Have We Got Some Prizes For You!

The prizes have been coming from all over the Federation and the 2004 Endowment Fund Raffle promises to be one of the best ever. As of this writing, in March, we have already received the following prizes — with more to come.

1. Engraved glass vase. Pattern designed and cut by B. Joy Bowman, AFMS Uniform Rules Chairman, of Ponca City, OK (RMFMS and EFMLS). Value $125 - $150. This is an original creation, and is signed by Joy. A beauty — and a valuable collector’s item.

2. Case of Eocene Fossil Sharks teeth and vertebrae. From Lee Creek, North Carolina donated by George Powell, Jr., President of the American Fossil Federation, Falls Church, VA (EFMLS) Value $150 - $200. The specimens are perfectly preserved and beautifully prepared. A must for the fossil collector!

3. Tennessee Spider Web Agate polished free-form cabochon set in a sterling silver setting with a filigree bezel, on a sterling cable necklace chain. The spider web agate is extremely rare. The value of the stone alone would be $200. The piece was created especially for this year’s raffle by Will Smith, master teacher and silversmith, of Antioch, Tennessee. (SFMS). The agate is from Greasy Cove, on the Alabama/Tennessee border. Value $250-300.

4. Silver lace onyx cabochon 40x50mm 14K gold wire-wrapped and donated by Marion Roberts, Modesto, CA. 1st Vice-President of CFMS. Wire wrapped in 14K gold wire by Anna Christianson of the Mother Lode Mineral Society of the Turlock/Modesto Area. The turquoise is from the extensive area of Arizona and Nevada. This cab is a perfectly polished free-form, which appears to be fully stable and a nice deep color throughout. Value at $125.

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6. - 7. Two opal pendants set in 14K gold settings. The cabochons measure 10x10 mm and 7 x20mm in size, and both show red and green fiery sparkles throughout. The stones were in the inventory of the Endowment Fund, and were beautifully cut, polished and set by Shirley Leeson, CFMS, and Dee Holland, NFMS. Each is valued at $200.

We have more prizes coming, and will keep you posted as they arrive.

Our raffle tickets will be $5.00 each or 5 for $20, and will be sold throughout the AFMS/EFMLS combined convention in Syracuse July 9 - 11. You won’t want to miss getting on this opportunity to win one or more of these outstanding prizes, and at the same time you’ll be helping to build this important funding source for the services provided by the AFMS. You do not need to be present at the drawing in order to win. If you will not be attending the convention, you can still purchase tickets by contacting me before the convention.

To purchase tickets for the raffle prior to the Convention, send your check, payable to "AFMS Endowment" along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Joy Bourne, AFMS Endowment Fund Chair RR #1, Box 195A Towanda, PA 18848-9739

Deadline for receipt of mail requests is July 1, 2004.

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The Splendor of Quartz

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Visit the AFMS Website
<www.amfed.org>

Should you have questions, wish to make an additional prize donation or want more information, you can contact me at (570) 265-6454 or via e-mail at <jsprings@epix.net>.

Photos of the remaining items can be found on page 3 of this issue.
**Some Thoughts on Stress and Safety**

From Bill Buckner, AFMS Safety Chair

During the last six weeks I have been recovering from a flare-up with my heart and had a surgical implant of a pacemaker. I am doing all right. I had to follow some prescribed don'ts - don't reach up, don't bend over, don't lift anything over five pounds, don't drive, don't sleep on the left side, don't get involved in recreational activities, plus a few more. This brought on a new sense of stress for me. It is much harder for me to do nothing than to be active, so here are a few of my active thoughts which I had while I was observing these "don'ts."

The tires on our cars have to have enough air pressure to hold up the car or it will be flat and will not do its job. Too much tire pressure will cause the car to ride rough, or even cause a blowout. As a boy I was given a spring woundwatch. If it wasn't wound tight enough it would not run. If you haven't found your "niche" in the hobby, check out the demonstrators, to see what interests you in the things they are doing. If they have field trips scheduled during the show, join them.

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From Marve Starbuck, AFMS President

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**Membership**

From Bill Smith, AFMS President-Elect

I have been working with Toby, our Treasurer, to develop the income portion of the 2005 budget. She has informed me that our membership will probably drop so I thought I would discuss some techniques clubs use to increase/maintain membership.

I have visited several of these clubs that seem to bring in members year after year. All have told me the best way to get new members is through club exposure to the public. They put on a local show and many have a display at the county fair where cases are on display, polished rocks are handed out to the younger generation with club information to the adults, demonstrations are conducted and club members are present to answer questions. Displaying at the local Library and other public places with available club information can bring in members. The local rock shop is an excellent place to have your club information. Rock talks at schools, club scouts, etc can not only bring in the juniors but also the adults which later may lead up a committee or even hold a major office. A web page kept updated with club activities and personal contacts will generate club interest. If your club has had any other successful ideas let us know.

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**Have fun!!**

Marve
The splendor of 
Quartz
2004
by Bob Livingston, Syracuse(Heart)Club

As I write this, it’s March 1, the snow is melting pretty fast, birds are migrating North. Think July and lots of fun and think Syracuse, where a great show and convention awaits in less than 90 days from the time you read this.

Recently I had an E-mail from a former president of EFMLS who said, “Your articles about the Syracuse convention are making me think maybe I should get packing my bags now.” Obviously, that is good to hear as we have a strong cadre of dedicated Syracuse club members working long and hard to bring you a super show and convention. We continue to add things — latest being a realistic Canadian quartz exhibit with unbelievably huge crystals.

In this issue we give you several websites so you can really start searching and formulating your vacation plans in earnest. Central New York is a neat area that I bet many of you have never visited. So, we encourage you to build in some extra days to maximize what this area has in store. Remember it has been 7 years since “American” has been in the East (Mississippi) and the American convention/show has never been in New York before! I will detail several Herkimer digging sites as well. We will close with a real need for your help/cooperation.

First, a note about making reservations at the Ramada Inn (Headquarters Hotel). You cannot use the national 800 number to get the rate or room. Instead, call 315.457.8670 and tell them you want a room for the Eastern Federation convention. Rate will be $89 including a cooked to order breakfast.

Helpful Websites for the visiting nitty gritty for you: <www.iloveny.com> This will let you see the regions of interest: Finger Lakes (where the Syracuse convention and show will be) and Leatherstocking Country (area where the Herkimer Diamond digging places are located). I suggest you contact above site for their nifty 1/4” thick booklet “I love NY — New York State Travel Guide and Vacation Map.” They also have a toll-free phone — 1.800.CALLNY.

Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau — can tell you every and anything you might wish to know about the area in and around Syracuse within a 25-mile radius. Phone: 1.800.234.4797. Website: www.VisitSyracuse.org

Coveted Herkimer locations (all fee locations) — driving time from Syracuse, 1 hour and 30 minutes. Here, is the info so you can make some good judgments, plus we list the nearest (time-wise) to Syracuse first and furthest by perhaps 12 miles, last:

- Treasure Mountain Diamond Mine, Little Falls, NY. This is the newest of the four we will cover, plus it is the one made famous when those Quartz scepters began hitting the market from there in the mid 90s. Their website has outstanding photos and says it is “Easy Digging,” which granted is easier than the next two, but decent hammer/chisel work for the most part. They have camping. <www.treasuremtnmining.com> E-mail: E Info@TtreasureMtln.com Phone: 315.823.7625

- Herkimer Diamond Devel., just north of Herkimer, NY — has a huge rock shop and displays. Serious miners get set-up here early in the season as they do at Ace, which makes getting a good spot kinda hard for a short timer. Great crystals if you are lucky enough to hit a pocket of them. This one and Ace are hard rock ledge mining requiring sledges, chisels, wedges, strong back, patience and lots of energy, luck or a 6th sense in smelling out a pocket. <www.herkimerdiamond.com> or E-mail: <diamonds@ntcnet.com> There is a KOA nearby.

- Ace of Diamonds Mine — Their property butts up to the previous one. Digging conditions are similar. Most people think they need to work at the wall which has all the complications noted above. In so doing, you are staring at a vertical wall probably 10 to 12 feet high. Others, however, are pretty successful busting up the rubble and screening herds from same. We were unable to find a web site, but their phone number to get literature or whatever is 315.891.3855. Also, here is a great website which will let you see exactly what you will be dealing with digging at either second or third location above — <www.Towercrystals.com>. (All four locations rent tools.)

- Last, but not least, is Crystal Grove, St. Johnsville, NY. Each of the Eastern Federation packs, planned to be mailed 3rd week of March, will have a special discounted flier from here. Why?

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Fossil Shark’s Teeth

Turquoise Necklace

Opal Pendant

Silver Lace Onyx Pendant

Oval Opal Pendant

Any Questions? <labudell@dreamscape.com>
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from Bonnie Glismann

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It's More Than Just Another Show

How One Club Gives Back to the Community

by Shirley Leeson, Historian and Carolyn Weinberger, AFMS Editor

The Tucson Gem & Mineral Society hosted its 50th annual Gem and Mineral show in Tucson, AZ this past February. Most of us in the hobby have heard about "Tucson" and many of us have been fortunate enough to attend at least one of the annual shows.

Just a brief history for the unenlightened. The Tucson Gem & Mineral Society began holding a small club show 50 years ago. The first show, chaired by club member Dan Caudle (an AFMS past president) was a moderate success and the club decided to host another...and another...and another. Over the years the show grew, the location changed to better and larger places and the number of dealers and displays increased. Eventually several dealers decided that the club had a good thing going and that Tucson was a delightful place to visit in February (especially if you were from the colder areas). Several banded together and began "satellite" shows. These have proven to be popular and each year the number of satellite shows seems to increase. Now when people talk about "Tucson", they really refer to the entire experience. There are numerous "for the trade only" shows which require registration and credentials; there are numerous shows set up featuring fossils, minerals, beads, jewelry, carvings and cutting materials. Every nook and cranny, including the now fabled gas station, is filled with dealers, tents and wares.

The most important show remains the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society "club" show held at the Convention Center during the last four days of the Tucson experience.

Thousands of people throng to the Convention Center each year for this show which features over 200 dealers plus the most amazing displays seen anywhere. This year show theme was gold...and gold there was. What else to feature for the club’s golden anniversary show? Among the highlights...many of the pieces from the famed Harvard gold collection, the nugget found at Sutter’s Mill which began the California Gold Rush, Harvard gold collection, the nugget found at Sut, the United States all the copper and associated mineral wealth.)

This 50th anniversary show was truly a wonderful experience featuring perhaps the very best displays ever seen at this or any other club show.

So what else is special about this show and this club? EDUCATION Each year the club brings in over 4,500 school kids from the Tucson schools. The Univ. of Arizona geology students and club members man tables where they help kids select and identify minerals. Each child gets to fill a take-home egg carton with a variety of gems and minerals from the vast array of give-aways.

"Big deal", you say, "My club does that too." Here’s what makes the Tucson Gem & Mineral Club so special....

Profits from the show are turned back to the community! The society donates annually to a Geo-Science scholarship at the Univ. of Arizona; contributes to the Arizona Desert Museum, University of Arizona Mineral Museum, and the local science fair. They also contribute to the Tucson Boys and Girls Clubs, Salvation Army and Primavera Foundation.

All the help at the show is done by volunteers.

Members of the club (from all over the world) help cover display case liners, move cases into position, man the ticket and information booths, handle the publicity, take care of the printing, handle the take down at the end of the show, etc., etc., etc. (They’re already working on show # 51 whose theme will be the Minerals of China.) This group of folks is organized and they have fun!

Showing support for the show and events were a number of AFMS Past Presidents including: Gus Meister, California, 1976; Dan Caudle, Rocky Mt. 1981; Dee Holland, Northwest, 1998; Isabella Burns, California, 2001; Steve Weinberger, Eastern, 2002; Dorothy Lee, Northwest, 1974; Jim Hurlbut, Rocky Mt. 1993; Ed Ries, South Central, 1996; and the current AFMS President, Marve Starbuck., Midwest, 2004.

Regional Past Presidents were the AFMS Past Presidents named above, as well as Bill Burns, California, 1985; Shirley Leeson, California, 1987; Terry Huizing, Midwest 1974-75; Paul Clifford, Midwest 1987-88; Cathy Geber, Eastern, 1996-97; Matt Charsky, current President, Eastern; Laelene Montgomery, Rocky Mt. 1974-75; Glen Lee, Northwest 1973; Dick Gliemann, Northwest 1996; June Zeilner, Midwest 1968-69; Anne Cook, Midwest 1994-95; Bob Livingston, Eastern 2002-03; and Kitty Starbuck, Midwest 2003. Also present were a number of AFMS Committee chairs including ACROY Chair Bonnie Glismann and Editor, Carolyn Weinberger.

There could have been more who attended, but we didn’t see them.

Hats off to the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society for their efforts in educating future rockhounds. They truly are a non-profit, educational organization who are looking towards the future of our hobby.

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July 2004 Combined Eastern and American Federation Convention
Jewelry and Mineral Show; Syracuse, New York

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 7, 2004
9 am  AFMS Rules Meeting, Ramada Inn

Thursday, July 8
8 am  Show setup by host Syracuse club begins
9 am  American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Annual Meeting, Ramada Inn
Noon  Dealer set-up begins, NY State Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building
1 pm  Set-up of Competitive Exhibits begins, NY State Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Bldg.
9 pm  Show building closes for evening.

Friday, July 9
8 am  Center of Progress Bldg.at the NYS Fairgrounds opens to dealers, judges and club workers
8 am  Judging of Competitive Exhibits begins
10 am  Eastern/AFMS Show opens, NYS Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building
Noon  Past Presidents/Officers Luncheon, Ramada Inn
6 pm  Show closes
7:30 pm Cracker barrel session, Ramada Inn

Saturday, July 10
8 am  Judging continues as needed. Building opens to dealers and club workers
8 am  Northern Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies Annual Meeting, Ramada Inn
9 am  Eastern Federation Annual Auction, NYS Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building
10 am  Eastern/AFMS show opens, NYS Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building
2 pm  Show closes
6-7 pm Social Hour Cash Bar, Ramada Inn
7 pm  Awards Dinner

Sunday, July 11
8 am  Combined Eastern/American Federation Editors Breakfast, Ramada Inn
8 am  Show building opens to dealers and club workers
10 am  Eastern/AFMS show opens, NYS Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building
4 pm  Show closes. Building to be vacated by 9 pm.

NOTES:
1. Ramada Inn is on Buckley Road, Exit 36 off I-90, Exit 25 off I-81 (West & Right)
2. NY State Fairgrounds, Center of Progress Building is Exit 7 off I-690, Syracuse
3. Welcome packets with Events tickets etc. will be given out at the Ramada Inn

4. All Meetings are at the Ramada Inn Headquarters Hotel
5. Any lectures will take place in the show building at the Fairgrounds
6. Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse club booth will be just inside show entrance
7. Paid, professional Security will patrol the show Thursday 3 pm to Sunday at 6 pm

General Information

EXHIBITS
Competitive and non-competitive exhibits are welcome. Make applications for display space as soon as possible on the enclosed form.

DEALERS
Retail and Wholesale Dealers representing an excellent cross section of the country will have materials for sale pertaining to all phases of the hobby. Due to strict New York State tax laws, for admission to the wholesale area, identification with business name and tax number is required.

DEMONSTRATIONS
There will be working demonstrations of an educational nature during the show. This is an area where we can definitely utilize the help of our guests from other clubs to show the public your specialty for an hour or two.

AFMS ANNUAL MEETING
The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies will start at 9:00 am on Thursday, July 8, in the Ramada Inn. The AFMS Scholarship Foundation meeting will follow in the same room.

EFMLS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies Annual Meeting will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, July 10, in the Ramada Inn.

AUCTION
The Annual EFMLS auction will take place at 2:00 pm, Saturday, July 10, in the North Wing of the Center of Progress Building at the Fairgrounds. Please plan to attend this important EFMLS "fund raiser". Items which you would like to donate for auction, should be brought to the attention of auction chair, Bruce Gaber, before noon, Saturday, July 10.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
There will be Soapstone Carving, "Straw Draw", and a Sluice for younger children to prospect for minerals, fossils and gems.

AWARDS DINNER
Dress for this event as casual as you wish. We want you to enjoy yourself.

COMMEMORATIVE PINS
Commemorative pins for this combined AFMS and EFMLS Show will be sold at the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse Club Booth.

SECURITY AND LIABILITY
The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc., will furnish around-the-clock uniformed security from 3 pm Thursday, July 8, to 6 pm Sunday, July 11 (which is after the close of the show) and will take reasonable and expected precautions to protect the property and person of each exhibitor. However, it is mutually agreed that the AFMS, the EFMLS, the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Inc., their officers, members or authorized agents shall not be liable to any exhibitor for damage to, loss of, or destruction of any exhibit in part or whole. This includes the property of any exhibitor; damage or injury is expressly waived by the exhibitor. Submission of the signed application for exhibit space constitutes acceptance of all rules and regulations as outlined here.

WE SUGGEST
Exhibitors should consider precautions such as locks for cases and insurance coverage.

The splendor of Quartz
2004
**Exhibitors’ Rules and Advisory**

**REGISTRATION & ID BADGES**
Badges will be issued on set-up day, Thursday, July 8, 2004, at the Verizon Center of Progress Building at the Fairgrounds. The exhibitor is to check in with the Registrar to receive the exhibit space location. There will be a maximum of two (2) ID badges allotted per exhibit.

**COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS**
Exhibitor must be a member of a club or society belonging to any Federation. Each exhibitor is requested to complete the Exhibitor’s Registration Form and send it to the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, as noted on the form. Send a separate form for each exhibit entered. Please duplicate any of the forms as needed.

**NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS**
We encourage any exhibitor to enter who does not desire to enter into competition, but wishes to share his or her expertise or collection. Please complete a separate form for each exhibit entered, and send it to the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, as noted on the form. The enclosed form may be duplicated.

**EXHIBIT SET UP AND REMOVAL**
Each exhibitor must have his/her display installed and in proper order before 9:00 pm on Thursday, July 8, and agrees to preserve it intact until the show closes at 4:00 pm, Sunday July 11.

Set up hours are from 1pm until 9:00 pm, Thursday. Exhibitor is to remove his/her exhibits as soon as possible after the show closes. There will be no exceptions. Exhibitor shall provide his/her own extension cords and lights.

**USE OF SPACE**
Exhibitor may not assign, sublet, or share in whole or in part the allotted space, except with the knowledge and approval of the Exhibit Committee. The case area is not to exceed 4 feet in length, 2 feet 6 inches in depth, and 3 feet in height unless special permission is received.

**RESTRICTIONS**
The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse reserves the right to restrict any exhibit which, for any obvious reason, is objectionable, and to prohibit any exhibit which, in the opinion of the Exhibit Committee, may hinder the general character and atmosphere of the show. The restriction includes individuals, items, printed matter, sales material, or anything which may detract from the general goals and quality of the show. Distribution of advertising material during any part of the show will not be allowed, without written authorization, under penalty of ejection from the show. The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, the AFMS, the EFMLS, and their officers, members, or authorized agents will not be liable for any refund of exhibitor expenses.

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**S.C.R.I.B.E - Not Just For Editors!**

by Sir Buxley Bigfoot Assistant Editor and Cager, Chief Gefer

We just received the latest issue of S.C.R.I.B.E., the newsletter of the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors. It comes to our “in-box” on the computer four times a year. Our membership in S.C.R.I.B.E. (actually my owners membership) costs $6 per year which is quite a bargain considering all the useful things we learn with each issue.

You might think that S.C.R.I.B.E. is an organization for bulletin editors. While it started out that way, and while it’s major focus is still helping club newsletter editors and authors turn out a better “product”, this last issue is just crammed packed with useful things for everyone using a computer.

For example... two articles of note for everyone... “Saving Your Files Beyond Backup” by Carol Brown taught us a thing or two about preserving our work and then moving it to a new computer. Woof! Wish we’d read that article before we transferred some of our files because there was an easier way than the one we used. The other articles of interest to not just editors include one one named “Computer Insurance - Bad Things Happen to Good Files”, and another named “New Printer Protocol”.

Interested in joining? Send the following information, along with your dues check (payable to SCRIBE) for $6 per year ($8 per couple) to: Pauline Price, 1480 E 3350 South; Salt Lake City, UT 84106-3330.

Here’s the information that’s needed:

Your name, address, city, state & zip.
E-mail address (the preferred way to send you newsletter is via pdf file. Acrobat Reader is needed, but it’s a free download)
Tell us whether you are an Editor, Asst. Editor, Publisher, Former Editor, Author, Other Name of your Club Name of your newsletter Federation to which your club belongs Where did you hear about SCRIBE?

Want more information? Check out the SCRIBE website <http://scribesite.home.att.net>
2004 Combined Eastern and American Federation Convention
Syracuse, New York
July 7 - 11, 2004

Advance Registration Form

Primary Registrant: (Registration will be recorded under this name please print as name should appear on name badge)

Name________________________________________________ Phone:_______________________________________
Address:____________________________ ____________ City:___________________ State:_______________ Zip:____________________
e-mail:_________________________________________ Federation and Club Affiliation:___________________________________________

Check all that apply:
AFMS Officer_____ Delegate_____
Demonstrator_____ EFMIS Officer_____ Alt.Delegate_____
Dealer_____ Past President_____ Editor_____ Competitive Exhibitor_____
EFMIS Officer_____ Alt.Delegate_____ Competitive Exhibitor_____
Demonstrator_____ EFMIS Officer_____ Alt.Delegate_____ Competitive Exhibitor_____
Dealer_____ Past President_____ Editor_____ Noncompetitive Exhibitor_____

Additional Registrants: (please print as name should appear on name badge, Print Additional names on back)

Name________________________________________ Federation and Club Affiliation:___________________________________________

Check all that apply:
AFMS Officer_____ Delegate_____
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ALL TICKETS WILL BE IN YOUR PACKET AT THE RAMADA INN

Make checks payable to Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
Please send this form and your remittance to:
Louis Budell, Treasurer
2718 Falls Road
Marcellus, NY 13108

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS IS June 1, 2004

All forms may be duplicated as needed or additional copies of can be downloaded from the EFMLS website:
<www.amfed.org/efmls>
Competitive Exhibit Entry

Instructions:

1. The exhibitor application form must be filled out completely to properly process your exhibit and acknowledge acceptance of the entry by the Competeive Exhibits Registration Chairman.

2. Use a separate application form for each entry.

3. Refer to the American Federation Uniform Rules Book, 2004 update, for all exhibit requirements, rules and definitions. If you wish clarification of the current rules, contact:

For proper class:
Sue Macinnis, 1245 Whitehall Av
Allentown, PA 18104
610-432-9252 <sumacndeb@aol.com>

For clarification of rules:
B.Jay Bowman, 5788 Bowman Rd.
Ponca City, OK 74604-8941
(580)765-5854 <bjb@pcwan.net>

4. Classes or groups normally cannot be changed after the application has been registered by the Exhibit Registration Chairman and acknowledgment sent to the exhibitor. If you are uncertain as to the correct class or group you should enter, contact Sue Macinnis.

5. Lighting and electrical requirements allowed are as follows:
   - Up to and including 4 ft. case - 150 watts
   - 6 ft. case (if allowed by class) - 225 watts
   - 8 ft. case (if allowed by class) - 300 watts

Each exhibitor must bring his/her own extension cord.

6. A limited number of cases are available from the Syracuse Club on a "first come" basis. The cases are unlined and have inside dimensions of 44 5/8" long, 20" deep, and 21" high.

7. All cases must be ready for judging no later than 11 pm on Thursday, July 8, 2004, and remain in place until exhibit is finished before judging.

8. Closing date for entries is June 1, 2004.

9. One or two guest passes will be issued in exhibitor's name.

10. Check both sides of the completed application form and mail to the Competitive Exhibits Registration Chairman:
Lou Budell, 2718 Falls Rd.
Marcellus, NY 13108-9783

2004 Combined Eastern & American Federation Convention
Syracuse, New York
July 9 - 11, 2004

Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXHIBITORS: Please complete all information on this sheet pertaining to your exhibit and mail it to - Louis Budell, 2718 Falls Rd., Marcellus, NY 13108-9783 (315) 673-1891

NAME________________________ PHONE________________________

ADDRESS____________________ Street________________________ City________________________ State________ Zip________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS________________________

SOCITY ____________________________

EXHIBITOR GROUP: Master_____ Advanced_____ Novice_____ Jr_____ Sec_____ Jr. Soc___

DIVISION __________________________ EXHIBIT CLASS________________________

Competitive Exhibit: EFMLS _______ AFMS Direct Entry _______

For Direct Entry: Date & Location of Regional Show where Eligibility was obtained________________________

Exhibitor Group cannot be changed after Form has been accepted. Anything else can be changed up until exhibit is finished before judging.

SECURITY PERSONNEL will be on duty 24 hours a day beginning at 3 pm July 8 to 6 pm July 11, 2004. However, neither the EFMLS, AFMS, nor any member society assumes any responsibility for loss or damage.

EXHIBIT CASE AND SPACE INFORMATION

Please supply the following information to aid us in planning your exhibit space:

I will use my own case, YES_______ NO_____

Case style: UPRIGHT ______ SLANT FRONT ______

Dimensions: WIDTH_______ HEIGHT_______ DEPTH_______

Do you need a case to be provided? ____________ (You must not plan on "Syracuse" club providing a case) 

Syracuse Club has a limited number of cases whose inside dimensions are: 44 5/8" long, x 20" Deep x 21" High

NOTE: Cases will be assigned space on tables approximately 30 inches high. Bring your own risers if needed

This completed Entry Form MUST be SIGNED, DATED and RECEIVED by June 1, 2004

EXHIBIT SET UP TIME:
1 pm to 9 pm Thursday, July 8, 2004. All entries must be set up and ready for judging no later than 9 pm on Thursday, July 8. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Form Continued on next page. Form must be dated and signed.

2004 Regional Federation Shows

From Mary Trammell

California
May 28-30, 2004
Mariposa, California

Northwest
July 7-11, 2004
Syracuse, New York

Eastern Federation / AFMS
April 23-25, 2004
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Midwest
July 23-25, 2004
Boise, Idaho

From Lewis Elrod, AFMS Central Office

Are the correct officers receiving this Newsletter? Every club president, secretary and editor should be on our mailing list.

If you received this newsletter, but are no longer a club officer, please take a minute to send us the correct names and addresses of your current office holders so we can update the mailing list. See page 11 for information on where to send your updates.

We want to keep your club informed!

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Competitive Exhibit Entry Form - Continued

CERTIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL ADULT AND JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

I hereby certify that all material exhibited in competition by me is my own personal property, and that all lapidary and jewelry work (except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules) was completed by me.

SECURITY AND LIABILITY: The Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse will furnish around the clock security for the building and will take reasonable precautions to protect the property and person of each exhibitor. However, it is mutually agreed that the Federation, member societies, their members, their officers or authorized agents will not be liable to any exhibitor for any damage or loss to his person or property from any cause. All claims for loss, damage or injury are expressly waived by the exhibitor. Submission of the signed application for exhibitor space constitutes acceptance of all rules and regulations as outlined.

I have read the current AFMS UNIFORM RULES and agree to abide by them.

I agree to leave my exhibit on display until the show closes on Sunday, July 11, 2004.

EXHIBITOR'S SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE ____________

If Junior entry, date of birth ___________________________

EXHIBITOR'S SOCIETY ________________________________________________

I hereby certify, as an officer of the above named Society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of that Society and, to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

SIGNATURE ___________ TITLE ______________________ DATE ____________

CERTIFICATION FOR SOCIETY (GROUP) AND JUNIOR SOCIETY (GROUP)

I hereby certify, as an officer of the above named society, that the materials and/or workmanship exhibited are the property of the Society or the personal property of at least five (5) members of the Society and no more than twenty percent (20%) of the material and/or workmanship exhibited is the property of anyone member, and that the lapidary and jewelry work exhibited are entirely (except for minor findings, or where otherwise allowed by the rules) the work of members of this Society. It is agreed that the exhibit will remain on display until the show closes on Sunday, July 11, 2004.

SIGNATURE ___________ TITLE ______________________ DATE ____________

Senior Wedding Plans

Contributed by Ursula Scheffel

Jacob (92) and Rebecca (85) are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way go past a drugstore. Jacob suggests that they go in.

"Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers "Yes".

Jacob: "Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course.

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

"What about vitamins and sleeping pills?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob turns to Rebecca: "Sweetheart, we might as well register our wedding gift list with the show closes on Sunday, July 11, 2004.

