

EFMLS NEWS

Information for members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary So-



BREAKING NEWS!

from Steve Weinberger and Fran Sick

What do all these people have in common?



As you can tell from their smiling faces, they've all been to an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop! Next year, one of these people could be you.

Get out your 2009 calendar and reserve the week of Friday, April 17 – Thursday, April 23 for the first of our two EFMLS Wildacres Workshops!

Bruce Gaber, our speaker coordinator says that the speaker in residence for the session will be Dr. Michael Wise, a research mineralogist/ curator with the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, where he has worked since 1988. He is one of the world's leading authorities on the mineralogy of pegmatites. He is a Consulting Editor for Rocks & Minerals Magazine and an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Orleans.

Mike is an engaging speaker and will regale us with tales of adventures from mountains in Southern California to the back roads of Madagascar.

We'll have a list of classes to be offered, hopefully information about our fall session (if we receive our dates for that session from the Wildacres Foundation in time) and an application form in the December issue of EFMLS News. We can tell you however, that we will be offering some new and different classes....so reserve that week on your schedule so you can join us at Wildacres.

(If you've been before, you know how wonderful an experience it is....and if you've never been, come and find out for yourself.)



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FROM THE TOP!

from Mary Bateman, EFMLS President

At the EFMLS annual meeting in Jackson, MS earlier this year, I had the distinct honor and privilege of being elected president of EFMLS beginning November 1, 2008. At the time, November 1 seemed a long way into the future. Time has passed quickly and by the time you receive this newsletter, it will be November 1.



My activities with EFMLS began by attending several conventions in the 1990's and I was then asked to take over the chair of the Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee. Next it was serving as secretary, 2nd vice president and then 1st vice president. A big advocate of Wildacres, I recommend it to all who will listen to me. It is truly one of the brightest gems of the EFMLS and is open to all club members—more on Wildacres in a future column.

My interest in rocks and jewelry began at a very young age when I would pick up all the "pretty rocks" and make jewelry with whatever I could find including paper and even paper clips. This interest has intensified even more in recent years as I do more and learn more in the hobby -- lapidary arts, fossils, jewelry making, etc. I will be retiring as of November 1 and am looking forward to spending more time with the hobby.

One of my goals for the coming year is to visit and speak to as many clubs as I can. If your club is interested, please let me know and I'll try to schedule it. I believe it is important that club members get to meet and know their officers. That is why it is important to have each club send a representative to the annual convention (in October this year).

Another goal is to get the clubs and Regional Vice Presidents communicating and working together. If we are to succeed as a Federation, all of our clubs must be successful. This is the responsibility of all of us – club members and officers, Regional Vice Presidents, EFMLS officers and committee chairs. We all must become involved. There are still several committee chair spots that need to be filled. If you or someone you know might be interested in one of these slots, please do not hesitate to let me know. The more people that are involved, the less the burden on those who are already serving.

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you and learning more about each of your clubs. If you do not already send me your newsletter each month, please do so. I read each one I receive. If you wish, you can send it electronically to <mbateman1@verizon.net>.

Let us each do our part in having a great year of building, serving and strengthening our clubs and the Federation.

Mary

ALL AMERICAN NOTEBOOK QUEST

by Pat Pitkin,, EFMLS Chair

Christmas is coming,
The Scrapbook Bin is fat.
Who wrote the article about
The Collector's hard hat?

What do the kiddies do
Snuggled up in their Den
Sort Rocks from their Field Trips?
Sharing, Trading, and then...

Educate the masses
Invite public to view
What we all know
And what we all do.

Collect all your Newsletters
To research events.
Put on Demonstrations
At Shows and in Tents.

Toot your own horn.
Show All what you do!
Share news with the Members
And Guests who are new.

Who wrote the letters
To those Congressmen there?
Who took the photos
Of what events...where?

Who puts it together?
An Organizer...YES!
So we can make order
Of all of this mess.

So come on you Historians,
Bring History Alive.
Wow your own Club
With what's Buzzin' in your Hive!

Forms for the 2009 contest are
included in this issue on page 9 or
contact me. I'm here to encourage.

