

# EFMLS NEWS

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

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## AFMS CONTEST RESULTS MINUTES OF THE EFMLS ANNUAL MEETING

### NEW SLIDE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

The EFMLS Program Library is pleased to announce the addition of 10 VHS tapes from the 29th (2002) Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. Our thanks to the Symposium once again for their generosity in providing us with these tapes.

VHS #153R Meteorites: Messengers from Space - Dr. Richard Herd

VHS #154R Gems at the Source: Sri-Lanka and Tanzania A Video Diary - Chris Amo

VHS #155R Minerals and Gemstones of some Pegmatites on the Antsongombata Area, Central Madagascar - Dr. Frederico Pezzotta

VHS #156R Theory and Practice of Micromounting - Quintin Wight

VHS #157R What's New in Minerals - Jeffrey Scovil

VHS #158R What's New in Minerals - Bill Pinch

VHS #159R Epitaxy! - Dr. Pete Richards

VHS #160R The Colorful World of Diamond Mineralogy

VHS #161R Granitic Pegmatites of the Canadian Grenville Province - Dr. Scott Ercit (this tape is not available at the moment due to some technical problems)

VHS #162R Old Classics and New Discoveries in the Pegmatites of Elba Island, Tuscany, Italy - Dr. Frederico Pezzotta

from Inga Wells

In addition to the tapes, the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium Committee presented the program library with a set of the Annual Program Guidebooks. If you desire to find out more about a particular program we can peruse the program book and give you a better idea of the information contained in the program tape.

Most RMS programs are lengthy - some are 1 + hours long. The tapes contain a vast amount of information; some good humor; some have graphs and are very technical and hard for some club members to grasp. For the most part they are suited for the advanced mineral collector. These tapes deserve attention from club program chair people. There is much not yet published and "on the cutting edge of knowledge about the subject" information in these 2002 tapes.

Give these tapes a try!

Some clubs comprised of rockhounds with different levels of knowledge and varied interests in the subject have tried this method very successfully.

Order the programs well in advance of the date you wish to present them.

I extend my warmest invitation to try or retry your EFMLS Library Services.

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

from Bob Livingston, EFMLS President

Summer is racing by, but no coasting for Eastern!

Two months have passed since our last newsletter and many more of us have had our club show, or attended one, EFMLS held a very successful Wildacres Workshop with happy folks also coming from at least three other Federations, and Larry Vandergrift and I, plus nearly a dozen others made it to the west coast to attend the AFMS meeting, show and convention in Port Townsend, Washington.

My hat's off, and in fact, many accolades were given to the Port Townsend club for their outstanding job in planning and making happen a fabulous AFMS show with all the food-and other related-events etc. Theirs will be a tough act for Eastern Federation and the host Syracuse club to follow when the AFMS show and convention is in Syracuse, NY, July 6 - 11, 2004. To tide you over till you read a complete convention wrap, here are some significant tid bits from the convention.

- Theme "Victorian Gems — A step in time," tied in with the many Victorian buildings in town

- An amazing 175 - 200 cases of superb exhibits

- 29 competitive exhibits were judged — several winners were from Eastern

- Sizeable Editor's Breakfast with 85 attendees

- Awards banquet was around 250 persons (and we all got fed well). Great tie-in with Victorian doll favors plus floral-shoe center pieces

- Always, at least 16 different demonstrators sharing their talents at the show — really impressive

- For kids, lots of creative challenges, gold panning and spin-the-wheel raffle at the show

Eastern Clubs — "Ya done good in the West at AFMS!"

- Eastern's own Steve Weinberger, AFMS President was presiding officer and did us all proud

- The top All American Club Award — a solid first place Gold — went to the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club of small town Sayre, PA. Way to Go Che-Hanna! ... Your hard work paid off

- Eastern was Number 1 in persons submitted for "AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year!" Thanks go to Cathy Gaber for cracking the whip

- Two of the four "programs" submitted in competition were from Eastern and both creative authors received cash awards. Again, great work, Wayne Sukow and Jay Tinker

- Beautiful, whopping 5000+ carat faceted CZ stone cut by the famous "dare devils" of the Northwest Federation, was won by John Baumler of the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse. John is also our Region III Vice President who instantly became an extra popular guy. Congrats.

