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



MINERAL LOVERS ALERT!

from Cathy Gaber

Do you know that Wildacres is a great place for mineral lovers? Minerals come in all sizes. This year, in both sessions, there is an opportunity to study minerals through the microscope in the micromount class. Many minerals do not come in large sizes, and even if they do, they are often not as perfectly formed as the smaller minerals. In class, you will learn to trim and mount specimens provided by the instructor into standard micromount boxes. You will also learn how to photograph them through the microscope. You will be amazed at the beauty and precision of these tiny specimens.

Did you know that there are three displays of minerals at Wildacres? Almost everyone who enters the dining room from the upper level has probably noticed the clever dioramas of North Carolina minerals and miners. There is also an adjacent case of minerals from other places. Some people know there is another mineral display in the lobby of the auditorium. Most if not all of these specimens were donated by past Wildacres attendees such as



Peg and Roger Marble and Charlie Hall. But how many of you have discovered the display of fluorescent minerals in a closet in the craft house?

Fun with minerals doesn't end there. Field collecting trips are usually arranged for free day. Previous trips have been to local mines for garnet, kyanite, mica, fluorescent hyalite, beryl and other minerals. For those who like to silver pick, Spruce Pine and the surrounding area is loaded with rock shops. Some of them carry local specimens that are seldom found in markets further away. You can even buy a bucket of gravel at some of the shops and sluice for your own gemstones (often from Brazil, but it is fun anyway).

The Wildacres auction is another chance to see and buy minerals. Many of the donations are self collected or from old collections, which means that you may find some unusual minerals that are otherwise infrequently available. Feel free to bring some contributions of your own!

To check out all the activities and classes offered and to find a registration form, check out amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm. Classes offered are subject to change depending on the availability of the instructors. Whichever session you choose (or choose both!), you are sure to have a great time. See you there!



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REGION IV PICNIC

from Jennie Smith, Region IV VP

Think Spring!

The annual Region IV picnic and swap will soon be upon us. We've reserved the spot and made our plans. We hope you can join us.

The date is Saturday, June 14 at Lake Ana State Park, just north of Richmond, VA. We'll start setting up around 9 a.m. Food will be served at noon with hot dogs being provided. We ask that all who come bring along a salad, some soft drinks, dessert, chips or whatever to share so we have a good variety of items on our smorgasbord. Bring some rocks, minerals or fossils to swap too. And if you are not a member of a region IV club, you're invited too.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

from Larry Vandergrif, EFMLS President

April 1st: Happy New Year!!!

You are probably saying what kind of fool is this guy. Well, the day that we now know as April Fool's Day was celebrated as the beginning of the new year. With the reform of the calendar in the 16th century under Charles IX of France, the Gregorian Calendar was introduced, New Year's Day was moved to January 1. However, communications not being the best back in those early days when news traveled by foot, many people did not receive the news for several years. And as it is today with skeptics, others refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. These folks were known as "fools". Henceforth, this day is now known as April Fool's Day.

I point out this little note of history for one reason. Not that you now can throw two New Year's Eve parties, or that the football season will be extended for more bowl games, but that change is constant. We must be revolving into new aspects. If we don't accept change, we risk the chance as being known as a "fool." The Eastern Federation faces a crisis in the not to distant future, if not at the present. As an organization we are on the decline. Our membership now is declining at a rate of three percent a year. If this trend continues we will cease to be an organization of prominence within our realm. When we look at our present membership average age, this percentage of decline will be steadily increasing in the coming years. We must stop this decline.

To put it bluntly, we must increase membership at a rate equal to the death rate of our members just to stay the same even if we keep all the present members not lost by death. Our goal is to prosper and increase membership. Whatever the support, in combination with you, the Eastern Federation is doing to help you gain and keep club members in short is not working. A purpose of the Eastern



Federation is "To devote all the assets, property, and funds of the corporation to the furtherance of the primary objects and purposes of the corporation." which is to "increasing the knowledge and popular interest in Geology, Mineralogy, the Lapidary arts, and related subjects." and "to encourage and assist in the development of junior members and member societies in the Federation's plans, programs and organizations." and "to assist in the formation of Earth Science societies in localities where public interest justifies their formation."