Pat Pitkin
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EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

from Fran Sick, EFF Chair

The Eastern Foundation Fund has received a generous contribution from the **Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.** in memory of recently deceased members Mimi (Peterson) Murray and Mary Folsom. Our condolences to the club on the loss of these valued long-time members and our deepest sympathy to their families. Thank you to the MGMS for remembering their club members in this way.

The EFF welcomes all contributions, whether they are memorials or simply your generous support of the fund. As you are no doubt aware, an acknowledgement is sent to the family of deceased members when we receive memorial contributions. Sometimes, however, it is challenging to obtain the correct name and address for the person to whom the acknowledgement should be sent, and I need to ask for your help. If possible, when sending a donation in someone's memory, it would be very much appreciated if you could include the name and address of the person to whom the letter of acknowledgement should be sent. This would ensure that families are notified of your remembrance as promptly as possible.

Please keep your contributions coming and thank you for your help.



EACH ONE TEACH ONE NEWS

by Hazel Remaley, Chair

Are you like I am? Piles of paper-work all over the desk. Folders held together by a rubber band. Can't find what you are looking for.



I try to do my best to keep up, but when you are retired there just doesn't seem to be enough time to do everything. I hope that you club officers will find time from your duties and your paperwork to look for a nominee for the Each One Teach One Award. I get many newsletters from clubs and can see that there are certain folks who perform many duties. They present programs and teach

hobby related classes.

Hopefully you can find a person to nominate for the award. (If I sound like a broken record, YOU try writing an article - begging every month !!)

In addition to that news, I have set the deadline for ALL nominations to be received by JULY 1st. Please follow the form found in this issue. There is no need to list the number of hours teaching, speaking or serving. Simple and to the point is very often the best. You can snail mail or email.

If you have questions, please contact me at 570-888-7544 or <northridge5@verizon.net>.

Thanks,, Hazel

ROCKHOULDING CONCERNS

by Clyf Bourne, EFMLS Conservation & Legislation Chair



Shirley Leeson, past president of AFMS, submitted a letter that had been sent to a member of Congress by a professional geologist. I hope it is not too late for you to do the same. Last month, the House bill, H.R 544 was supposed to have been reported out of committee and presented to the House. I couldn't find out if that happened. It's title, "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act," disguises the fact that it is a bad bill; especially from our viewpoint.

Here is the letter:

"Bill HR 554 would make it a crime for individuals to collect fossils on public lands. I am a registered professional geologist with a half century of experience working as a geologist, which includes the collecting of fossils. I believe bill HR 554 is ill advised and unnecessary. I have been involved in voluntary teaching of geology, including fossils, to school children and adults. This is a pastime that millions of Americans practice and enjoy. I do

not understand the purpose of restricting and criminalizing their free exercise of their right to use THEIR public lands.

"There are trillions of fossils in the rocks within the United States. The collecting of a few thousand or even tens of thousands of fossils each year will not deplete this resource in 1,000 centuries nor does it contribute any significant environmental impact. To appoint bureaucrats and law enforcement individuals, who are untrained in paleontology, to enforce this dumb law is ludicrous and another waste of taxes. I find it incredible that with all the problems facing this country you folks in Washington are wasting your time and our money on such absurdly silly legislature.

"A few paleontologists want to restrict their fellow Americans so that they alone can pursue this hobby. It is a hobby for them too, because people cannot make a living as paleontologists unless we taxpayers support them with grants of our money. No one should have his access to knowledge restricted so that only a few anointed experts can pursue fossil collection and study. Many of the finds and much research in paleontology occurs as a result of amateur and semi-professional research and collecting. What is next? Will only librarians be allowed to use the libraries or only biologists be allowed to go fishing?

" If this bill is passed, a family on a weekend outing can be jailed and fined for picking up a fossil even if they do not recognize it as a fossil. How do we restrict children from picking up a fossil any more than restricting them from picking a wild flower or catching a butterfly? Chil-

dren need to explore nature to be children. Our scientists, including the very paleontologists promoting this law, come from a childhood curiosity that includes pastimes like fossil collecting. I became a geologist because of a childhood pastime of collecting fossils, which began at the age of 8 years. In my professional career, I have added billions of dollars in resources to our nation's benefit. Many other geologists share the same background and have made similar contributions. You have to decide if the passage of this stupid Bill HR 554 is worth the price of further diminishing our nation's available energy and mineral resources and our future supply of scientists. Or, perhaps in the future, we can also import our scientists from China too?