- Eastern was only second on bulletins submitted for judging. No. 1 honors went to "Midwest." (Congrats to scores of you for awards for your club bulletins/ articles. Think 2003 contest now.)

GREAT JOB everybody who participated or helped make Port Townsend a memorable event!

2003 still needs a Taker. Hard to believe, but yes we still need a club, or group of clubs to come forward to host the 2003 EFMLS convention and show. We are grateful to the folks in New Jersey who pooled the talents of three groups and did a very good job hosting us



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## EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

from Joy Bourne

Welcome Back !!

I hope you all had wonderful summers with sunny skies, time to relax, good companions and lots of good rockhounding activities to fill your days.. Now it's time to get back into the swing of your 2202-03 club year, and to return invigorated and refreshed for a productive year. We hope you will make consideration of a gift to EFF a priority in your planning for the new club year.

### PERSPECTIVE

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this past April. Now we need for that same spirit of cooperation to manifest itself somewhere else between Maine and Florida. Look for an article elsewhere on this subject from your President-elect, Larry Vandergrift.

WOW! One of my goals was to get a dollar more from the 2002 Raffle for Eastern Foundation Fund than we got in 2001. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Terry Cirrincione and those hundreds of you who bought the \$1 chances, I am happy to report we took in over \$300 more this year.

Thanks also to Anthony Faller, who helped the AFMS Endowment raffle bring in a lot of dollars.

It seems like yesterday our team began serving you, but next month will be my 10th and final message as your guy at the top. I will call it "Report Card and Adios Amigos."

School is beginning — watch out for our kids.

**Bob**

The summer has been relatively slow as far as Eastern Foundation Fund activity is concerned. We have only one club contribution to report since we last were in touch with you. We wish to thank The Gem, Lapidary and Mineralogical Society of Washington, DC, who sent us this first contribution. I trust this is only the beginning of bigger and better contributions to the only fund whose proceeds are solely used for EFMLS projects.

And, speaking of these projects, I am delighted to report that the EFMLS Executive Board has approved the expenditure of \$350 from the interest on the EFF account. This money will be used for the current project, the Pough slides. Dr. Frederick H. Pough has sent still a third batch of his slides to us, bringing the total to date to around 700 slides! As you know, Wendell Mohr, our resident slide-restoration and duplication guru, has begun preliminary work toward the goal of duplicating and preparing the slides for inclusion in the EFMLS Slide and Video Library.

Remember, individuals - both EFMLS members and non-members, EFMLS clubs, and any other organizations may contribute to the Eastern Foundation Fund at any time, and in any amount. All contributions of \$15.00 or more are promptly acknowledged, and clubs are credited with the amounts contributed by individual club members. We welcome your participation in helping grow the harvest which ultimately benefits us all.

Make your checks payable to EFMLS, and send your contributions to: Joy Bourne, EFF Chair, RR #1, Box 159, Towanda PA 18848-9739. I'll be delighted to hear from you, and Lou will be delighted to add your money to the EFF account. Do it now!

## BE A PART OF HISTORY!!

from Larry Vandergrift  
1st Vice President

It is real easy to put your club in the history books. Yes, you and your club can be part of the Eastern Federation archives. How many chances does a club get the honor of being part of the annals of a great organization? You will be among the elite, one of less than 35 clubs that can claim this honor. How can all this be? Well, it is as easy as saying one word; YES !! Be a great host, and say yes to the 2003 Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies Convention.

Contact Terry Cirrincione, Convention Advisory Committee, or any officer on the Board of Directors. Terry as well as any member of the board would be more than glad to get you started and set you in motion toward this historic occasion. You won't be alone in this endeavor. We are here to provide guidance and support. Speaking of support, this year the Eastern Federation will be providing the host club not only with guidance and direction but, also with financial help for their efforts.

Your club doesn't need to be a producer of a large gem and mineral show and you don't have to add a lot of new dealers to your current show. Whatever the perceived problems, together we will work them out. A problem is just another opportunity to succeed.

Let us all come visit you, at your location next year in 2003!



