Let’s Rock and Roll!

by Cherly Neary, EFMLS Auction Chair

2016 Annual Auction

It is that time of year! Time to think about our annual auction and donate, donate, and donate!

So why not think about donating rock specimens, jewelry, fossils, lapidary items and books related to our hobby? Or if you or your club cannot be at the auction, make a monetary donation to help support the Eastern Foundation Fund. The interest generated from the fund is used to support a variety of EFMLS special programs.

Let’s Rock! You donate the rock hobby items and our auctioneers will be on the roll to generate the funds! Every year your support has been generous. Please keep it up! You can notify me at <ciervo.neary@gmail.com> of your intent to donate.

Please plan on attending the Convention at Rochester. The auction is on Saturday – time to be announced at a later date. This event is fun-filled and I am sure you will be entertained!

See you in October –

Plan on spending some time and money at the Auction!

The Eastern Federation Fund

by Professor Michael Kessler, EFF Chair

Isn’t it amazing how fast the time goes. Have you also noticed that time moves even faster when you are busy with something. There never seems to be enough time. When you’re keeping track of time, however, it appears to slow down.

My observations about time are meant to remind everyone that we need to take care of business now. Don’t put things off for another time. The best time may pass us in just a moment, and it’s time for us to consider a contribution to our Eastern Foundation Fund (EFF).

Keep our hobby safe and restored with this secure funding made available by the Eastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Societies.

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EFMLS Annual Convention hosted by the Rochester Lapidary Society
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT
by Larry Heath, President

Spring has finally arrived here in New Hampshire. The weather is finally warming up and the days are getting longer.

As I write this, the Wildacres spring session is just a few days away. The views there are unforgettable; the food is great and the classes are out of this world. The speaker-in-residence for this session is Helen Serras-Herman an acclaimed gem sculptor with over 32 years of experience. She is also a noted lecturer who has given well over 100 lectures here in the United States and in Europe. I look forward to hearing her talks and getting to know her and her husband Andy.

If you’ve not yet attended an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop, consider attending the fall session to be held September 5 - 11. The speaker-in-residence for fall is Alfredo Petrov, a well known mineral expert, world traveler and speaker. The weather in September is usually warm and pleasant and lends itself well to enjoying those famous rocking chairs on the porches and patio! You can find information on our website <efmls-wildacres.org>.

Carolyn Weinberger was elected to be our new AFMS 5th Regional Vice President when Matt Charsky’s term expires as AFMS President at the end of October. Jay Bowman has agreed to be our Uniform Rules representative to the AFMS. Thank you both Carolyn and Jay for stepping up and taking these very important jobs.

I have received a lot of comments on moving our Federation into the 21st century. It was interesting that the discussion pro and con was about 50-50. I think the most important thing is that all of those who responded agreed that there needs to be more research on the subject and our Bylaws Committee has already begun the task. You’ll hear more from them next month.

With good weather here, the local clubs have started having their shows. Take the time to visit these club shows everywhere you can and see what the vendors have for sale and enjoy getting together with those who have the same interest that you do. It is amazing what you will see and learn and is always well worth the trip. Watch your mailbox in the next few weeks for information about the upcoming EFMLS annual meeting this coming October being held in conjunction with the Rochester Lapidary Society’s annual show.

Have fun; remember to be safe and with luck, you’ll find that one of a kind specimen.

Larry
Nearly every rockhound I meet is eager to explain how their interest in rocks, minerals, or fossils started when they were young. In fact, prior to the development of an increasingly media-driven society, hobbies like rock collecting were an important part of both personal and social development. With all the time spent watching television, playing video games, and tethered to social media, the sad reality is that many of today’s children have never experienced the rewards of a hobby. To be clear, a hobby is not the same as organized, adult-directed, after-school activities such as Little League. Hobbies are an important means of self-discovery and expressions of personal accomplishment that help build self-esteem and resilience. Working on hobbies teaches children how to learn about things, how to set goals, make decisions, and develop a variety of problem-solving skills. Hobbies often mature into lifelong interests and sometimes even careers.

