaders have in talking with the "powers that be" -- our representatives in Washington, the BLM, various state and local entities etc. It's nice to be able to say "we have 50,000 members" when approaching these folks and working with them to keep our public lands open for our collecting enjoyment.

Club membership is \$50.00 per year while individual membership just \$25.00.

To join the ALAA, please visit their website <www.amlands.org> and download, fill out and mail in an application form. Your individual and club memberships can make a difference!

SAFETY MATTERS – STOP!

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair

Yes, Stop...Look...Listen and be safe. One often hears that there is no such thing as an accident. I however, do subscribe to the notion that there are accidents, that there are things we have no control over.

One may have an automobile with which one has followed every recommended maintenance schedule, had regular service of its many parts and pieces, and secures second opinions on any matter that is of concern, and yet still have a problem with occasional breakdowns at the most inconvenient times. Thus, problems and accidents still occur – even with the most thoughtful and pro-active attention to maintenance and service schedules. That said, I still have to believe that by reading the manual, following the guidelines, paying attention to what one is doing, and minding ones common sense, one can prevent the vast majority of those inconvenient things we call accidents.

Being human beings, we sometimes get into a groove, a rut, a certain way of doing things. In fact, we do some things so often we hardly pay attention to what we are doing. How many times have you swung a rock hammer, lit a jewelers torch, touched a stone to a grinding wheel? Do you think of all the many associated safety concerns with each of those actions? I'm guessing probably not, just because we do those activities (and so very many other routine tasks) so often that our brains just sort of go on automatic during the activity. After all, we have done those things hundreds of times, maybe thousands of times – and all without incident or accident.

Well yes, routine tasks are indeed routine, but let me assure you that no two activities or actions, no matter how similar they may appear, are, or can never be, completely and exactly the same. In those small dissimilarities from one torch lighting to the next, from one hammer swing to the next, from one touch of a stone to the wheel to the next, the safety gremlins lurk and with the slightest of opportunities invite those pesky little accidents into our lives.

Yes stopping, looking, listening and all those many other precautions required to be safe take time away from the activities we enjoy, but so do trips to get a bandage, finding the antibiotic ointment, or dare I say, trips to the hospital.

Stopping, looking and listening with each activity we do is what we already do on some basic subconscious level with our attention. Things we perceive

as higher risk get more of our attention. The problem is that even those low risk repetitions, monotonous, boring tasks, can pose risks and as such deserve our full attention. Now how does one keep ones full attention tuned in to the task at hand for safety's sake? Some suggestions:



1. Keep in mind every activity is a new and different one, even for tasks as simple as the strike of a rock hammer.
2. Every activity is a chance to practice your technique.
3. Every activity offers the opportunity to see it in a new light.
4. Every activity presents a chance to learn.
5. Every activity is new and fertile ground to be creative.
6. Every activity has the potential to be boring, but deserves to receive your full attention especially when safety is of concern.

Yes stop, look, listen. In fact, feel free to employ all of your senses, even ones that one may not thing appropriate. I've been known to prevent disaster by sensing vibration from an unbalanced silicon grinding wheel and shutting down the machine before an accident occurs. Yes, use all your senses, even the most common one – that of common sense. You're safety matters and that is no accident.

Gobble till ya



WOBBLE!
Happy Thanksgiving!

EACH ONE TEACH ONE APPLICATION

Please print all information clearly.
Use a separate form for each nominee.
Forms may be duplicated.

Name of Club or Society: _____

Nominates the following named club member to receive the Each One Teach One Award for the year 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (include area code): _____

E-mail: _____

Please explain why this person should receive this award. (A single page may be attached).

Name of Club nominee is affiliated with _____

Name of Club Officer presenting nominee's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (including area code) _____

E-mail: _____

Club Office held _____

Mail To:

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Deadline for all nominations is February 26, 2015

ALL AMERICAN CLUB "YEARBOOK" AWARD (FOR THE YEAR 2014)

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: _____

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

General Meetings:

Number of meetings _____ Average attendance _____ Guests _____ Door Prizes: Yes ___ No ___

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 ___ # _____

Members working at show: # _____ Members attending: # _____

Member Displays: # _____ Junior Displays : # _____

Bonus: Competitive Displays by members? Yes _____ No _____

Special Features: Club library: Yes ___ No ___ Number of books: _____

Yearbook committee or Website committee: Yes ___ No ___

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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 _____ Non-members allowed? 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 _____

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) _____

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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, nursing home, 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.