## THE "M" AWARDS

*from Matt Charsky, 2nd VP*

Using the 2002 EFMLS Directory and comparing the number of memberships to the previous year, the following clubs have had a significant (more than 5) increase in their memberships.

Manchester Gem & Mineral Society  
Manchester, Connecticut

Florida Panhandle Gem & Mineral Society - Pensacola, Florida

Gulf Coast Mineral, Fossil & Gem Club - Venice, Florida

Miami Mineralogical & Lapidary Guild - Miami, Florida

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club  
Tampa, Florida

Augusta Gem & Mineral Society  
Augusta, Georgia

Capital City Gem & Mineral Club  
Frankfort, Kentucky

North Shore Rock & Mineral Club  
Lynn, Massachusetts

Worcester Mineral Club  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society - Jackson, Mississippi

Keene Mineral Club  
Keene, New Hampshire

Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society - Franklin, New Jersey

Morris Museum Mineralogical Society - Morristown, NJ  
New Jersey Lapidary Society  
Ocean, New Jersey

North Jersey Mineralogical Soc.  
Hawthorne, New Jersey

Buffalo Geological Society  
Buffalo, New York

Finger Lakes Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club - Branchport, New York

Fulton County Mineral Club  
Gloversville, New York

Gaston County Gem & Mineral Society  
Gastonia, North Carolina

Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club  
Sayre, Pennsylvania

Delaware Valley Paleontological Society - Plymouth Meeting, PA  
Franklin County Rock and Mineral Club - Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Leidy Microscopical Society  
Holicong, Pennsylvania

Mineralogical Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania  
Pittston, Pennsylvania

Monongahela Rockhounds  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Nittany Mineralogical Society  
University Park, Pennsylvania

Using a dividing line of 50 members to separate large and small clubs, the following clubs had the largest number of increased members for their category and were given the "M" Award at the EFMLS Annual Meeting in Franklin, NJ:

Small Club Winner  
North Jersey  
Mineralogical Society

Large Club Winner  
Keene Mineral Club, NH

Also, using the 2002 EFMLS Directory and comparing the number of memberships to the previous year, the following clubs have increased

memberships slightly (less than 5).

Rockhounds of Central Kentucky  
Lexington, Kentucky

Baltimore Mineral Society  
Baltimore, Maryland

Southeastern Massachusetts Mineral Club  
Norwell, Massachusetts

Presidential Gem & Mineral Society  
Jefferson, New Hampshire

Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club- Dover, New Hampshire

Cape Atlantic Rockhounds  
Galloway, New Jersey

Jefferson County Rock and Mineral Club - Brownville, New York  
Queens Mineral Society  
East Rockaway, New York

Staten Island Geological Society  
Staten Island, New York

Gem City Rock and Mineral Society  
Erie, Pennsylvania

Moraine Rockbusters  
Allison Park, Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association - Allentown, PA

Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, Pennsylvania  
Croydon, Pennsylvania

Mineralogical Society of Brattleboro - Brattleboro, VT

Gem and Mineral Hunters  
Sterling, Virginia

Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg - Lynchburg, VA

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# THE NORTHEAST FIELD TRIP ALLIANCE

from Ed Murphy

NEFTA - The Northeast Field Trip Alliance has been in operation for many years. Our Directors voted to recognize this organization and publish information about how to join.

The operating principles for the organization are shown below. We welcome all clubs in the Eastern Federation to join us as members of NEFTA. We have lots of fun and fellowship as well as finding lots of great specimens.

## NEFTA's Mission Statement

"To promote the study of the Earth Sciences in the field by facilitating safe field trip opportunities for the rockhound community"

## *Requirements for NEFTA Membership by Clubs*

1. Clubs must be 100% EFMLS insured.
2. Each member club must host a minimum of 3 field trips available to the general NEFTA membership within each calendar year.
3. Clubs may collect participation fees for field trips on a fair and equitable basis. NEFTA members are not to be penalized for not being members of the host club.
4. The host club reserves the right to give preferential treatment to its own members for participation in trips with limited enrollment. Non host club member participants will be allowed on a first come/first served

## "M" AWARDS

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Gem & Mineral Society of the  
Virginia Peninsula  
Newport News, VA

Kanawha Rock and Gem Club  
Charleston, West Virginia

Congratulations to these clubs. We hope to see your club here next year.

basis or similar fair arrangement determined by the host club.