Consider how thirty-plus years ago almost every kid in your neighborhood had some sort of hobby, whether it was trading baseball cards, mounting butterflies, or collecting things like stamps, or rocks. A young colleague recently expressed the financial motivation behind his degree in electrical engineering and his current interest in pursuing a master’s degree in business to make him more promotable. This was in stark contrast to an older colleague, also with a degree in electrical engineering, who expressed his start in “building radios” as a child and now dissatisfied with a career that increasingly pulls him away from his technical “roots.” Similar to the way trees need solid roots to grow tall and stand strong, kids need hobbies to help them develop life-long “roots” as well.

As rockhounds, we already recognize the value of our hobby, so how do we help children today develop and sustain hobbies?

Having participated in events with a variety of displays and demonstrations at a number of venues with children over past years, I am repeatedly reassured that kids still have innate curiosities for which hobbies form a way of tapping into. The child-like curiosity that is still awakened in us as adults through the pursuit of our hobbies is a necessary ingredient. Fortunately, geology remains fashionable among kids. Collecting rocks is interesting and learning how those rocks are geological windows into our own past is even better. Kids love to recognize patterns in nature.

Cultivating a hobby takes “spare time,” which is arguably the first casualty of media-driven distractions and tightly packed schedules of organized activities in today’s world. Consider that by age 15, the average child has spent more time watching television than sitting in a classroom. Add to that the addictive-like effects of video games and the tether-like effect of social media and texting, and one quickly recognizes that potential “spare time” is rapidly consumed by a craving for stimulation - even to a point of over-stimulation. Childhood is followed by the adult pressures of making a living with increasingly demanding schedules. If one never learned how to appreciate and make use of “spare time” with hobbies as a child, it’s not likely to be an integral part of adult life either. Hence, the first challenge is making room for “spare time.”

Un-tethering the child, even for a little while, from his or her media-fed environment does not have to involve draconian parental controls accompanied by screaming and door slamming. The key is to (1) set an example by making time ourselves as adults and (2) taking advantage of that time to tap into a shared child-like curiosity. This is where family-oriented events like rock shows, county fairs, STEM expos, etc. can be very important venues to help explore interests together. This is also where it is important for our clubs and their memberships to continue hosting and participating in such events. In today’s financially-obsessed world, it is easy to forget that the real “value” of these events is not measured by their profitability in a purely monetary sense. The last STEM expo in which I participated with a 10x10 blackout tent filled with UV lights and fluorescent minerals captivated the interest of children and their parent’s innate curiosity alike! Asking questions together, many became interested in the glowing rocks and how they could get involved also. By setting the example as role models and being prepared to provide encouragement and guidance, there is still room for hobbies in today’s world. The good news is that activities like this psychologically free kids from being merely glued to computers and cell phones all day! When given the chance, children embrace the opportunity to get back to those interests we used to call “hobbies!”

For want of spare time, a hobby may never develop. It takes a village as helping to make that “spare time” reality involves the time and effort of our clubs and its members supporting each other, parents, and children. The reward is that by helping a child to find a hobby, a talent may be born and a life enriched. In future articles, I intend to further explore how to inspire and guide children of different ages within the hobby.
Tightly tucked toward the top of our trinket trunks are treasures too toxic to touch, tempting us though as they tease our thoughts.

Yes, tis true! Tossed throughout our treasure trunks are things that are toxic to the touch and taste, even in this totally tantalizing, yet tranquil, task of teaching there are terrors taxing my task.

Well, enough of these terrible, Thesaurus taxing “t’s”. The message this month is a mention that there are dangers lurking among our mineral treasures and what to do about that. Think for a moment, if you will, about the chemical compositions of some of the minerals we collect - autunite, arsenopyrite, cinnabar, betaafite, thorite, cuprosklodowskite, malachite, even beach shells for the jewelry we make have within them chemistries that, under certain conditions of working, handling, or storage, can present concerns about their part in maintaining our health. Think of the conditions in which we find our mineral treasures -- conditions that hide biting, stinging insects, or rash-causing plants, or offer precarious physical conditions which may impact ones health.