" I urge you to vote against bill HR 554.

"Sincerely,
Eugene V. Ciancanelli,
California Professional Geologist
#347"

I also encourage you to contact your representatives in Congress now to prepare them to reject this bill and the Senate version, S.320 unless they are revised to allow everyone to enjoy their birthright.

In the meantime, Happy Hunting.

Clyf Bourne
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SAFETY FIRST...AND LAST

by Jim Doran, EFMLS Safety Chair

Jim is tied up at work this month so instead of his usual column, we're substituting this timely article on Carbon Monoxide written by Chuck McKie, CFMS Safety Chair. It appeared in the December 2005 issue of the CFMS Newsletter.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, deadly gas. It can kill you before you know it because you can't see it, taste it or smell it. At lower levels of exposure, it can cause health problems. Some people may be more vulnerable to CO poisoning such as fetuses, infants, children, senior citizens and those with heart or lung problems. When an individual breathes in CO, it accumulates in the blood and forms a toxic compound known as carboxyhemoglobin (COHb). Hemoglobin carries oxygen in the bloodstream to cells and tissues. Carbon monoxide attaches itself to hemoglobin and displaces the oxygen that the body organs need. Carboxyhemoglobin can cause headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizzy spells, confusion and irritability. Later stages of CO poisoning can cause vomiting, loss of consciousness and eventually brain damage or death.

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of combustion of fossil fuels. Fumes from automobiles contain high levels of CO. Appliances such as furnaces, space heaters, clothes dryers, ranges, ovens, water heaters, charcoal grills, fireplaces and wood burning stoves produce CO. Carbon monoxide usually is vented to the outside if appliances function correctly and the home is vented properly. Problems occur when furnace heat exchanger

cracks or vents and chimneys become blocked. Insulation sometimes can trap CO in the home.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Phoenix Fire Department recommend installing at least one carbon monoxide detector with an audible alarm near the bedrooms. If a home has more than one story, a detector should be placed on each story. Be sure the detector has a testing laboratory label.

The following is a checklist for where to look for problem sources of CO in the home:

1. A forced air furnace is frequently the source of leaks and should be carefully inspected.
2. Measure the concentration of carbon monoxide in the flue gases.
3. Check furnace connections to flue pipes and venting systems to the outside of the home for signs of corrosion, rust gaps, holes.
4. Check furnace filters and filtering systems for dirt
5. Check forced air fans for proper installation and to assure correct airflow of flue gases. Improper furnace blower installation can result in carbon monoxide build-up because toxic gas is blown into rather than out of the house.
6. Check the combustion chamber and internal heat exchanger for cracks, holes, metal fatigue or corrosion. Be sure they are clean and free of debris.
7. Check burners and ignition system. A flame that is mostly yellow in color in natural gas fired furnaces is often a sign that the fuel is not burning completely and higher levels of

carbon monoxide are being released. Oil furnaces with similar problems can give off an oily odor. Remember you can't smell carbon monoxide.

8. Check all venting systems to the outside including flues and chimneys for cracks, corrosion, holes, debris, blockages. Animals and birds can build nests in chimneys preventing gases from escaping.

9. Check all other appliances in the home that use flammable fuels such as natural gas, oil, propane, wood or kerosene. Appliances include water heaters, clothes dryers, kitchen ranges, ovens or cooktops: wood burning stoves, gas refrigerators.

10. Pilot lights can be a source of carbon monoxide because the by-products of combustion are released inside the home rather than vented outside. Be sure space heaters are vented properly. Unvented space heaters that use a flammable fuel such as kerosene can release carbon monoxide into the home.

11. Barbecue grills should never be operated indoors under any circumstances nor should stovetops or ovens that operate on flammable fuels be used to heat a residence.

