

# EFMLS NEWS

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



## EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND NEWS

by Fran Sick, EFF Chair



The Eastern Foundation Fund was established as an endowment to provide funds which will assure a sound financial basis for present and future operation of the

Eastern Federation. Only the interest from the fund is used, and expenditures require the approval of the EFMLS Executive Board. Donations made to the fund, whether by clubs or their individual members, are all included in tallying the accumulated contributions of the club. When a club's accumulated contributions reach a new 100% level of giving (\$1.00 per club member) that club is presented a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing their generosity and commitment to the EFF.

And when a club reaches a new 1000% level of giving their name is engraved on a plate and added to the EFF "Roll of Honor" plaque. Without the generosity of these clubs and their members some important programs of the Eastern Federation would either not be possible or would be greatly reduced.

It is my very great privilege and pleasure to announce that I was able to present Certificates of Appreciation to the following eight clubs at the

EFMLS Awards Banquet in Syracuse on Saturday evening, July 9, 2011.

**Delaware Mineralogical Society**  
100% Certificate

**Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore**  
100% Certificate

**Northern Virginia Mineral Club**  
100% Certificate

**Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club**  
200% Certificate

**Micromineralogists Of The National Capital Area**  
200% Certificate

**Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club**  
200% Certificate

**Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club**  
500% Certificate

**Gem, Lapidary and Lapidary Society of Montgomery County, MD**  
500% Certificate

Congratulations and sincere thanks to all of these clubs for their outstanding generosity and support for the Eastern Foundation Fund. I look forward to hearing from the other 107 clubs of the EFMLS and to presenting many more certificates at the 2012 convention next September.

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## BULLETIN ARTICLES

from Ye Olde Editor

The top ten articles and poems from the latest AFMS Editor's Contest have been scanned and should be on the AFMS website ([www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)) by the time this issue reaches your mailbox.

These may be used in your own club bulletin provided that you give credit to the author and bulletin that it was originally published in.



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## FROM THE TOP!

by Betsy Oberheim, EFMLS President

As this is my last president's message to you, I'm rather overwhelmed as to what I need to say. The first thing I want to do is thank all the wonderful, patient, kind, and wise members who have helped me muddle through this past year. When I was first president of our club and attended an EFMLS convention, I was awed at the magnitude of the group, and the many facets of this gem. Look at the long lists of officers and committee heads; so many hard-working people have given of their time to make sure each club has the security to operate. Insurance problems, classes (such as Wildacres), land management concerns, legal issues, and that is just the tip of the iceberg of all that is offered to local clubs. I now appreciate how lucky we are to have the backing of these knowledgeable individuals.

The other concern I have is for the future, and that is expressed in our youth. Sadly there are clubs with very few kids, and we aren't getting any younger. Please encourage the kids in any way you can and reward the common interest we share so they can fill our (steel-tipped) shoes, and keep rock-hounding alive. I've been teaching for 50 years and it's the most rewarding career. The interest and enthusiasm in young faces when you present exciting rocks, minerals or stories, or attend a field trip and watch them find their first fossil, is so exciting that it makes you feel young again.

Thank you all again for making this past year an exciting, fun-filled learning experience. Those of you not acquainted with R. J. Harris, our new president, are in for a treat. He has been our clubs president twice and is an awesome, talented, versatile, whacky guy. R. J.; meet an awesome, talented, versatile, and sometimes really whacky organization!! I know you two will get along just great.

Betsy



## YA COULDA FOILED ME!

Our EFMLS President gets into the act at Wildacres!



## WILDACRES APPRECIATION AWARD

by Betsy Oberheim, EFMLS President



The Wildacres Appreciation Award is given by the President of the Eastern Federation in recognition of outstanding contributions to the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops.

This year's Wildacres Appreciation Award goes to two people, but one family; Bruce and Cathy Gaber. Cathy actually came up with the idea for this award when she was EFMLS President. Before her untimely passing in late 2007, she originated and coordinated the sharing time program and for two years obtained our speakers. She taught many classes, including Beaded Bezels, Precious Metal Clay, Chain Making, and Mineral Identification, she wrote numerous excellent articles about Wildacres for the EFMLS News, and contributed many humorous stories for the Wildacres Prospect each session.. Together Cathy and Bruce produced the wonderful short Wildacres video that EFMLS references on our website (it is also available on YouTube). Cathy did the writing and narration and Bruce the filming and editing.



For about 15 years Bruce has been the chief auctioneer and group picture photographer at almost every session. He is currently responsible for obtaining the wonderful Wildacres speakers and introduces them with an informative background about each.