These are all membership supporting and increasing activities. Are we fulfilling our mandates? Do we need to advertise for and develop interest where no clubs or societies now do not exist? Are we serving the needs of our existing societies? What do we need to change? What can we do different? How can we reverse our own demise?

I could posture more question and perhaps come up a few ideas of my own, but would they be the right questions or the right answers? What support do you want from the Eastern Federation? Are you happy with what we are presently doing? The Federation needs to hear from its member clubs. The Eastern Federation is governed by the Executive Board which includes all the Officers listed in the EFMLS News as well as all the Regional Vice Presidents. Contact me or any member of the Executive Board and present your ideas or suggestions. Don't wait for the crackerbarrel in October. The fate of the Eastern Federation lies with its own members. Are we as an organization destined to become irrelevant for lack of membership? I know the Eastern Federation will change, but will it change for the better? Proposing an idea is a good feeling. Seeing it come to reality is a great feeling.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS - AN INTEGRAL PART OF EFMLS

from Matt Charsky, 1st VP

No matter what year it is, the EFMLS Bylaws require us to conduct an election of Regional Vice Presidents for half of our regions. Since this is an odd-numbered year, the lucky recipients are Regions 1, 3, 5, and 7. Therefore, I'm asking each club in Regions 1, 3, 5, and 7 to complete two tasks this year, one short term and one long term. The short term task is to nominate an individual as Regional Vice President who will then serve in that position for the next two years beginning November 1, 2003. The long term task is that between now and November 1st, you should say thank you to your current Regional Vice President for a job well done over the past two years.

Before I explain those tasks in more detail, let me tell you a little bit about Regional Vice Presidents. They are truly the front line of the EFMLS. The EFMLS represents 23 states from Maine to Florida and to as far west as Mississippi. It's obvious to everyone that this is a huge area. We need Regional Vice Presidents to help EFMLS officers and committee chairpersons get the word out to the local clubs on activities and issues of regional concern. At the same time, Regional Vice Presidents can help get the word back into EFMLS officers and chairpersons when an activity or issue arises that needs immediate attention. Challenging? Yes. Impossible? No.

A Regional Vice President can be a great way for an individual to make a positive difference for their local or Regional clubs. For those clubs who are new to the EFMLS, you already know your Regional Vice President, since they were your first line of contact with the EFMLS and they helped your club get its membership application through the system smoothly. The more experienced clubs know that Regional Vice Presidents bring valuable ideas and suggestions for the benefit of all clubs to the annual EFMLS convention. The Regional Vice President,

however, doesn't work alone as each one has an EFMLS Advisor to assist them.

Let me get back to the purpose of this article. In March, each club president in Regions 1, 3, 5, and 7 received a nomination ballot. They have until April 30th to complete and submit their ballot to me. If there are multiple nominations that are close in number, we will have a run-off election in the May/June time-frame. So now would be a good time for clubs to talk amongst themselves about who they might want to be their Region's voice in the EFMLS for the next two years.

If you're a club member who's interested in becoming a Regional Vice President, but still have some questions, I invite you to contact your current Regional Vice President who can tell you what it's all about. Then if you decide that this is for you, you need to get the word out to other clubs in your Region too.

On October 31, 2003, the terms of the following Vice Presidents will expire (but they can be re-elected if the clubs in the region chose to do so) - Region 1 Bill Longley; Region 3 John Baumler; Region 5 Judy Budnik; and Region 7 Brenda Hankins. If you see any of them throughout the year, you should personally thank them for the important job they performed for the EFMLS over the last two years. With them, there are open lines of communication between the EFMLS officers and chairpersons and the individual clubs they represent. These lines of communication are an integral part of our whole Federation. Without them, well I'd hate to think of the way things would be without them.

ALL-AMERICAN COMPETITION

from Hazel Remaley

As I was reading through my past issues of the EFMLS Newsletter, I was amazed at how much "begging" was being done. Folks want entries for this award or that award. They want specimens for a teacher, or an auction. All I ever asked for as chairperson of the All American Club Award was a scrapbook. I guess that I, too, have begged. Alas, it must have fallen on deaf ears. I suppose a lot of you must have just gone out and bought a small, or perhaps a large tote to put your club pictures, honors, awards, etc, into. What a shame!!! All of that could have been assembled into a neat 3 ring binder and submitted to me and then on to the American Federation. Wouldn't it be great to have your club honored. Even getting an honor for your effort. That is just the bonus. The lasting bonus is a scrapbook that can be shown at club functions, and especially at a club show. What a great way to show prospective members who you are and what you do.

