

# EFMLS NEWS

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



## EFMLS CONVENTION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The EFMLS 66th Annual Convention is just around the corner -- October 21-23, 2016. Has your club registered yet? The deadline for getting in those reservations -- (awards banquet, editor/webmaster breakfast, meetings, show tickets and motel reservations is October 1.

In addition, we hope that your club will send at least one voting representative to the annual meeting on Friday evening, October 21. We've included a delegate registration form on page 8 of this issue. Our bylaws require that all voting delegates be registered (using the form) no later than October 5.

For more information and registration forms, visit <[www.amfed.org/efmls/conventionp.htm](http://www.amfed.org/efmls/conventionp.htm)>.

## 2016-17 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

*by Katie Collins, Nominating Committee Chair*

The following candidates for EFMLS office have agreed to serve in the designated position if elected.

President - **Dave Korzendorfer**, current EFMLS 1st Vice President. Dave is a member of the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club.

1st Vice President - **Barb Ringheiser**, current EFMLS 2nd Vice President. Barb is a former Regional VP and member of the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches.

2nd Vice President - **David Nock**, a former president and vice president of the New Haven Mineral Club.

Secretary - **Bev Eisenacher**, our current secretary is willing to serve another two year term. She is a member of the Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club.

Assistant Treasurer - **Andy Celmer** is our current Asst. Treasurer and agrees to serve an addition two-year term. He's a member of the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co. MD.

Nominating Committee - **Michelle Renee**, current Region VIII VP and member of the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches

**Debbie Potter**, current Secretary of the Danbury Mineralogical Society.

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# SEPTEMBER

ROCKS & MINERALS  
For Everyone Interested in Minerals, Rocks & Fossils

Official Magazine of the EFMLS

Not up for re-election this year are Treasurer Jean Charsky and Editor Carolyn Weinberger.

Nominations for any of these offices may be made from the floor during the appropriate time at the business meeting. Please be certain that before nominating someone that they agree to serve if elected.

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

*by Larry Heath, President*

It's hard to believe that as you read this summer is almost over. July and August have been very hot and humid here in New Hampshire and I know that most of the east coast has also suffered the same.

Shirley and I just returned from the combined American Federation of Mineral Societies and Northwest Federation convention in Albany, Oregon. We had a wonderful time and met some delightful people. The 125 displays were awesome with lots of Northwest agates, petrified wood and fossils on display along with wonderful displays of cabochons, jewelry and fluorescent minerals.

Plans are well underway for the Eastern Federation convention in Rochester, NY the weekend of October 21-23 with the annual meeting on Friday evening, October 21. Important items on the agenda include changes to our bylaws (see page 3), approval of the budget for the coming year as well as the election of our officers for next year. I hope to see a lot of you there.

The 2016 EFMLS Director was sent to each member club in March. Please take the time to review your section and, if necessary, submit any changes to Carolyn Weinberger (contact info in the block on the left).

The final EFMLS Wildacres Workshop will be held September 5 - 9 and although registration appears a bit light, I know everyone attending will have a wonderful time. Keep your eye peeled for the December, 2016 issue which should give you the information for the 2017 workshops. Do plan on attending at least one of these hidden gems!

I hope that everyone has had a very good summer and is ready for an interesting fall.



## NEW OFFICERS?

*by Carolyn Weinberger, Editor*

Although most of our EFMLS clubs begin their fiscal year in January, a few start their years at other times....and new officers begin serving then.

If your club has elected new officers, please send their contact information (name, office, snail mail address, phone and e-mail) to us so that we can update both the EFMLS and AFMS mailing lists.

Remember our motto - "Communication and Involvement are the Keys to Our Success!"

# PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

by Steve Weinberger, Bylaws Committee Chair

The Ad Hoc Committee convened to take a fresh look at our Bylaws has worked diligently over the past 2 years and submitted its recommendations to the Bylaws Committee for our study. We have narrowed these recommendations to those listed below for the EFMLS consideration this year. The remaining suggestions will be evaluated and possibly presented at a later date. None of the remaining items would actually affect the operation of the Federation in any substantial way.