12. Check fireplaces for closed, blocked or bent flues, soot and debris.

13. Check the clothes dryer vent opening outside the house for lint.



AFMS SCHOLARSHIP

by Bob Livingston, Coordinator



It is not the size necessarily, but the steady trickle of donations that adds up and keeps us "keeping on" in this fine endeavor. Below, you will note a new idea on how to honor someone living with your donation. Here is what has happened since last time:

Regular Donations:

Donald D Thompson
credited to Gem Cutters Guild
no change in % level

Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of
Montgomery County, MD
to new level of 9300%

Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
to new level of 4600%

"Honoring You" Donation

Reivan & Myra Zeleznik
named newlyweds
Monica Roth and Dan Logue
with tracking credit to
Stamford Mineral Society,
no change in % level

Keep those envelopes with
checks coming to

AFMS Scholarship Foundation
c/o Bob Livingston, Coordinator
59 Ely Drive
Fayetteville, NY 13066.

EDITOR'S CORNER

by Natalie Darling, EFMLS Bulletin Editors Advisory

I hope this letter finds all editors busy compiling their journals and articles for submission into the Eastern Federation Bulletin Competition.

As we approach what is probably the busiest time of the year, there is no need to wait until the very last minute to start pulling out all of those potential winners and prepare your packet for submission. Remember, All packets are due to me by January 9, 2009. Also, please remember to include a self-addressed, stamped post card if you would like confirmation of the arrival of your packet. (Email confirmations will not be available)

You can also start downloading and printing your forms now, and much of the information can be entered once and photo copied. You may use a pre-typed label if you prefer, just as long as all of the required information is on it. Please be especially careful when writing out email addresses. (Typing is preferred). I am sure all of you have experienced the frustration of attempting to email someone and it comes back- only to find out later that one letter was misread due to difficulty in reading what was hand written.. Unfortunately when it comes to email, it has to be exact- or it does not get delivered.

On another note- it has been called to my attention that there may be interest in a new awards category for article submissions. I was emailed recently about the submission of articles that have been serialized into several sections and printed in several different monthly issues, due to their length. I understand the concern that submitting only one section of the article may not capture the true or complete scope of the whole article. I am not making any promises of a

new category here, but would like to consider any possibilities that would encourage our writers and editors to submit their best works for consideration in the BEAC.



What I need from you (readers, editors, authors, federation officers) is feedback on this subject. How many editors out there would have articles of this nature that could be submitted? (At least two sections, printed in at least two different issues of your newsletter) I'd like to hear from you, as I cannot justify even visiting the possibility of another category if there are not enough regular articles that could qualify for submission.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you soon, and anxiously awaiting the arrival of your BEAC packets.

Natalie



So How Did We Do?

from Sir Barkley Bigfoot, Assistant Editor and Caesar the GoFer

As some of you are already aware, the AFMS meetings in Humble, TX were cancelled due to the problems created in the area following Hurricane Ike. Awards, that normally would have been presented at the "Breakfast with the Editors" activity are being mailed and the complete results are in the November AFMS Newsletter.

Here's how EFMLS Editors and authors fared when pitted against similar publications/articles from the entire country. There are no losers here....just having your bulletin or article "fly up" to the national level is quite a recognition and honor. Congratulations.

Original Adult Articles:

3rd Place

Heather Felsen

"Wildacres: Spring 2007"

from the Rockhounder

Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Soc. of
Montgomery Co. MD

8th Place

Jeff Carpenter

"The Corral Bluffs: An Exposure of
the Denver Formation East of Colo-
rado Springs, Colorado"

from Fossil Finder

American Fossil Federation

Honorable Mention

"President's Message"

R. J. Harris

from Rock Buster News

Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Original Adult Articles - Advanced

1st Place

Kevin Dermody

"The First Forests"

from Rock Buster News

Central PA Rock & Mineral Club

8th Place

Bob Simon

"Wyoming Dinosaur Dig – Field
Report No. 1

from The Collecting Bag

Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

Honorable Mention

Dave Woolley, CPG

"Petrified Wood from Franklin, NJ"

from Gem & Mineral Journal

Lynchburg Gem & Mineral Society

Junior Articles - age under 12

6th Place

Julianna Cardona

"My Rock Story"

from Rock Buster News

Central PA Rock & Mineral Club

Junior Articles - age 12 - 17

5th Place

Isabel Salmon

"The Opal in Myth and Folklore"