Our hobby is associated with great joys but also has within it certain dangers with which we should exercise substantial care and caution. There are minerals that should not be touched with bare hands and fingers. There are minerals that should not be worked dry. There are minerals that produce slivers that, oh so easily, penetrate the skin. There are minerals of a radioactive nature as well. Each of those situations requires certain protective measures.

We encounter many specimens of fauna and flora along the way as we walk to our favorite collecting localities. Many of those same fauna and flora are ones which bite, sting or scratch us. Some things just lay in wait to dig into our delicate hides, or scratch and tear us. We don’t usually encounter hiding tigers or crouching dragons on our trips but those pesky little eight and six legged things sure can mess with our enjoyments.

What is a body to do to protect oneself? Glad you asked! We have a hobby based on sharing, giving, and teaching! Most of the hobby’s enthusiasts out there, ones I’ve met over the years, follow those practices in all ways. There are folks in our clubs who have all manner of experiences with our hobby’s related dangers and hazards. What I would like to offer here is a thought for your consideration. I would like to offer a suggestion that we encourage our members with the most experience to share, give, and teach not just about their knowledge with rocks, minerals, and fossils, but, also share, give, and teach what they have learned about being safe - safe mineral handing, safe storage, safe caring and feeding of our treasures, safe traipsing on quarry roads, safe avoidance of biting insects and so on.

I’d like to broaden the sharing approach of our hobby to all things safety. Indeed, if your club does not have a safety coordinator, I would recommend your investigation of the benefits to your club with having a dedicated safety person. And, if you already have such a dedicated person in your club, I applaud your forethought! If you have a safety coordinator making safety a fun, interesting, and a learning experience, you are well ahead of the safety curve!

Please be safe, and think safety. Also, please mind those legless critters as well, after all, we all have a place on this Earth and we need to be mindful about sharing it with them.

Spring is Sprung
by Betsy Oberheim, EOTO Chair

Spring is sprung...the grass is riz....I wonder where....my nominees is'"

OK, so poetry isn’t my thing, but giving out an award for Each One Teach One is!! And I need to know who to give it to! Only you can help me find out who is spreading the word by going to the public and telling them about our clubs, rocks and minerals, geology, etc. Who in your club fills the bill? Who teaches others in schools, clubs, etc? Please send me the information before the warm lazy summer takes your attention, and you forget. I thank you and they will too.
Please add to your Directory:

**CAPE ATLANTIC ROCKHOUNDS**
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The Left Thing

by Ellery Bow, EFMLS ACROY Chair

“The Left Thing” could be a title to draw readers, as in, what I meant to write was “The Right Thing” - - as in, the right thing to do is to mention, with praise, the good things and accomplishments your members do in supporting your club. I will herein state that I did indeed intend to use the title “The Left Thing” because the left thing is often the thing one has left to do. But, is often a thing one does not get around to doing - that of praising the many hard working members in your club.

The left thing is the thing we have left to do after a good service is done. It is what one is left with, which is the need to praise the good deeds folks do in and for your club. We do not usually praise others ahead of time, we usually wait till after the deed is done. However, all too often that praise is left out. Ran out of time, forgot, did not get around to it, are all excuses I have heard about reasons for not mentioning or rewarding good deeds.

I urge folks to keep from leaving out any words of well deserved praise. In that regard, we here in the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year committee are in a position to make that praising of a deserving member an easy thing to accomplish. If you take a moment and prepare a brief write up of your members accomplishments or reasons why they deserve praise, and send those notes to me, along with the members name (or in the case of a couple their names), their club affiliation, and your name as the submitter, I will prepare a short (70 word or so) article for placement in the pages of the AFMS and EFMLS newsletters. That way, all readers of the AFMS and EFMLS newsletters can see and share in the praise of that member. How cool is that! Public and nation-wide recognition of one members accomplishments can be publicized in the mere time it takes to draft a paragraph or so.