Now is the time to start asking your members to snip those newspaper articles of your activities and mark the photos of your field trips. That will make the task a bit easier when YOUR club sends me your scrapbook in 2004.

Please remember that all entries are for the calendar year of 2003. Have questions ?? Call or email me, please. By the way, I did receive a grand total of 1 entry for 2002.

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Is it Spring Yet?

EDITOR'S CORNER

by Mary Bateman

Did you take advantage of the cold, snow and ice of February and March by thinking of new ways to spruce up your bulletin? If you have some ideas you would like to share with your fellow editors, send them to me and we will publish them in a future column. Your suggestions and contributions for this column are always welcome.

Some hints to help you improve your newsletter—some merited repeating as reminders:

First, remind your authors that any material/phrases used from any source must be either noted in the text or footnoted as to that source—to not do so may lead to plagiarism or copyright infringement. If an author has sent you an article with quotes and no references as to the origin of the quotes, ask them for the reference before printing the article. They may have just forgotten to give you the source.

Members who belong to more than one club, may have submitted to another club an article they gave you. The rule is any publication that prints an article first, must be given credit for publishing that article, poem, etc.

If an article, poem, drawing, etc. was published in a copyrighted publication (i.e., "The New York Times", "Lapidary Journal" etc.), be sure to get permission of the publisher before reprinting it. You don't want to be accused of breaking the copyright laws. When you get permission to reprint a copyrighted item, you need to give credit to the publication, publication date, author, etc. Also, it is a good idea to state either at the beginning or at the end of the article something similar to "Special permission was given to reproduce this article and cannot be reprinted without permission of the publisher."

Some clubs in the Federation

have copyrighted their newsletters. Most give automatic permission to EFMLS clubs to reprint their articles, etc. If a newsletter is copyrighted and permission is not given within the newsletter for you to reprint any items as long as you give credit, contact the editor to make sure that there is no problem.

Minerals and fossils should not, as a rule, be capitalized. Of course, the exceptions would be when it is the first word of a sentence or appears in a title.

Examples:

Some of the finest jade is Burma jade.

Jade from Burma is among the finest.

Some fine specimens of trilobites can be found on the beach.

Trilobites were found on the beach.

Months and days should be spelled out. Also, avoid using numerical representations such as 04/01/03. Examples (note commas):

Last Monday, February 10, it snowed.

Not "Last Mon., Feb. 10, it snowed." Or "Last Mon., 02/10, it snowed."

The names of states should be spelled out if used alone, but can be abbreviated when referring to the state a city or town resides.

Examples:

Not far from Scranton, PA [or Penna.] are many coal mines.

Many coal mines are found in Pennsylvania near Scranton.

Use an ampersand (&) only when it appears as part of an official name.

The trend is not to use a comma before "and" or "or." The exception is a complex sentence and when it is necessary to clarify a message. Whichever you choose, be sure to be consistent.



With today's technology, here are the rules for some of the most common terminology:

e-mail (The letter "e" is lowercased unless it appears at the beginning of a sentence; some publications print it as "e-Mail" at the beginning of a sentence. Whichever you choose, be consistent.)

voice mail (noun)

voice-mail (adjective)

web site (noun) (italicize specific addresses appearing in text)

Web-site (adjective)

Web (When referring to the World Wide Web (www), Web is capitalized.

Example: EFMLS has a site on the Web.)

Plagiarism and copyright infringement are to be taken seriously. It is your responsibility as editor to monitor articles submitted for content, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

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QUOTES

forwarded by Alicia Catalano

Mona Lisa's Mother: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

Columbus' Mother: "I don't care what you've discovered. You still could have written."

Napoleon's Mother: "All right, if you aren't hiding your report card inside that jacket, take your hand out of there and show me."

NIObIUM BRACELET

from Terry Cirrincione

Cathy Gaber, former EFMLS president has designed and hand-made a most beautiful bracelet that will be the envy of every woman who sees it. And it could be yours!

The bracelet is a solderless square box chain made out of niobium. Its colors are alternating blue, teal (a blue-green), and green.

Look for it on the EFMLS raffle tickets when they are mailed to our clubs in the next few weeks. It is a beauty.

Raffle tickets are being printed and will be sent with a cover letter to all presidents of clubs, our officers, and chairmen of EFMLS committees. Help us out by buying the tickets; they will sell for \$1.00 apiece.

Also in the raffle this year are a dinosaur footprint, an exceptional cluster of calcite crystals, and other minerals. I will write about them for the next issue.

CANDIDATES SOUGHT

from Tom Milligan

The EFMLS Nominating Committee has begun its process of preparing a slate of candidates to serve the EFMLS in the next year and we are looking for your input.

Is there someone in your club who you feel would make a good officer for the Federation? If so, let us know who that person is, how we can contact him or her, what club they are a member of and why you believe the person would be good for the EFMLS.

Send your input to me at 1107 Ivory Foster Rd; Owego, NY 13827.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

from Fran Sick

As I write this article in late February I look outside at snow piled up everywhere and the temperatures of this seemingly endless winter here in the Northeast are still bitter cold. Hopefully by the time you read it in late March or early April the weather will be more like Spring. That means the 2003 collecting and show season is about to get under way. So far only one entry has been received for the 2003 Each One Teach One Award and the June 1st deadline is only about two months away. Before you get too involved in the Spring rock and mineral shows, field collecting, lapidary classes, Wildacres attendance or whatever you love about our hobby please give some thought to those folks who have so unselfishly shared their time and knowledge with you and others over the years. Through their generosity we all have learned more about our special areas of interest and this knowledge certainly increases our enjoyment of what we are doing. I find that the more I learn the more fun I have.

I am sure there are many people who belong to EFMLS member clubs who deserve the Each One Teach One Award. Some have been nominated before, but did not win the top award. Others have probably never even been nominated because nobody took the time to do it or just didn't think about it. We all enjoy their written articles, educational field trips, lectures, demonstrations, classes or workshops. However we sometimes take the efforts of these dedicated friends and club members, who share so much of their time and expertise with us, for granted.

Remember, most of the teaching activities these folks engage in are strictly on a volunteer basis with no benefit to themselves, except possibly the satisfaction they get from seeing the rest of us learn and enjoy the rock and mineral hobby more. These special teachers of ours don't

expect anything but a thank you in return. Still, it is frequently an expensive as well as time consuming project to pass on their skills to us. Often they use their own machinery or spend their own time and/or money maintaining club equipment. They hand out free samples. They spend hours doing research for the articles they write and the lectures they give. The expenses for travel alone, especially at today's gas prices, are sometimes quite high. Yet they continue to do it with no thought of reward.

Please give some serious thought to nominating one of those special people for the 2003 Each One Teach One Award. It is the best way I know to say "Thanks for all you do."

For more details on the criteria for the EOTO award please refer to articles in the November 2002 through March 2003 EFMLS Newsletters. Entry forms may be found in the November and December 2002 Newsletters. Or feel free to contact me at <FRAN_AND_ED@webtv.net> or phone (570)928-8313. I will be happy to send you an entry form or answer any questions you have. You may mail your entries to the address listed on the form or e-mail them to me at the above address.

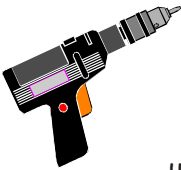
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HAND TOOL SAFETY

Chisels & Drills



Chisels and drills are used with hammers. Flat cold chisels are used to form and cut cold metal and not work with rock, so rock hounds should use brick chisels (chisels with double a beveled point at an included angle of 80 degrees) and brick sets (chisels with a single beveled point with an included angle of 45 degrees) to split rocks. Star drills, for making holes in rocks, have all cutting edges with included angles of 70 degrees. Hold chisels or drills with a loose fist, keeping the fingers relaxed in order to minimize the chance of being hit by a glancing blow of the hammer. A sponge rubber pad forced over the chisel or drill above the hand and glove will also protection for the hand. If someone else is holding the chisel or drill, it is best to use a set of tongs or a chisel holder to guide the chisel. Gloves, protective clothing (long sleeve shirts, long pants, aprons), eye protection (safety spectacles, safety goggles, and face shields), and safety shoes should also be used to protect both individuals from glancing blows and flying chips. The following safe practices apply for the care of chisels and drills:

1. Protect cutting edges by installing protective covers.
2. Store in racks where they will not be chipped or broken.
3. Regrind broken or chipped chisel edges before using. Cool in water often to protect the temper of the metal. Drill cutting edges should be hand filed, Replace chisels and drills with mushroomed heads to prevent shards of metal from breaking off and causing injury.
4. Lubricate with light oil before storing and wipe the oil off before striking with a hammer.

Crowbars, Pinch Bars and Wrecking Bars

Crowbars, pinch bars and wrecking bars are favorite tools of the rock hound. Be sure to use the proper size for the job, with a point or toe that will grip the object to be moved and a heel that will act as a pivot or fulcrum. Use of a block of wood under the heel will also keep the bar from slipping and causing hand injuries. Store bars secured upright so they wont fall or cause tripping hazards. Never hit a bar with another tool and do not try to pry an item that will cause the bar to bend.

Knives


According to the National Safety Council, knives are responsible for more disabling injuries than any other had tool. Only use knives for the purpose intended, not splitting rocks with a hammer. Keep the knife blade sharp and cut away from the body, avoiding jerky motions. Use knives with retractable blades whenever possible. If the item to be cut is used in the other hand, wear cut resistant gloves. Always where a sheathed knife at the hip towards the back, never on the front part of a belt. This prevents severing an artery or vein in a leg as the result of a fall. Wipe knives with the sharp part of the blade turned away with a separate cloth, not on clothes or with fingers. Wash knives separate from other utensils. When not in use keep knives in sheaths or knife racks to guard there edges to protect people as well as the knife's edge. For long term storage, apply a rust preventative compound on all metal parts and store in a dry spot out of the reach of small children. Avoid horseplay such as "fencing" when using knives and allow for plenty of room so you won't bump into anything. The



18" machete is used to cut tall grass, vines, and small brush and is heaviest and widest near the pointed end with a handle shaped to fit the hand. When using a machete, always make sure no one is close enough to be injured before swinging the tool, and always clear the swing path so as not to deflect the blade. Do not use a dull or defective tool and store properly in its sheath when not in use. For prolonged storage coat metal parts with light oil.

Axes

Axes are designed for cutting, felling, trimming, notching, and splitting wood and soft material. A narrow blade is for hard wood and a wide blade is soft wood. A single bit ax may also be used for driving wooden stakes, NOT CHISELS and BITS! Never strike an ax against metal, stone, or concrete. Never use an ax with a worn or damaged handle. Use steel wedges with a maul or sledge hammer when splitting wood, never a single bit ax. Keep ax blades sharp. A dull blade may glance back and cut the user. Always wear safety shoes, eye protection, and long pants when using axes. Before swinging an ax, ensure you have a path clear of vines, brush, etc., and no one is standing nearby. During the swing, let your hand slide down the handle towards the other hand near the end. Have your weight distributed evenly with



your knees set but not tense. The body should be relaxed and free to swing and bend at the waist. For a right handed person, the left foot should be closer to the work. Protect the ax blade(s) with a sheath or metal guard when not in use. Carry axes at your side-single blades pointed down. Axes, like

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knives, should be kept sharp by honing.

Mattlocks

Double bedded mattlock and pick mattlocks are designed for digging and cutting. Their use and safe practices are similar to those for axes.

Shovels and Spades

Long handled shovels are used for digging in open areas and "D" handled shovels are for light digging in confined areas. The spade is for heavy digging in confined areas. The post hole digger is used to bore holes for posts, explosive charges, etc.. Shovel blades should be kept well trimmed and the handles in good shape and free of splinters. Wear heavy safety boots with sturdy soles and use the ball of the foot, not the arch, to press the shovel into the ground. If the in-step is used and the foot slips off the shovel, the sharp corner of the shovel may cut the shoe and the foot. Keep legs well separated with spring in the knees-the leg muscles should take much of the load while shoveling. Dip the blade in water often or coat the blade with wax or grease to keep the shovel free of sticky material and caking. Treat the handle with linseed oil occasionally to avoid cracking and splinters. Store shovels against or hanging on the wall in a rack or shovel box.



GOOD STUFF!

by Bruce Gaber

Only YOU can make the Wildacres and EFMLS convention auctions a success. Fun donations make a fun auction, and as many of you know, our auctions are like no other!