from Traissic Valley Bulletin

New Haven Mineral Club

7th Place

Zachary McKinney

"Our Journey to the World's Best
Kyanite Mine"

from Gem & Mineral Journal

Lynchburg Gem & Mineral Society

Adult Poetry

1st Place

Matt Westbrook

"Fossilimericks"

from the Rostrum

Maryland Geological Society

3rd Place

Betsy Oberheim

"A Rockhound Looks Up"

from Rock Buster News

Central PA Rock & Mineral Club

New Editors

3rd Place

Alan McCleaf & Suzanne Hedderly

The Collecting Bag

Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

Small Bulletins

2nd Place

Loren Patterson

Crack "N Cab

Gem & Mineral Soc. of Syracuse

3rd Place

Joy Bourne

Shin-Skinner News

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

7th Place

Rebecca Kays

Chippers' Chatter

Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society

9th Place

Georgia Olmstead

Mineral Minutes

Mineralogical Society of the District
of Columbia

Honorable Mention

Wendell Mohr

The Rockhounder

GLMS/ Montgomery Co. MD

Large Bulletins

2nd Place

Carolyn Weinberger

Gem Cutters News

Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

8th Place

James Monk

Rocky Echoes

Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Honorable Mention

Edward Mattson

The Vug Examiner

Stamford Mineralogical Society

WINNING ARTICLES

from Linda Jaeger, AFMS BEAC

Interested in obtaining a copy of the winning bulletin articles from the 2008 AFMS contest?



Copies are available from AFMS Chair Linda Jaeger. Cost for the hard copy is \$8 (postage paid) and \$3 for a CD copy.

A limited number of the hard copy version have been printed, so before ordering, you will need to reserve one by e-mailing Linda at

<LjgrAlg@aol.com> and requesting a copy. Linda will send you an e-mail reply letting you know that she's reserved your copy. Then all you need do is send her your check.

To order the CD version (all articles and poems are in both pdf and Microsoft Word .doc), just mail a check for \$3 to

Linda Jaeger
3515 E. 88th Street
Tulsa, OK 74137-2602

Checks should be made payable to Linda Jaeger.



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Oberheim, Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club President

Lets Play Cards

I've found about 75 to 90% of the 3rd graders I've worked with are familiar with the games of "Go Fish" and the "Memory Game" . Both can be played with a deck of pairs of cards (often cartoons or animals) but rocks and minerals are much more interesting and attractive. I made the cards by making 2 copies of easily recognizable rocks and minerals and added the names with the computer. Our local copy shop was quite a help and they also laminate so the cards last so much better. Of course "Go Fish" became "Go Rockhound"! I made 30 cards (15 pairs) and if 3 or 4 students play each gets 5 cards to begin the game. The most pairs wins and I love hearing the comments; "Do you have calcite?" "No, go rockfind-I mean rockhound!" or "Go fish" "Not fish, silly, we're rockfinding!"



The memory game can use the same 30 cards laid face down in a neat pattern. Each student turns 2 over; if they match they take the pair and go again, if not they turn them back over and the next student takes a turn. "Old Maid or "Old Miner" would need a single extra card; maybe a cartoon of an old '49er. I bring tumbled rocks for prizes (food works great, too). There must be a way to redesign poker, but I haven't gotten that far yet. Hmmm, there's diamonds, maybe crystals, geodes.....

Learn by helping your club

Giving your youth an important job can also teach them the value of helping others. The other advantage of this job is to help the club make money at the next annual show. I'm talking about making rock and mineral ID charts for sale at the show. After they've helped paste dozens of bits of coal or calcite or pyrite on a chart, the pebble pups can readily identify these rocks, this will also help the student who buys the chart to learn, too. There are charts you can buy that are informative but rather dull. Use your imagination! Make a background sheet to glue the rocks to, that is colorful: maybe bright stripes of colors to differentiate the origins of the rocks. Or just do the rocks and minerals of your state (in the outline of the state, of course) Or arrange some arrows to show the metamorphic rocks, such as an arrow with mica pointing to the schist. I'm sure you have some generous rock hounds who will donate small pieces of their latest finds (especially if you approach them after a field trip when they are trying to find room for their booty!) Hot glue, Tacky, or airplane or household glue will work to hold them in place and the pieces can be rather small. It does take some preparation but the charts can be put together assembly-line style quickly. You'll need to organize the boxes of samples,, prepare the background on cardboard, matt board, or flat boxes, and buying the glue (or ask the artsy members to bring their glue guns. Putting them together can be done at a meeting. Learning, having fun, and making money for the club-can't beat that! Maybe you could even bring one to the next conference and show others your idea!