Additions to the Bylaws are indicated by bold and underlined script, any items to be deleted shown with a line through the words. The rationale for the change is explained. These changes will be introduced for discussion and vote during the annual EFMLS meeting in Rochester, NY on October 21, 2016.

The Bylaws Committee recommends approving all of the items.

•Article II: Objectives, Section 2. "To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions or other groups engaged in increasing the knowledge and popular interest in Geology, Mineralogy, **Paleontology**, the Lapidary arts, and related subjects."

*Rationale: Although we certainly have clubs whose main focus is in paleontology, by listing this study we could be more inclusive in our range of interest.*

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Article IX: Meetings, Section 2. "Roberts Rules of Order, **Latest Edition**, shall govern all meetings."

*Rationale: Many, if not most, organizations use the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order as their guideline. This eliminates any confusion if changes are made to the procedures.*

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Article IX: Meetings, Section 5. "The Federation shall hold one meeting each calendar year, said meeting to be called the annual meeting. The annual meeting shall **should** be held on the ~~Saturday~~ **the evening before the show opens** of the annual convention, if practical, or as scheduled by the host society and approved by the Executive Board. Any action that is permitted under these bylaws, including any action that is permitted for

any Board or Officers, may be taken at the annual meeting."

*Rationale: Now that most shows have been only 2 days, we have been meeting on Friday evenings. This change would bring the Bylaws into compliance with our practice. It would also allow for meetings prior to 3 or even 4 day shows, and continue to provide options if a meeting had to be scheduled at a time other than the evening before the show.*

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•Article IX: Meetings, Section 7. "The President may elect to poll the Board of Directors or the Executive Board by mail **or electronically (except for Bylaws amendments which must be done at a properly called meeting)** instead of calling a special meeting. The Secretary shall conduct the poll, stating clearly the issue to be voted on and the required date for returning the vote, and shall notify the President of the result."

*Rationale: Now that e-mails and other forms of electronically conducting business are accepted, the EFMLS should be able to use these forms of communications. The exception would be changing the Bylaws because these require full advanced notification and discussion at a meeting. This is also stated in Article XVI: Amendments, Section 1.*

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•Article X: Elections, Terms, & Term Limits, Section 5. "The President shall be elected for a term of one year and may ~~not~~ be elected to a **one** succeeding term."

*Rationale: Last year it was proposed that the President and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents be elected to two-year terms. It was defeated because the officers and delegates felt that it would be too much of a burden that required an 8-year commitment to attend meetings. This proposal permits a second year in office, but only if the officers are nominated, they accept and are voted into office. It would be by choice, not mandatory, and the experience of serving the extra time could benefit the Federation. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.'s already have this option in the current Bylaws.*

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# PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

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•Article XII: Committees, Section 5. "All committees, unless otherwise specified in the Operating Procedures, shall **should** have at least three members including the chairman."

*Rationale: Although most committees operate best with at least 3 members, there are some that do not require that minimum of 3. Changing the word shall to should serves as a recommendation rather than a necessity. The option would be there, however, for any committee to have any number of members, with the exception of any committee whose membership is set forth in the Bylaws.*

•Article XVI: Amendments, Section 1. "Any Article or provision hereof may **must** be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote at any properly called meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that each member of the Board of Directors shall have been notified, by the Secretary, of the proposed change at least sixty days prior to such meeting."

*Rationale: Because of the importance of discussion before making Bylaws changes, changing the word may to must eliminates any ambiguity as to when the changes should be voted on.*

# EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

*by Michael Kessler, Chair*

Soon we will be able to greet each other in person when the Eastern Federation holds its annual convention in Rochester, New York. It is at that time that I will be able to thank you personally for your donations to the Eastern Foundation Fund, and I will be announcing your club's generosity in giving.

I hope that you have already booked your stay for the convention which takes place the weekend of October 21st. These convention sites seem to fill up quickly because other groups always seem to have their meetings at the same time. Don't leave it for the last minute to make your traveling so much more comfortable.