## *How to Attend NEFTA Field Trips*

All field trips on the NEFTA update list are open to members of any of the NEFTA clubs unless specified otherwise. To book a place on a trip a club member must make the request through his home club NEFTA representative (usually the Field Trip Chairman). The NEFTA representative contacts the NEFTA representative from the Host Club and makes the arrangements at least 2 weeks prior to the trip. No individual members are to contact the NEFTA representatives of other clubs. NEFTA representatives vouch for the eligibility of the persons they refer to other clubs' field trips.

## NEFTA Safety Rules

1. The Host Club safety person has the final word on all safety issues on a given trip.
2. NEFTA trip participants must sign both a sign in sheet and waiver of liability statement at the beginning of each trip.
3. NEFTA trip participants must present their home club ID card and proof of EFMLS insurance at the start of each trip. Personal identification should be available upon request.
4. Field trip participants must wear safety equipment appropriate to site. This usually requires hard shoes, hard hats and eye protection.
5. Illegal drugs and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on field trips.
6. Field trip participants will only enter sites with the group as directed and will leave promptly when told to do so.

## *Policy for Problem Cases*

Persons not obeying field trip rules and who are in the opinion of the safety person of the day presenting a danger to themselves or others will be required to leave the site immediately. These incidents are to be reported as stated below.

A second offense by the same person within the collecting year will result in an additional 1 calendar year suspension of NEFTA collecting trip privileges. Returning offenders are to be considered probational. Any additional offenses will result in permanent exclusion from all NEFTA trips.

Records of offenders are to be maintained by the Host Club and are to be reported to the Field Trip Chair (NEFTA representative) of the Offenders Home Club. The Home Club Field Trip Chair will enforce any NEFTA actions by refusing to register multiple offenders on future trips. Persons who achieve "multiple offender" status will be reported to the NEFTA field trip coordinator to be included in the next organization wide update.

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## MUSIC ON THE "NET"

*from Ye Olde Editor*

Those in attendance at the Cracker Barrell or at the tailgate session this April in Franklin, NJ will remember the music of Micael Kessler, incoming Region II Vice President.

Michael and his family have now placed their music on the web for all to enjoy. The URL is <artists.mp3s.com/artists/438/syrinx1.html>

You can enjoy by pressing the play button on lo-fi if you're dial up, and hi-fi if your DSL.

## CARL KROTKI

EFMLS TREASURER 1961 - 1973

Carl Krotki, one of the early stalwarts of EFMLS passed away in mid-July. He was 87.

By profession, Carl was an CPA, serving as controller of Permag Corporation. His passions were mineral collecting and mineral book collecting. Friends included Neil Yedlin, Fred Pough, Paul Seel, Paul Desautels and John Sinkankas. His children fondly recall the many "mineral evenings" spent at their New York City apartment when friends would drop by and discuss and show off their newest finds. What amazing evenings these must have been!

Carl served as EFMLS Treasurer for 12 years, as President of the New York Mineralogical Club and later as chairman of the Constitution & ByLaws committee for EFMLS. He became known as the watchdog and conscience of EFMLS during his active years of service. "Ask Carl" became a familiar phrase bandied about by the officers of the time.

He is survived by his children, Saul Krotki and Isaac and Judith Putterman, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His wife of 61 years, Shirley, passed away in 2000.

Contributions in Carl Krotki's memory should be directed to either the Eastern Foundation Fund (% Joy Bourne, RR #1, Box 159; Towanda, PA 18848-9739 Checks to "EFMLS") or to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (& Tom Milligan, 1107 Ivory Foster Rd; Owego, NY 13827-4324. Checks to "AFMS Scholarship Foundation").

## SYBIL CHURCHWELL

EFMLS TREASURER 1987 - 2000

Long time EFMLS treasurer Sybil Churchwell passed away July 16 following a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 70.

Always cheerful, Sybil was born in El Dorado, KS, but moved to Orlando, FL in 1953 where she began her working career in the new field of television. She was quite proud of those pioneering days in the new and relatively untested field.