ALL-AMERICAN CLUB "YEARBOOK" AWARD - 2008

SECTION I - CLUB INFORMATION (NO POINTS AWARDED)

Club Name & Address _____

Date organized _____ Federation affiliation _____

Number of members: Adults _____ Honorary/Life _____ Juniors _____

[Don't combine Honorary/Life with total adults.]

Meeting Place: _____

[Include city, state]

Person filling out form: Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Mission or purpose of the club: _____

SECTION 2 - OFFERINGS TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS (25 POINTS POSSIBLE)

General Meetings: Number of meetings _____ Average attendance _____ Guests _____

Door Prizes: Yes _____ No _____

Programs: *Include a separate list of programs for the year, including topic, speaker, etc.

Board Meetings: Number of meetings _____ Average attendance _____ Guests _____

Officers: *Include a separate list of officers, directors, and committee chairmen.

Junior Meetings or other involvement: Number of meetings _____ Average attendance _____ Guests _____

Explain other involvement.

Adult leader(s): _____

Special Group Meetings (Established groups): Number attending - Cabbing _____ Faceting _____

Metal-working _____ Beading _____ Mineral study _____ Fossil study _____ Intarsia _____

Jewelry making _____ Other _____ [Indicate type.]

Social Events: Number attending - Picnic _____ Banquet _____ Holiday dinner _____

Other (Describe): _____

Show, swap, or public event: Yes _____ No _____ Date(s) _____

Dealers: Yes _____ No _____ # _____ Members attending: # _____

Members working: # _____

Demonstrators: Yes _____ No _____ # _____ Displays: Yes _____ No _____ # _____

Special Features: Club library: Yes _____ No _____ Number of books: _____

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Field Trips: Yes _____ No _____ No. of trips in field _____ Other _____

Other clubs invited? Yes _____ No _____ Non-members allowed? Yes _____ No _____

Workshop: Yes _____ No _____ Web site: Yes _____ No _____ URL _____

*Include a separate list of workshops.

Traveling club display (For other club shows, youth groups, schools, etc.): Yes _____ No _____

Do individual members provide displays? Yes _____ No _____

SECTION 3 - PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Bulletin: Yes _____ No _____ Bulletin name _____

Editor's name _____

* Include a copy of your bulletin/newsletter..

Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Meeting notices published in local media: Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Show fliers posted in public places: Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Show information published in local media: Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____

Free or paid ads on TV or radio: Meeting notices: Yes _____ No _____

Show information: Yes _____ No _____

Copies of supporting material to include in report: 1) fliers; 2) media articles about the club activities; 3) show ads; 4) show or meeting notices from newspapers; 5) articles copied from club newsletter; 6) other.

SECTION 4 - SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS (20 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served as Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:

Regional federation: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of members serving.)

AFMS: Yes _____ No _____ (*Include a separate list of members serving.)

Members attended a Federation convention or show:

Regional Federation: Yes _____ No _____ # _____ AFMS: Yes _____ No _____ # _____

Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds:

Regional: Scholarship fund: Yes _____ No _____ Endowment fund: Yes _____ No _____

AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes _____ No _____ Endowment fund: Yes _____ No _____

Members gave programs for other clubs: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list of programs.

Members attended other club shows, swaps, etc.: Yes _____ No _____

Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes _____ No _____

Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes _____ No _____

Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list.

Supporting material should include lists of all the above persons, positions, etc, and could include pictures, copies of certificates, reports printed in club newsletter, thank-you notes, etc.

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SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list of those given.

Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list of those given.

Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list of sites.

Members maintained a booth, or an activity, at a local event: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list of events.