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.

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 pgs. This can be emailed or mailed on a flash drive or burned to CD.

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 2014.

5. Deadline for submitting to the AFMS chairman (rmkapta@comcast.net) is April 15, 2015. **Check with your regional chairs for their deadlines.**

THE RULES!

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS ACROY Chair

The rules for the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year (ACROY) are rather straight forward. They do however, as club administrations go and come, need to be mentioned from time to time so as to eliminate any confusion as to what the ACROY is all about.

The AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year is an honor a club may bestow on one (or in the case of a couple – two) of their members as well as a junior member each calendar year. In any given year the ACROY committee may see as many as 109 (or however many clubs may be members of the Eastern Federation) as honorees.

Each there there is one EFMLS Citation recipient, one Each One Teach One winner, one trophy winner in the Web Site contest and so on. There could potentially be 109 winners, or honorees, of the Club Rockhound of the Year. In effect, every name submitted as a club's honoree is a winner (the first submission per club per year is the one recognized). Every club submitting their honoree's name to the ACROY committee will have their honored member's name and accomplishments mentioned within the pages of the EFMLS and American Federation Newsletters. A brief article will mention the accomplishments for all to see and appreciate. By so listing your club's honoree within these pages, other clubs get to join with your members in recognizing your honored member.

The catch to being an official EFMLS and AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year is the need to send in your selection to me so I can accomplish the necessary paperwork and send the information on to the respective bulletin editors for publication and to the AFMS chair as well. All I need from you and your club is the name (or names of your honoree couple) along with a brief 100 word or so write-up of their accomplishments. (Yes, I know. Honorees probably need several pages worth of space to describe all they do for your club, but all we can offer is about 100 words due to space limitations in the newsletters. Be sure to mention the honorees club as well as the name of the submitter in your write-up. Any club member may submit an entry!

The most important thing to remember is that we cannot recognize your good fortune in having your special member if you don't send us the information! The choice of the person (or couple) you select is completely up to you.

The clock is ticking...the deadline for making your 2014 submission is December 15, 2014. Don't lose out on this wonderful recognition opportunity.

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

The Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore wishes to recognize one of our relatively newer members, Joe Gehring for his hard work and dedication to the club.

In April, 2014 the building where our meetings and workshop are located fell victim to a massive flood with 18" of water and mud inundating our space. Although the landlord did some clean-up work in removing much of the mud and left over standing water, Joe spent hours over the next week removing tools and supplies from cabinets and powerwashing and mopping the floor to remove all the muck and water. Primarily through Joe's efforts, our workshop was able to reopen for classes and meetings just 3 weeks after the flood.

Joe also spends both days working at our annual show running the Genie and slab saw so visitors get an opportunity to learn the art of stone cutting. He manages the maintenance of our workshop equipment, quietly brings refreshments to most meetings, volunteers to talk with visitors whenever we do a community outreach and so much more. The Guild is most fortunate to have Joe as our member and we thank him for his dedication and hard work.



AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

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

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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October:

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18 – 19: 42nd Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave, Bristol, CT.

18 – 19: Annual NJMS Fall Outdoor Rock Swap & Sale sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society. Sterling Hill Mining Museum, 30 Plant St; Ogdensburg, NJ

25-26: 45th Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society. Main Street Armory, 900 E Main St., Rochester, NY

25-26: 43rd Annual ROCKtober-FEST Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show & Sale sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. Community College of RI, Rte 113; Warwick, RI.

25: Annual “Ultraviolation” Fluorescent Mineral Show sponsored by the Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Rd., Fairless Hills, PA

November:

1 – 2: 45th Annual Gemarama 2014 sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. School at Church Farm, 1001 E Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA 19341.

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March:

7 – 8: 52nd Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Delaware Technical & Community College, 400 Stanton-Christiana Rd; Newark, DE

28-29: 65th Annual EFMLS Convention and Show hosted by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC. EFMLS Annual Meeting, Friday evening, March 27.

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