She and her late husband Ken soon became involved with the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Club and Sybil became it's newsletter editor. She soon became involved with EFMLS and was elected Assistant Treasurer in 1986; then became Treasurer in 1987 - a position she held until illness forced her to resign in 2000.

She is survived by her daughters, Brenda Speicher and Lynn Lawrence and three grandchildren.



Contributions in her memory may be made to the Eastern Foundation Fund (% Joy Bourne, RR #1, Box 159; Towanda, PA 18848-9001. Checks payable to "EFMLS").

## ALL AMERICAN AWARDS

*from Hazel Remaley*

Here I sit, looking over the past issues of the EFMLS News, and wondering where to start. First, let me introduce myself to you. I am the EFMLS Chairperson for the All American Club Award. Perhaps many of you new officers or subscribers are not familiar with this program. I prefer to not call it a competition. The main objective is to compile a neat scrapbook, following the guide lines in the form, submit it to me, and have a chance to have it entered into the pro-

gram that involves all of the Federations in the AFMS. If this sounds like a competition, well in a way it is, but I consider it a way for every club, large or small, to compile and record the goings on and history of their own club each year. To me, it is better than having the secretary or historian have a file folder, box, or tote full of unorganized papers.

I have been a very bad procrastinator. This message should

have been in the June Newsletter, but, well, you know how it is!!! The submission year runs from Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2002, so, get your files organized, and ready.

The date that I must have them will be announced later, but, please **START NOW . I'M WAITING , SO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE !!!** Contact me with any questions.

## 2003 RAFFLE ON ITS WAY

from Terry Cirrincione

1 Our 2003 raffle is on its way. We have had several wonderful donations for our ticket raffle as well as our bag raffle. However, we do need more donations. Will your club donate an item to be raffled off? Think of the joy that it will bring to the winner! It might even lead to a more active participation in his/her club. What are we looking for...

Minerals?

Lapidary?

Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary Books?

Small Equipment/Supplies necessary for Lapidary?

Slabs of Minerals?

Fossils?

Jewelry?

Gem Trees?

Shells from Florida or Overseas?

All donations will be labeled with your name (unless you want to be unidentified) or your club name in the NEWS and on the labels in our Raffle Case.

Mail to:

Terry Cirrincione

EFMLS Ways & Means Chairman

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## SAFETY FIRST

by Bill Klose

*MSHA Training For Rock Collecting in Mines and Quarries - Update*

At the EFMLS Show in Franklin, NJ, this spring I learned that some States, such as New Jersey, are conducting the training required for issuance of MSHA FORM - 5000-23, a Certificate of Training, that is required under Public Law 91-173 as amended by Public Law 95-164 prior to entry on mine property. Check with your local Quarry or Mine, or State Geological Survey, to see if this training is offered in your area if you do not have instruction available through your local club utilizing Joel Vicary's program.

## AFMS COMPETITION RESULTS

assembled by Sir Barkley Bigfoot, Assistant Editor In Training

The American Federation meetings and show held this year in Port Townsend, Washington were a resounding success. A number of significant changes to the Uniform Rules were approved and, beginning in January 2003, the rules for exhibiting will be available on the AFMS website for you to download. Hard copies will still be available through the EFMLS supplies chair, but for many, this is faster and more convenient.

President Bob Livingston has given you a rundown of the highlights of the show. The Port Townsend Rock Club did an wonderful job and made everyone who attended feel at home. The Olympic Peninsula is truly a beautiful area of Washington and many EFMLS members enjoyed sightseeing in the nearby Park, travelling across the strait to Victoria or spending time seeing the country as they drove the 3,000 or so miles out and back.

Eastern Federation entries did exceptionally well in the competitions as President Livingston indicated. Here are the results:

### Slide Program Competition:

1st Place with highest honors went to

Wayne Sukow of the Northern Virginia Mineral Club for his educational program entitled "Datolite: Crystals Diversity and Color". and

Jay Tinker of the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse for his Power Point program entitled "Recovery of the Hyde Park Mastodon."

Both of these programs will soon be available in our EFMLS library for your club to borrow. Watch for an announcement early in 2003.

### Exhibiting Trophies:

Barbara Sky received a trophy for her mineral case.

### All American Club Awards:

Highest award given to the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club.