Once we receive your honoree’s information, we will make sure that person is not left out. Indeed, your honoree will be written up in glorious black and white for all to see. Way cool!

Please let us know of your members great accomplishments. We request that you send in only one submission per year per club for the recognition. The exception is that, if your club has a junior member deserving such praise, we would welcome the opportunity to publicize your junior member as well. Thus, your club may have one senior member as well as a junior member in any one year. Please keep your great members from being left out of an ACROY honor. Thank you - we’d love to hear from you! My contact information for ACROY is at the back of this newsletter under committee chairs. We don’t want to have any praise left out. Please send in your submissions.

Get Your Red Hots! (It’s AFMS Endowment Fund Drawing Time).

by Carolyn Weinberger, Endowment Drawing “Salesperson”

Once again the American Federation Endowment Fund is holding a drawing for fabulous prizes. In order to receive one of the prizes of course, you’ll need to be the holder of a winning ticket.

Tickets for the prizes are $5 each or 5 for $20. Monies raised from the sale of these tickets is invested in the AFMS Endowment Fund principal with only the interest earned from these investments being used for special AFMS projects that ultimately benefit your club. Two of the projects currently being funded is the procurement of professionally produced video programs which are sent to the EFMLS Library so your club can borrow them at no charge save return postage, and badges for the very popular Junior Rockhound program that many of our clubs participate in.

A complete list of the available prizes, along with color photos can be found on the AFMS website <www.amfed.org/2016_AFMS_Endowment_Fund_Drawing.pdf>.

So why not take a chance and purchase one or more tickets? Even if you ticket isn’t one of the winners, I can guarantee that your investment will go to excellent use as the Endowment Fund grows.

To purchase tickets, send me your check, payable to AFMS Endowment, plus of course your name, address and phone number along with a self-addressed stamped envelope (see my address on page 2) and I’ll get the tickets out in the mail to you. Do consider also purchasing some for your club -- you can always use a winning prize as a door prize at a meeting or party.
Wildacres In the Fall

by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chair

What? You’ve never attended an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop? Do you realize what you’ve missed over the past 44 years?

The Wildacres Retreat is located on its own private mountain, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC (about an hour north of Asheville). It’s run by a private not-for-profit foundation dedicated, like our Eastern Federation, to the betterment of human relations. The generosity of the Wildacres Foundation makes it possible for approximately 90 non-profit organizations, such as EFMLS, to use the facility for a variety of workshops. This May for example, we’re sharing the campus with a group of cellists and members of a consortium of scientists, mathematicians and engineers. Other groups invited to use the facility include potters, astronomers, writers, story tellers, religious groups, micologists and more.

Each EFMLS Workshop features talks by a guest “speaker-in-residence”. For fall, we’ll have Alfredo Petrov, a well known mineralogist and world traveler who will share some of his stories about minerals and travels to unusual places. Not to worry, Alfredo’s talks will not be technical and will be of interest even to the non-mineral oriented person. He’s an interesting, fun and entertaining guy who has recently had a new mineral, “Alfredopetrovite”, named after him.

Instructors volunteer their time and talents to teach our classes. Most have been with us before and are outstanding!

For fall, our line-up of classes is:

4-day classes:
- Faceting - Steve Weinberger
- Jewelry Design - Brenda Smith
- Polymer Clay - Barbara McGuire

2-day classes:
- Fused Glass (both basic & advanced) - Becky Edmundson
- Opal Cutting (both basic and advanced) - Cheryl Kasper
- Roadside Geology - Virginia Meador
- Uncomplicated Mineral Photography - Virginia Meador
- Silversmithing (both basic & intermediate) - Richard Meszler
- Wirewrapping (both basic & intermediate) - Pam Bryant

For a description of each of the classes, visit the EFMLS Wildacres Workshop website <efmls-wildacres.org>. You can find registration forms there as well.

I’m looking forward to seeing you at the fall EFMLS Wildacres Workshop, September 5 - 11, 2016.
The Southern Maryland Rock & Mineral Club is proud to sponsor the 2016 Eastern Federation of Mineralogy and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS)

Region IV Potluck Picnic and Rock Swap/Sale

Gilbert Run Recreational Park
Charlotte Hall, MD

Saturday, June 18, 2016
9 am - 5 pm

Admission to the Park is $5 per carload
(No charge for swapping or selling)

"This is an old-fashioned rock swap where people who collect rocks, minerals and fossils will be selling and trading specimens"

Details
This is a free event for all EFMLS rock club members and their families and friends. In addition to minerals, fossils and lapidary for swap/sale each attendee/family is asked to bring a potluck dish to share, and one labeled specimen donation for an auction that will take place after lunch.

The auction will help defray the cost of the event. There is ample parking for tailgate swapping/selling. Please bring your own tables and chairs. There are onsite restrooms and handicap access. Donations of excess rocks and related tools to the “Treasure Box” are welcomed and are free for anyone to take. The Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club will provide plates, cups, plasticware, sodas, and bottled water.

Schedule of Events
9:00 - 12:00 Swap and sell
12:00 - 1:30 Potluck Lunch and Auction
1:30 - 5:00 Swap and sell

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Address:
Gilbert Run
Recreational Park
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Directions:
From the D.C. Beltway:
Take Rt. 5 South (Exit 7A) towards Waldorf
Go 12.3 miles and turn left onto Mattawoman Beantown Rd. (Rt.5)
Go 3.2 miles and turn left onto Leonardtown Rd. (Rt.5).
Go 4.9 miles and turn right on Olivers Shop Rd.
Go 5.9 miles and turn left onto Charles St. (Rt 6)
Go 1 mile and turn left into Gilbert Run Recreational Park

OR
Take Rt. 301 to La Plata, turn left onto Charles St (Rt 6 East) and go 8.6 miles to Gilbert Run Recreational Park
Turn left into Gilbert Run Park and follow the signs to the Hilltop Pavilion Parking lot.

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Communication and Involvement Are the Keys to Our Success!

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30 – May 1: 53rd Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the North Shore Rock & Mineral Club. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rt 1, Topsfield, MA. Contact: <nsrmc@verizon.net>

May:
14-15: 48th Annual World of Gems & Minerals sponsored by the Berks Mineralogical Society. Leesport Farm Market, Rt 61; Leesport, PA. Contact: Don Pitkin <pitkind@earthlink.net>

14-15: Annual Spring Gem, Jewelry, Rock, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Cape Atlantic Rockhounds. 2641 S Cologne Ave; Mays Landing, NJ. Contact: Howard Stoddard <ministryman04@yahoo.com>

14: South Penn Rock Swap & Sale sponsored by the Central PA Rock & Mineral Club and Franklin Co. Rock & Mineral Club. So. Mountain Fairgrounds, 615 Narrows Rd, Biglerville, PA (West of Arendtsville, PA). Contact: <tsmith1012@comcast.net>


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4 – 5: 2016 Annual Mineral, Gem, Jewelry, Fossil Show, Sell & Swap sponsored by the Orange Co. Mineral Society. Museum Village, 1010 Rt 17M; Monroe, NY. Contact: <clynefrancis@gmail.com>


4-5: Annual Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Orange Co. Mineral Society. Museum Village, 1010 Rte. 17M; Monroe, NY. Info: <clynefrancis@gmail.com>

4 – 5: 23rd Annual GemFest 2016 sponsored by the Wayne County Gem & Mineral club. Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N Bloomfield Rd; Canandaigua, NY. Contact: <fredhaynes55@gmail.com>.

17-18: Annual Fossil & Mineral Show sponsored by the Lancaster Co. Fossil & Mineral Club. Lancaster Co., PA. Contact: <silverfordinc@yahoo.com>

July:
9-10: 50th Anniversary Gem World sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. SRC Arena, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY. Contact: Dick Lyons show@gmss.us

30-31: 37th Annual Champlain Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, 500 Dorset St; S. Burlington, VT. Contact: Jeff Higgins – 802-849-6076