These are no dry affairs like the ones you see on TV where everyone is carefully guarding their paddles and looking so serious. Our auctioneers are guaranteed to be entertaining and the audience members often take part as well. The atmosphere of these voice auctions is part show, part business and part lively competition. Only the boldest bidders get the good stuff!

Now where does this good stuff come from? You know, from you! Think out of the box and make the kind of interesting gem, mineral and fossil related donations that you would want to bid on yourself. Did you pick up some unusual souvenirs on a trip? Did you create a masterpiece that you can part with? Can you find a book, video or supplies that pertain to our hobby that you no longer use?

If all else fails, can you go out and buy something to donate to the auctions? Watch for sales, get a bargain and pass it along. If everyone who attends Wildacres and the convention could contribute even one intriguing item, we would be sure to have successful auctions. The more interesting the good stuff, the more interesting and fun the auctions will be.

The Wildacres sessions in Little Switzerland, NC, are May 16-22 and September 2-8, 2003 and the EFMLS convention is in Poughkeepsie, NY, October 17-19, 2003

If you can not attend Wildacres or the EFMLS auction, donations can be mailed in advance to Bruce Gaber, 5707 Northfield Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817-6737.

Thanks!

NEW DIRECTORY

from Carolyn Weinberger

The 2003 EFMLS Directory is on its way to you now. Watch for it in the next few days.

When you receive your copy, please carefully check the entry for your club and notify me if there are any errors.

New this year is a listing of clubs participating in the AFMS Scholarship Foundation and an almost complete listing of Each One Teach One recipients. In addition to information about EFMLS member clubs there is also information about Wildacres, the Federation insurance programs, a listing of all committee chairs, officers, and available slide and video programs.

MORE QUOTES

forwarded by Alicia Catalano

Jonah of the Whale's Mother: "It's a good story, but where have you really been these past three days?"

Michelangelo's Mother: "Can't you paint on the walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that junk off the ceiling?"

Abraham Lincoln's Mother: "What's with that hat? Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

George Washington's Mother: "The next time I catch you throwing money across the Potomac, you can kiss your allowance goodbye."

Thomas Edison's Mother: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off and go to bed!"

Albert Einstein's Mother: "But it's your senior picture. Couldn't you do something about your hair?"

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VISIT A SHOW

from George Everett

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April

5-6: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures & Fossil Fair 2003. Annual show and Sale, sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. Lulu Temple; 5140 Butler Pike; Plymouth Meeting, PA - Two Miles from the Norristown exit (#333) of the PA Turnpike.

11-13: 26th Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromineralogists of the National Capitol Area. Contact Steve Weinberger (cweinber@bcpl.net) for information and registration.

12-13: 34th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the New York Southern Tier Geology Club. Senior Citizen Center, Johnson City, N.Y.

12-13: 20th Annual Rock and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical and Geological Society. Finley Gym, University of New England, 716 Stevens Ave., Portland, ME (I-95, exit 8).

May

18: Annual Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show at Goucher. NOTE: THIS IS A SUNDAY. Goucher College, Kraushaar Auditorium Pavilion, Dulaney Valley Rd just off I-695; Towson, MD.

June

7: SPRING MINERALFEST, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association, Inc. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA

14-15: Gem-Mineral-Fossil-Jewelry Show & Sale, sponsored by the Fulton County Mineral Club. Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Rt. 67, Johnstown, NY.

July

12-13: 37th Annual Jewelry, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale, sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. New York State Fairgrounds I-690 Exit 7, Syracuse, NY.

26-27: Annual Champlain Valley Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by Greater Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, Dorset St. & Kennedy Dr., South Burlington, VT.

August

2 - 3: 33rd Annual Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society. Mount Merici School, 152 Western Avenue, Waterville, ME.

23-24: 37th Annual Rock, Mineral & Gem Show sponsored by the St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club. Canton Sportsman's Club, Canton, NY.

September

6 - 7: Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. VFW Hall, Route 2 (base of the Mohawk Trail), North Adams, MA.

October

4: AUTUMN MINERALFEST, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association, Inc., Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA.

17-19: EFMLS Convention & Show hosted by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. Poughkeepsie, NY. EFMLS Business meeting on October 17. Show October 18 and 19.

November

1 - 2: 34th Annual "Gemarama", sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. CFS, School at Church Farm, Business Route 30 & Route 202, Exton, PA.