Bruce is also a wonderful teacher and has taught classes in Pewter Fabrication, Mineral and Gem Photography, as well as cabochon making. Bruce and Cathy have been valuable members and cornerstones of Wildacres and are both very deserving of this honor.

## EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Hazel Remaley

Fall Greetings to all,

I receive many club newsletters and enjoy reading them all. Through the years I have seen many listings of just who does what at the club shows. I see the same names over and over. These club members are teaching and demonstrating using their knowledge of their particular expertise. I am not saying that each person who helps out at a club show is due the honor of the award of Each One Teach One, but what other times do these folks spend teaching and volunteering? Keep your eyes open for your fellow club friends.

More word next month about the program. Also, remember if your club has nominated a member and they have not been awarded the Trophy award, I encourage you to nominate he or she or a couple.

Questions?, contact me.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

from Ye Olde Ed



Founded in 1886, the New York Mineralogical Club celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding on

September 21 with a gala dinner. The club is the oldest such organization in the United States.

Notable members have includ-

ed George F. Kunz, Edward S. Dana, Clifford Frondell, and Fred Pough and numerous minerals have been named after members.

# IT WAS A WONDERFUL WILDACRES!

by Ye Olde Ed



We're just back from the fall EFMLS Wildacres Workshop and what a terrific week it was. Although our attendance was a bit light (57 this time) due to cancellations as a result of "Irene", those that did come, had a wonderful experience.

Speaker-in-Residence Steve Chamberlain gave six outstanding talks during the week. Five were on the minerals and mineral collectors of New York (his specialty) and the sixth was on Hosta Ploidy (another specialty). We learned about several important NY state localities, saw the collecting areas, and learned about some of the more important mineral collectors - both past and present - and learned about their contributions to the field. Steve patiently answered the numerous questions from the audience, then generously donated copies of his talks for the auction... and once the initial contribution was sold, volunteered to make additional copies for those wishing to add a contribution to the auction.

The week began on a soggy note as Tropical Storm Lee churned its way northward dumping several inches of rain of much needed rain on Wildacres. By Wednesday the weather cleared and the Thursday "free day" activities were held in bright sunshine. Several went to the Presnell Kyanite Mine while others toured the area or went to Asheville to visit Biltmore or the various shops in town.

Classes hummed along with participants making fabulous items.

This session featured Chain Maille, Polymer Clay, Scrimshaw, Silversmithing, Faceting, Cabochons, Cold Connections, Reactive Metals, Gem ID and Wirewrapping.

The end of the week Fun Night was a resounding success -- one of the funniest in years - as a number of good stories, puns, gags, and songs filled the bill.

Dates for 2012 will be announced as soon as they are available later this fall. Look for them, probably in the December EFMLS News, and then plan on sending your application in so that you too can join the fun.



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## VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

### September:

24-25: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD Rt 32; West Friendship, MD

30 – October 2: Desautels Micro-mount Symposium hosted by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MHA Conference Center, Elkridge MD.

### October:

1: Fall Mineralfest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Science Association. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA.

2: Gem-Mineral-Fossil Auction sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Washington, DC. Knights of Columbus, 9707 Rosensteel Ave; Silver Spring, MD. Preview 1 pm; Auction begins at 2 pm.

8-9: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Old Fashioned" Outdoor Rock Swap 'n Sell sponsored by the No. Jersey Mineralogical Society. Glenburn Estate, 211 Hamburg Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ.

15-16: 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show & Sale sponsored by the Kanawha Rock & Gem Club. So. Charleston Community Center, So. Charleston, WV.

15 – 16: 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Beals Senior/Community Center, Stafford Ave; Bristol, CT.

22 – 23: 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section and Rochester Lapidary Society. Monroe Co. Fair & Expo Center, Henrietta, NY.

22 – 23: Annual show sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. CCRI Knight Campus, 400 East Ave; Warwick, RI.

29: Annual "Ultraviolation" Fluorescent Mineral Show sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA.

### November:

5 – 6: 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gemarama 2011 sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. School at Church Farm, Exton, PA.

5-6: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock & Gem Show sponsored by the Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club. Brewer Auditorium, Brewer, ME.

5 – 6: 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd; Greenwich, CT

12-13: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. George Mason University, Student Union Bldg, Rt 123 & Braddock Rd; Fairfax, VA.

19-20: 45<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; West Palm Beach, FL.

25-27: 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Show sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society. Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Blvd; Salem, VA.

*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 <Charsky.Matthew@epa.gov>.*