### Editor's Awards:

New Editors:

2. MINERAL MINUTES, Georgia Olmstead, Editor, Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia

9. ROCKIN' ROUND, Ken Tudor, Editor, Maine Mineralogical & Geological Society, Portland, ME

Mini Bulletins:

8. THE CRYSTAL COURIER, Michael Kessler, Editor, Brooklyn Mineralogical Society, Brooklyn, NY

Small Bulletins:

1. THE CORAL GEODE, Millie Heym, Editor, Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club, Tampa, FL

7. THE ROCK COLLECTOR, Dan Imel, Editor, Rochester Lapidary Society, Rochester, NY

Honorable Mention:

HOUND'S HOWL, Barbara Fenstermacher, Editor, Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society, Aiken, SC

Large Bulletins:

I. GEM CUTTER'S NEWS, Carolyn Weinberger, Editor, Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD

5. THE GEM & MINERAL JOURNAL, Cathy Faller, Editor Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA, Lynchburg, VA

Original Adult Articles:

8. RUNNING FROM GHOSTS, George Klein, Author, NJ Paleontological Society, New Milford, NJ

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## AFMS COMPETITION

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Original Adult Articles - Advanced

6. **OUTDATED PLACE NAMES & OBSOLETE MINERAL NAMES (HOW TO COPE)** Roland Bounds, Author. Delaware Mineral Society, Wilmington, DE

Honorable Mention: **EPIDOTE**, William Grimes, Author. Smoky Mountain Mineral Society, Hartford, TN

Honorable Mention: **MINERALOGY OF IRON METEORITES**, John Jefferson, Author. Che Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Sayre, PA

Junior Articles - ages 12 or less

5. **COLLECTING HERKIMER DIAMONDS**, Rachel De Mel, Author. NY Mineralogical Club, New York, NY

Junior Articles - authors age 12 - 17

10. **METAMORPHIC ROCKS**, Isaac Joseph, Author. Che Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Sayre, PA

Poetry - Juniors

1. **FRANKLIN ONE & FRANKLIN TWO**, Aaron Mount Lemle, AUTHOR. NY Mineralogical Club, New York, NY

4. **UNTITLED**, Joel Vago, Author. NY Paleontological Society, New York, NY

Poetry - Adult

2. **NIRVANA RARE**, Terry Cirrincione, Author. American Fossil Federation, Falls Church, VA

3. **THE FOSSIL DIG**, J. Richard (Rick) Smith, Author. Maryland Geological Society, Baltimore, MD

4. **THE CHALLENGE OF LOSS**, Millie Heym, Author. Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club, Tampa, FL

Special Publications

4. **AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM**, Loren & Kathy Patterson, Authors. Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Syracuse, NY

5. **SHOW PROGRAM OR FLYER**, Diana Volcheck, Author. Delaware Mineral Society, Wilmington, DE

7. **45TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION GRANITE CHIPS**, Edith Hammond, Author. SE New Hampshire Mineral Club, Dover, NH

## THANK YOU

*from Esther Dunn*

My thanks to the Past Presidents' Advisory Council Jury of Awards Committee for selecting me as the recipient of the Eastern Federation Citation Award. It is indeed an honor to be listed with these other special EFMLS members who have striven to serve the Federation and its' members. I hope my legacy will be that I improved and upgraded the programs of every task I was appointed to do for the Federation. My thanks to my husband, Grady, for his support and encouragement over the years. He is my greatest fan, and I couldn't have

done it without him. He has been a real "gem", and it's been a pleasure working with other Federation members and officers, to further our great hobby.

Since I could not be at the Franklin, NJ Convention, Reivan Zeleznik presented the plaque to me at Wildacres this past May. It was so very fitting that I be given the EFMLS Citation Award at Wildacres. This is where I got started with the Federation, and where I spent so many great years learning, as well as teaching.

## WILDACRES

*from Esther Dunn  
Functioning Committee Chair*



Our May Wildacres Workshop was a big success, thanks in part to Bill Metropolis. We really enjoyed his programs and he became a part of the crowd, seeming to enjoy himself too.

The Editor's Scholarship recipient, Stanley Geare, also attended, and we hope he enjoyed the workshops as much as we enjoyed his company.