We had a good year for the Foundation Fund, but we can always extend our gratitude even further with your help.

You can still have your next donation announced at the upcoming conventio by mailing it quickly to  
Professor Michael Kessler  
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Please make the check out to the Eastern Foundation Fund.

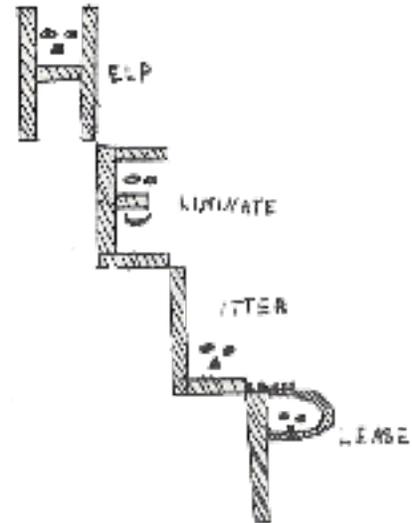
We shall be seeing you soon. Have a safe journey.

# HELP ELIMINATE LITTER PLEASE

Have you looked at the state of our roads, highways and parks lately? Lots of litter "adorns" these usually scenic byways and verdant areas. Many of the general public have become negligent in keeping these areas litter free.

The **Help Eliminate Litter Please** project was initiated by the rockhound community in the 1960's and was included in our AFMS Code of Ethics as a way of bringing attention to it. (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.)

It's time to once again bring attention to this important rockhound project and thus we include the logo, drawn in 1968 by Sandie Burns Fender. Feel free to copy and use it in your own club bulletins...and please practice good anti-littering habits.



## SAFETY MATTERS

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair

### Let the Chips Fall Where They May

Yes, in most instances letting the chips fall wherever they may is about all we can do. When it comes to our hobby, however, we often try to exercise what I call - chip control.

Most of our lapidary work creates both large and small chips during the various activities of that work . Faceting, cabochon and sphere making, slab and trim sawing, and even some carving are usually performed wet using water, treated water, or oil. Wet work captures the dust and small chips, and together fall to the bottom of the pan -- instead of the entering the air we breathe. Working wet is a form of chip control. Some lapidary operations, notably carving, are done dry with any dust and small chips captured and diverted using some kind of fan, hood and ductwork. This too is a form of chip control.

Many activities in our hobby produce a different kind of chip -- a large chip. A chip whose flight, direction, velocity, and momentum are of concern determine how we manage chip control. Large chips are produced when a rock pick strikes a rock, when a sledge/crack hammer impacts a chisel, when a rock is tossed aside and in its landing hits another rock, and even when a bucket of rocks upended. Chips are also produced by seldom noted processes. For example, at shows I have noted demonstrations of geode cracking, with some of those demonstrations using chain and cutter , cast iron pipe cutters to crack the geodes. I have seen hydraulic and screw type matrix / specimen trimmers produce chips. Pretty much every operation to alter, separate, or play with the form of a hard rock produces chips.

How do we perform chip control, especially with those large chip producing procedures? First we should protect ourselves with proper safety gear such as gloves, long pants and shirt sleeves, eye protection, and whatever protective gear is appropriate for the situation. Now, PPE (personal protective equipment) is all well and good but what about the other folks in the vicinity of the chip producing activity? What do we do in that case to address safety concerns? It is possible to shield an area from flying chips by positioning our body to protect others . We can utilize collecting buckets, screens, or other barriers to control the flight of chips. If blocking of chip flight is impossible, perhaps we can suggest that folks in the area wear their own

## AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS ACROY Coordinator

The Lapidary and Mineral Society of Central Connecticut's Rockhound of the Year Committee is pleased to announce, from the nominations received, **Bob Reynolds** as our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for 2016. 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. Bob also enthusiastically volunteers 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&SCC and the geosciences in general.

submitted by Tom Benedict, President

The Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, Maryland would like to recognize **Chris Luzier** as our 2016 Rockhound of the Year. During his terms as Vice President and President, Chris showed great leadership and an ability to tactfully smooth ruffled feathers. Chris's good nature and dedication to the club continues in all the additional things he does – running auctions, picking up club donations, or cajoling members to join the board. When no one else speaks up to take on a needed task, Chris is the one to say "I'll do it" and he does, with a smile.

submitted by Holly McNeil

PPE. In fact, if the persons in the area are our own kids, we can insist on it! Sometimes we can capture chips by carefully using our gloved hand to divert flying chips. Even fabric draped over the chip producing area can be effective with chip control. On occasion it may even be possible to move the chip producing activity to a secluded area. It may sometimes be more prudent to hold off any major chip production until people in the area have vacated the space. Rockhounds are undeniably creative people .

We, as respectful rockhounds should mind where our chips fall. After all, we certainly want to be good, considerate, and thoughtful rockhounds.

Be safe, think safety, because your safety matters.

## GLEN R. BOLICK

FEBRUARY 16, 1929 – JULY 27, 2016

It is with sadness that we note the passing of EFMLS past president Glen Bolick (1991-92) after an extended illness on July 27. Glen was 87.



A native of North Carolina, Glen was an avid field collector, specializing in emeralds as well as a mandolin player, song writer, stone mason, carpenter, plumber, and photographer. During the 1960's, 70's and 80's he and his wife Kathleen competitively entered mineral displays at all the local and major federation shows, usually taking home the coveted trophies that were earned from their excellent and interesting displays.

A member of the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Glen served as president, vice president and was very active in teaching about the hobby to juniors - often encouraging hundreds to attend the annual club show, visiting classrooms, and taking traveling exhibits to their schools. He also was involved in the early EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres, often teaching others about competitive judging and minerals.

Glen is survived by his wife Kathleen (a former EFMLS Regional Vice President), his son Robert and daughter Janice as well as granddaughters Amber and Crystal, five great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions in Glen's memory should direct them to either the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, %Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302, Glyndon, MD 21071-0302 or to the Eastern Foundation Fund (EFF), % Michael Kessler, 4 Longfellow Rd., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

*Carolyn Weinberger*

## FRED WARD

JULY 16, 1935 – JULY 19, 2016

Fred Ward, who passed away at his Mailbu, CA home last month at the age of 81 was a talented photographer, author and speaker who unselfishly gave of his time to our EFMLS Wildacres Workshops and to many Washington, DC, Maryland, Northern Virginia and California clubs as a guest speaker.



He is probably best known for his series of Gem Books (Pearls, Diamonds, Emeralds, Phenomenal Gems, etc.) that he co-authored with his wife Charlotte.

What many did not know is that Fred began his career as a member of the Black Star photo agency where he photographed many of our U. S. Presidents including John Kennedy and his family, and Lyndon Johnson. When Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963, Fred captured a heartbreaking image of his widow, Jacqueline, returning to Washington with her husband's blood caked on her legs. Days later, Mr. Ward portrayed a solemn first lady and her two young children as they watched the fallen president's casket leave the White House on the day of his state funeral.

In addition to publishing many photographs in Time, Life, Look, BusinessWeek and other magazines, Fred was a prolific freelancer for National Geographic visiting more than 130 countries from 1964 to 1992. He expanded several of his 850 plus articles into his well researched "Gem Book" series.

Survivors include Charlotte, his wife of 58 years, four children, four grand children and a sister.

Contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (%Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

*Carolyn Weinberger*

## ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY?

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS ACROY Coordinator

Are you feeling lucky? I sure hope you are because you, no doubt, have reason to feel so.

The reason for that hope is that from my experiences in visiting numerous clubs and their shows, most every club has a compliment of dedicated, helpful, and willing volunteers who make our clubs function so very well. Please, think about that for a moment. Where would our clubs be without those dedicated folks? We are so very lucky to have such great help in our clubs.

With luck, those dedicated folks are receiving accolades for their good work...and that is where we in the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year program come in. We in the ACROY committee want to celebrate with you in recognizing the good work of your helpful members by publicizing the good work that they do in both the AFMS and EFMLS Newsletters.

All you need to do to make this happen is perform a few simple tasks:

- Prepare a brief (100 words maximum) write-up telling about what your good member does for your club.
- Send that write-up to me.

It's as simple as that! There are a few rules however:

1. Clubs are limited to selecting only one candidate per year (or two in the event of a couple)
2. In addition, clubs may have a junior member honored during the year.
3. As part of the write-up you need to include your honored members name, the name of your club, and the name of the person sending in the submission. Any club member may submit another member for this honor, but you cannot submit yourself.

We here in the EFMLS/AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year headquarters will be happy to list your honorees accomplishments in the pages of future EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters. Easy-peasy! And your club has the opportunity to have your members good works recognized by all your fellow Federation clubs! How lucky can a member get?

Are you feeling lucky? You certainly have a reason to be so as you take advantage of this great program. We would like to hear from you with your honoree submissions.

## 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.



# Eastern Federation

## of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc.

Affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.



66th Annual EFMLS Board of Directors' Meeting  
Rochester, New York  
October 21, 2016

*Please print all information requested clearly.*

**NAME OF SOCIETY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(The president of each society is a Director of EFMLS. Please list the president's name only if the president plans to attend this meeting.)*

**DIRECTOR'S ALTERNATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(To represent the society if the president cannot attend the meeting)*

**DELEGATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Elected by society members)*

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(To represent society if Delegate cannot attend meeting)*

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**\* SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER**

**From the EFMLS Constitution (Article V, Sec. 3)**

*It shall be the responsibility of each Member Society to notify the Secretary in writing of the names of its Director, Delegate and alternate who expect to attend the Annual Meeting fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date.*

**Please RETURN by October 5, 2016 to:**

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**\*Must be signed by a Society Officer**

Because of the sometimes unreliability of the USPS an e-mail to [beisenacher@comcast.net](mailto:beisenacher@comcast.net) would be appreciated at the time of mailing. She will then be expecting the registration form and will be able to confirm receipt or contact you if it is not received. If you are not registered by October 5, 2016, you will be able to attend the annual meeting but you will not be eligible to vote.

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# EFMLS NEWS

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## VISIT A SHOW

*from Matt Charsky*

### September:

3 – 4: 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockhounds Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Kennebec Rocks & Minerals Club. National Guard Armory, Western Ave; Augusta, ME. Contact: <[ronlep@midmaine.com](mailto:ronlep@midmaine.com)> or 207-873-6270

10-11: 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #310, 515 Curran Hwy, Rt 8; No. Adams, MA. Contact: Larry Michon <[lmichon@rcn.com](mailto:lmichon@rcn.com)> or 413-663-8430.

10-11: Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Danbury Mineralogical Society. New Milford High School, 388 Danbury Rd; New Milford, CT. Contact Deb Potter <[beebalm28@gmail.com](mailto:beebalm28@gmail.com)>

24-25: 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. Contact: <[gemcuttersguild@gmail.com](mailto:gemcuttersguild@gmail.com)>

### October:

15-16: 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave. Bristol, CT (off Rt 6 near Stephens AutoMall). Contact <[Bristolgem@hotmail.com](mailto:Bristolgem@hotmail.com)>

15-16: Annual Paul Desautels Micromineral Conference. Friends School, Baltimore, MD. For info and registration <[cscrytals2@gmail.com](mailto:cscrytals2@gmail.com)>

**21-23: Rochester Lapidary Society & EFMLS 66th Annual Convention. Rochester, NY. Info: <[amfed.org/efmls/conventionp.htm](http://amfed.org/efmls/conventionp.htm)>. EFMLS Meeting, Friday, October 21.**

### 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)>

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

### 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)>

22 – 23: Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show & Sale and 66<sup>th</sup> Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Rochester Lapidary Society. Main Street Armory, 900 E Main St; Rochester, NY. Info: <[www.rochesterlapidary.org/show](http://www.rochesterlapidary.org/show)>. EFMLS Annual Meeting, Friday, October 21.

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: <[novamineralclub.org](http://novamineralclub.org)>

*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](mailto:matt2430@comcast.net)>.*