Members donated materials to school, nursing home, etc.: Yes _____ No _____

Members active in local affairs: Yes _____ No _____

Supporting material for the above should provide details for these items, and could include pictures, thank you cards, letters and certificates of appreciation, reports from club newsletter, etc.

SECTION 6 - GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served on governmental agency committees: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list of those who served.

Members provided comments on governmental agency proposals, etc: Yes _____ No _____

*Include a separate list of proposals and participants.

Members contacted congressional representatives regarding legislation affecting access to sites, and collecting from same: Yes _____ No _____ *Include a separate list of representatives contacted and legislation.

Club or members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations (such as ALAA): Yes _____ No _____

*Include a separate list of organization(s).

Supporting materials should include details for all of the above items, reports from club newsletter, and should include copies of correspondence.

SECTION 7 - OVERALL FORMAT AND PRESENTATION - (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

This section evaluates the entry on neatness, organization, grammar, spelling, and overall presentation of material

SCORING AND AWARDS

Gold All-American Club Award: 90 - 100 points (average of three)

Silver All-American Club Award: 80 - 89 points (average of three)

Bronze All-American Club Award: 70 - 79 points (average of three)

Honorable Mention: Less 70 points (average of three)

Instructions for completing the entry form:

1. Each entry is to be submitted as a single document, limited to a maximum of 100 pages (one- or two-sided), including text and graphics. A loose leaf notebook or a scrapbook is a suitable binder. Entries may be submitted on a CD or DVD. Pages must be delineated, and the same numbers apply.

2. The document should have six (6) sections, divided with the numbers 1 - 6, with the Entry Form in section 1 and the supporting documentation for each of the other entry sections following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any one section, **PROVIDED THE TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS DOES NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES.**

3. When filling out the entry form, mark all appropriate blanks and entry numbers, or other information where requested. Assemble requested supporting materials and lists following the appropriate section divider and insert photos and other graphics following the typed information.

4. All requested material is **for the year 2008.**

5. **Deadline for submitting to the EFMLS chairman Pat Pitkin by February 15, 2009.**

EACH ONE TEACH ONE AWARD APPLICATION

Please print all information clearly.
Use a separate form for each nominee.
Forms may be duplicated.

Name of Club or Society: _____

Nominates the following named club member to receive the Each One Teach One Award for the year 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____

Telephone (include area code) _____

Email _____

Please explain why this person should receive this award. (A single page may be attached).

Name of Club nominee is affiliated with _____

Name of Club Officer presenting nominee's name _____

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VISIT A SHOW

from Matt Charsky

October:

18-19: 36th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Bristol Gem & Mineral club. Beals Community Center, Bristol, CT.

18-19: 34th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Kanawa Rock & Gem Club. So. Charleston Community Center, South Charleston, WV

18-19: Mineral-Fossil-Jewelry-Gem-Gift Show & Sale sponsored by the Fulton County Mineral Club. Johnstown Moose Lodge, Rt 30A and Rt 67, Johnstown, NY.

25: Ultravioletation 2008 Fluorescent Mineral Show sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks Co. First United Methodist Church, Fairless Hills, PA.

25-26: 36th Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Academy of Science Mineral Section and Rochester Lapidary Society. Minet Hall, Monroe County Fair & Expo Center, Henrietta, NY

25-26: Annual Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club. Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL.

November:

1 – 2: Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd; Old Greenwich, CT.

8: 17th Annual Rock Swap sponsored by the Richmond Gem & Mineral Society. Ridge Baptist Church Meeting Hall, 1515 E Ridge Rd; Richmond, VA.

22 – 23: 17th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. George Mason University, Student Union Bldg II, Rte 123 & Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA

22-23: 42nd Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Bead & Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. So. Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, West Palm Beach, FL

February 2009

21-22: 16th Annual James Campbell Memorial "Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show" sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and NY State Academy of Mineralogy. Museum of the Empire State, 4th Floor, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.

March:

28-29: Western Massachusetts Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Holiday Inn at Ingleside, Holyoke, MA.

October:

17:18: 37th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and 59th Annual EFMLS Convention sponsored by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Beals Community Center, Bristol, CT.

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to Matt Charsky, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 2430 N Glebe Rd; Arlington, VA 22207 or e-mail at <Charsky.Matthew@epa.gov>.