We're looking forward to the September 9 - 15, 2002 workshops, when Jay Lininger will be our guest speaker. He's the Editor of Matrix Magazine and we always enjoy his programs. He's a speaker.

If you have never experienced this mountain-top retreat, you haven't experienced the deep peace, serenity and fantastic vistas you will be treated to here. No TV, no boom boxes, no radios... Just peace and quiet and the chance to become friends with the special people who participate in each session.

## NEW OFFICERS?

Remember to send the name, address, telephone and e-mail information for your new officers to the EFMLS Secretary and Editor so that the lines of communication can remain open

Hope that you all had a good summer and that you are all geared up and rejuvenated to do your bulletins for the remainder of the year. Now is the time to start looking through this year's issues in preparation for the BEAC bulletin editor's contest. More details on the contest will be announced later.

This is also a good time, while looking at our bulletins, to ask ourselves how to improve them—not only the format but grammar as well. Along those lines, we often question the proper usage of a word, punctuation, etc. In this year's BEAC contest, the editors pointed out some wrong usage in many of the entries. Some are listed below and more will be listed in future articles. These little slips can take away points that can mean the difference between a trophy and first place or first place and a second or third place.

If you have some ideas on improving a newsletter, please let me know so that we may share them with other editors. Do you have a favorite style manual? E-mail me at <mbateman@erols.com> or write to me at 2700 South 9th Street, #203, Arlington, Virginia 22204.

**Abbreviations:**

a.. Abbreviations should only be used when absolutely necessary and when standard such as Ph.D., Dr., Mr. Ms. Mrs., etc.

b.. "i.e." for that is and "e.g." for example should be used sparingly and encased in commas.

c.. "&" should not be used unless it is part of a name such as John Jones Fossils & Minerals, Inc.

d. Spell out a date such as January 1, 2002, not 1/1/02; Wednesday, not Wed.; September instead of Sept.

e.. Other things to spell out in the text are state names, street, avenue, boulevard, place, terrace, lane and road.

**Acronyms:**

Acronyms such as EFMLS should be spelled completely out (Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies) the first time it is used. If the name is to appear more than once, follow the name with its acronym enclosed in parenthesis; you can then use the acronym in place of the full name in that article. Example: The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) had a successful meeting in Franklin, New Jersey. EFLMS elections were held at that time.

**Commas:**

Be consistent when using commas in a series. While the trend is not to use a comma before "and" or "or," it can be used either way as long as the usage is consistent.

**Contractions:**

Contractions should be avoided. For example, use cannot, do not, should have, instead of can't, don't, should've. Remember 'taint" and "aint" should never be used.

**Dates:**

A common mistake is "Tuesday April 1, 2002." The proper way is "Tuesday, April 1, 2002" or "The April 1, 2002, meeting was postponed." Note the placement of the commas.

**Numbers:**

When writing one through nine, spell out the numbers and use numerals for numbers greater than nine. The exception to this rule is when a number starts a sentence, it should be spelled out and when numbers appear in the same context, the style of the larger number governs the smaller, "Of the 55 members, only 6 attended the meeting."

**Quotation Marks:**

Periods and commas at the end of quotes appear inside the quotation marks; semicolons and colons at the

end of quotes appear outside the quotation marks; a question mark or an exclamation point can appear inside or outside quotation marks depending upon whether it belongs to the sentence or the quoted matter ("Time to start the meeting!" yelled the president. The president yelled, "Time to start the meeting!"); single quotation marks should be used for quotations within quotations.

**Seasons of the Year:**

The first letter of the seasons should be lower case when they appear in text. The exception is when they apply to publication periods (Fall 2002 issue).

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**CLUB ROCKHOUND**

from Cathy Gaber

I am looking for nominations for the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Every club in the Eastern Federation deserves to have someone from the club recognized by both the Eastern and the American Federations each and every year.

Anyone in the club can nominate anyone else. All I need is the name of the nominee, the name of the nominator, the club name and a brief (50 word) blurb about why the nominee is worthy of being honored. So simple, so fast, so rewarding.

e-mail me today at <bg@his.com>

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

from Carolyn Weinberger

There are a few changes to your 2002 Eastern Federation Directory which should be made at this time in order to keep it current.