AFMS Land-Use Policy

1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assues 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.
Non-Competitive Display Application

EXHIBITORS NAME___________________________________________________________
ADDRESS___________________________________________________________________
CITY_________________________________ STATE__________ ZIP CODE______________
CLUB/SOCIETY NAME__________________________________________________________
Exhibit Description___________________________________________________________

Need space allowance for your case!
Dimensions: Long_______ x Depth______ x Wide_______
Do you need a case to be provided? _____Yes _____No
(You must not plan on “Syracuse” club providing liners)
Syracuse club has a limited number of cases whose inside dimensions are 44 1/8” x 20” x 21” high
Signature:______________________________________Date:____________________
A separate form must be used for each exhibit. We suggest you duplicate as needed.
All non-competitive exhibits are to be set up between hours of 1 pm and 9 pm, Thursday July 8, 2004, and
taken down on Sunday July 11 after 4 pm and before 8 pm.

Mail Applications to:
Louis Budell
2718 Falls Road
Marcellus, NY 13118-9783
(315)673-1891

This completed Entry form MUST be received by June 1, 2004.

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.
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I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reason-
ably use.
I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have col-
llected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
I will support the rockhound project HELP (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas
dead 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 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.
Special Notes For April

Attorney Questions
From Bill Rinker, Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

Lawyers aren’t typically funny — unless by accident. Case in point: The following questions from lawyers were taken from official court records nationwide:

~Q: Was that the same nose you broke as a child?
~A: He told me, he says, “I have to kill you because you can identify me.”
~Q: Did he kill you?
~Q: What happened then?
~A: It was in the evening. The autopsy started about 8:30 p.m.
~Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body of Mr. Edington at the Rose Chapel?
~A: It was in the evening. The autopsy started about 8:30 p.m.
~Q: Have you lived in this town all your life?
~A: Yes.
~Q: And these stairs, did they go up also?
~A: Yes.
~Q: You say that the stairs went down to the basement?
~A: Yes.
~Q: And these stairs, did they go up also?
~Q: So you were present when that picture was taken?
~A: That’s me.
~Q: Were you present in court this morning when you were sworn in?
~A: I used to be.
~Q: How many times have you committed suicide?
~A: Not yet.
~Q: Do you know how far pregnant you are now?
~A: I'll be three months on November 8.
~Q: Apparently, then, the date of conception was August 8?
~A: Yes.
~Q: What were you doing at the time?
~A: Yes.
~Q: Do you have children or anything of that kind?
~Q: She had three children, right?
~A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering about 8:30 p.m.
~Q: And Mr. Edington was dead at the time, is that correct?
~A: Yes.

~Q: What happened then?
~A: He told me, he says, “I have to kill you because you can identify me.”
~Q: Did he kill you?
~Q: Was it you or your brother that was killed in the war?
~Q: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?
~A: He told me, he says, “I have to kill you because you can identify me.”
~Q: Were you alone or by yourself?
~A: That’s me.
~Q: I show you exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize that picture?
~Q: How long have you been a French Canadian?
~A: Yes.
~Q: How many were boys?
~A: None.
~Q: Were there girls?
~A: Yes

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The Stock Market Report
From Beatrice Sarlos

Helium was up, feathers were down.

Paper was stationary.

Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading.

Knives were up sharply.

Cows steered into a bull market.

Hiking equipment was trailing.

Caterpillar stock inched up a bit.

Balloons prices were inflated.

Diapers remain unchanged.

Shipping lines stayed at an even keel.

The market for raisins dried up.

Coca Cola fizzled.

Chairlifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them.

"The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals."

"Reflectors need to be placed on trees every 50 feet so people can hike at night with flashlights."

"A McDonald's would be nice at the trailhead."

"The places where trails do not exist are not well marked."

"Too many rocks in the mountains."

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Campers
From Cathy Gaber, Micro. Nat'l Capital Area

These are actual comments left on Forest Service registration sheets and comment cards by backpackers completing wilderness camping trips:

"A small deer came into my camp and stole my bag of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed? Please call."

"Escalators would help on steep uphill sections."

"Instead of a permit system or regulations, the Forest Service needs to reduce worldwide population growth to limit the number of visitors to wilderness."

"Trails need to be wider so people can walk while holding hands."

"Ban walking sticks in wilderness. Hikers that use walking sticks are more likely to chase animals."

"All the mile markers are missing this year."

"Found a smoldering cigarette left by a horse."

"Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill."

"Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pests."

"Please pave the trails so they can be plowed by backpackers completing wilderness camping trips."

"Chairlifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them."

"The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals."

"A McDonald's would be nice at the trailhead."

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A spectacular carving by Helen Serras-Herman as seen at the Tucson show.

C. Weinberger photo