Carl Phillips has moved. Please change the information on page 8 (By Laws Committee) to reflect his new address:

6750 US 27 Unit H-3  
Sebring, FL 33870  
Phone: 863 382 0465  
E-mail: cphil@tnni.net

Page 61: The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse has a new President. He is:

Jay Tinker  
468 Skyhigh  
Road, Tully, NY 13159  
315) 696-8274

Page 53: Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society has a new Secretary and new Treasurer:

Secretary:

Sharon McClanahan  
1255 E Cnty Line #L3  
Jackson, MS 39211  
601-956-9997

Treasurer:

Randy Walker  
137 Evergreen Dr  
Brandon, MS 39042  
601-825-6641

Page 76: Burlington Gem & Mineral Club.

Club website should be:  
<[www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org](http://www.burlingtongemandmineralclub.org)>

The e-mail address for the Editor is <[khowe@zoo.uvm.edu](mailto:khowe@zoo.uvm.edu)>

Please remember to keep the EFMLS informed of any changes of address or officers.

## THE TOLL BOOTH

contributed by Carl Phillips

When the driver of a huge trailer lost control of his rig, he plowed into an empty tollbooth and smashed it to pieces. He climbed down from the wreckage and within a matter of minutes, a truck pulled up and discharged a crew of workers.

The men picked up each broken piece of the former tollbooth and spread some kind of creamy substance on it. Then they began fitting the pieces together. In less than a half hour, they had the entire tollbooth reconstructed and looking good as new.

"Astonishing!" the truck driver said to the crew chief. "What was the white stuff you used to get all the pieces together?"

The crew chief said, "Oh, that was tollgate booth paste."

## SNAPSHOTS FROM THE AFMS MEETING



The "A Team" at work. President Bob Livingston and 1st Vice President Larry Vandergrift



Barbara Sky accepts her competitive exhibit trophy from AFMS President, Steve Weinberger



The harbor at Port Townsend, Washington

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## VISIT A SHOW

*from George Everett*

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to George Everett, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 69 Jeff St., Oxford, MS 38655-5602 or e-mail him at <mlgae@olemiss.edu>.

### September:

7 (raindate 8th): 31st Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the New Jersey Mineralogical Society, Inc. Fanwood Train Station, North Martine Av and North Av, Fanwood, NJ.

7 - 8, Rock, Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Cape-Atlantic Rockhounds Clubhouse grounds, Cologne Ave, between Rts. 30 & 322, Cologne (Atlantic County) NJ.

7 - 8: 51st Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show sponsored by Danbury Mineralogical Soc. Danbury High School, Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT.

7 - 8: Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. VFW Hall, Route 2, East of the center of North Adams, Massachusetts.

14 - 15 37th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club. The Zembo, Third & Division Streets, Harrisburg, PA

28-29: 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. NEW LOCATION - Howard Co. Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD Rt. 32.

28-29: 14th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Western Piedmont Gem & Mineral Society. Hiddenite Center, Sulpher Springs Rd, Hiddnite, NC

28-29: 46th Annual Franklin-Sterling Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Franklin Mineral Museum. Franklin School, Franklin, N.J.

### October:

5 - 6: 11th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Rockhounds Of Central Kentucky and The Capital City Gem and Mineral Club. Ky National Guard Armory behind Bluegrass Airport on Airport Rd. just off US 60 west of Lexington Ky.

19-20: 33rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society. NEW LOCATION: Mid-Hudson Civic Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY. For Directions: <www.midhudsonciviccenter.com>

26: 18th Annual South Penn Rock Swap, sponsored by the Central Penn and Franklin County Rock & Mineral Clubs. South Mountain Fairgrounds, 1.5 Miles west of Arendtsville, PA (Route 234).

26: Fluorescent Mineral Show, Ultravioletation 2002, sponsored by Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County Penna. The First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Rd. Fairless Hills, Penna.

### November:

2 - 3: 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Gemarama" Gem, Jewelry & Lapidary Show, sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. Church Farm School on north side of Business Route 30, 1/2 mile west of the Frazer/Business Route 30 exit off of Route 202, Exton, PA.

23- 24th: 11th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Student Union II Building, George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA.