

EFMLS NEWS

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



IT'S BRISTOL IN 2009

from Matt Charsky, Show Coordinator

I'm delighted to announce that the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club of Bristol, Connecticut will be the host for our 2009 Eastern Federation Convention. The show is scheduled for mid-October.



Established in 1972, the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club is an active one. In addition to their monthly meetings, they have numerous field trips, their annual show and a variety of other social and educational activities including a tri-club "rockfest" each summer.

You'll read more about the Convention as we get closer to the big event - but for now, mark your calendar and plan on visiting central Connecticut the weekend of October 16 - 18, 2009. It should also be "leaf-looker" season in New England!!!

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EFMLS WILDACRES WORKSHOP

from Steve Weinberger, Functioning Committee Chair

Imagine sitting on a rocking chair enjoying a cool quiet evening with friends. Imagine not hearing the blare of auto horns, roar of traffic, loud radio or TV or smelling "city air".

The fall EFMLS Wildacres Workshop is almost upon us! Registrations have been received, class assignments are being made, and our speaker is polishing up her talks.

And the good news is that there are still a few spaces left and most classes have openings so it's not too late for you to join us for a fun-filled week in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. As they

say however in those TV ads..."You must act NOW"!

Cost for the week is \$330 per person plus a small materials fee for the class(es) that you take during the week. Our speaker, Denise Nelson has six wonderful talks prepared and we'll have a field trip opportunity, time to explore the beautiful area around Wildacres, an auction, fun night and much more. A week at Wildacres is something that everyone should experience.

Interested? Send in your registration form and tuition fee today. You can download a form via the

EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls>. You'll also find more information plus a list of classes being offered, but you must act quickly. Registrations must be received no later than September 1.



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LET'S START A DIALOG!

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS President



Greetings! How are you? Field trips, club picnics, special workshops, gem, mineral and fossil shows, and unique club programs have jam-packed this summer full of wonderful family activities. With the high cost of travel this summer, its been great to look around the immediate area to discover and enjoy this plethora of local fare. The one travel indulgence I might suggest you consider is the EFMLS fall session of the Wildacres workshop scheduled for September 8 to 14. The Wildacres experience is like no other. A little extravagance for some gas is a small price to pay to avail oneself of this amazing experience. Even though this message is being written in July - there is still space available at the upcoming fall session. I urge you to check it out.

On a subject more club oriented - you, in your very own region, have an EFMLS Regional Vice President as your link to the Federation. Our Regional Vice Presidents are charged with representing your region - but just what does that mean? Glad you asked! Your Regional VP engages in EFMLS public relations, serves on the EFMLS Board of Directors, assists new society officers as needed, develops regional activities and projects, listens to club members' concerns and desires, and much much more. These dedicated folks, the ones you have elected to serve your region are also there to help you with your questions and comments about the Federation as well. If you have comments, criticisms or compliments (yes, compliments are gratefully accepted as well) we want to hear them. Please contact your Regional VP and let your voice be heard!

The nice thing about using the resource that is your Regional Vice President is that there are numerous ways of connecting with this person. Writing a good old fashion letter, sending an E-mail, picking up the phone, sending them a copy of the club's newsletter, inviting them to attend and perhaps speak at a club meeting or show - all these avenues make good pathways to open and keep a dialog with your Regional VP. While I've mentioned some ways of keeping in touch - there are many others. Be creative, be innovative with ways to connect with your EFMLS representatives, I know you can do this. Our Regional VP's are a great resource. Please don't let them go to waste!

Speaking of being heard, we also want to hear your comments about your club's choice for American Club Rockhound of the Year. We want to hear about your efforts with the All American Club Award, your field trip and club Safety ideas, your Slide and Video Program needs, your Each One Teach One candidates and your bulletin editor and bulletin author's efforts. We have helpful committees that want to hear from you. Talk to us! We are all here to listen, provide a forum to exchange information, honor dedication to the hobby and its greater community, and otherwise serve and assist in our effort to do together what we cannot do alone. All this can start with a simple contact with your Regional VP. Let's talk and let's keep those great ideas coming.

Ellery

P.S. I've already mentioned to the Regional Vice Presidents to expect your comments. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to start a dialog.

ROCKHOUDING CONCERNS

by Clyf Bourne, EFMLS Conservation & Legislation Chair

The May Issue of the American Federation Newsletter had an article by John Wright which you ought to see. (Below)

Words of Caution

--by John M. Wright, Chairman
AFMS Conservation & Legislation Committee

"There are two major bills, which at present are working their way through Congress that you need to be aware of as they could severely restrict access to public owned lands:

"The first one is HR 2016, National Landscape Conservation System. If passed, this bill will essentially place 26 million acres of public lands controlled by BLM under a "National Park" type system which will eliminate or severely limit any type of recreational mining. This bill could also open the door for BLM under the influence of special interest groups to add millions of additional acres in years to come. More information on this bill can be found online at: "Lands Rights Network" <alert@landrights.org>, Subject: House Mark-Up, Wednesday 3-12, On National Landscape Conservation System.

"The second bill that we should be concerned about is HR 5610, Designation of Wilderness Areas, which according to a Blueribbon Coalition Action Alert, dated Wednesday, March 19, 2008, Subject: Shades of things to come?, (bralerts@sharetrails.org), "the bill would designate just about 500,000 acres of Wilderness in West Virginia, Arizona's Tumacacori Highlands; the Redwood Mountain Grove in California's Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park; the Sabinoso Wilderness in New Mexico; Oregon's Copper Salmon area and the South Fork of the San Jacinto River Canyon in Riverside County, California." With these lands being designated as "Wilderness Areas" public access will be almost completely eliminated.

"Once the 26 million acres of public lands controlled by BLM are placed under a "National Park" type system by HR 2016, it is very reasonable to assume that at some date in the not to distant future these sites will also be designated "Wilderness Areas" by a bill similar to HR 5610. The public may be allowed to visit certain parts of these areas to look but not touch. The really disturbing part about all of this is that the millions of acres covered by these two bills are only a small portion of a grandiose plan by special interest groups to eventually join numerous areas like these into plots far larger than your wildest dreams.

"While we rest on our laurels, our adversaries are very diligently working to have public lands placed "Off Limits". They know that this is an election year and "Green" is definitely a popular theme with politicians lately. Who knows, perhaps they think there could be another Oscar or Nobel Prize waiting out there. Remember, we also have a vote and should certainly let our desires be known."

AMEN. HR 2016 has already passed the House. I have not been able to print a copy of H.R. 2016 or even look at parts of it. According to Natl. Landscape Conservation, their goal is to protect "the remote and wild character of these places and leave them undeveloped."

They still profess to want to provide active outdoor activities such as hiking, paddling, climbing and skiing. So, why can't we check out mineral and fossil deposits?

Remember, keep your representatives informed of your views.

Clyf Bourne, EFMLS

URGENT...THE LATEST ON THE PALEO BILL....

via Shirley Leeson and Wendell Mohr

Congress is currently in recess and will reconvene on September 5. **This means you have a very short window to contact your representative. Take advantage of it!** Remember too, although this bill is aimed at fossils, it's possible that the next piece of legislation will target the collection of minerals or cutting rough!

We're not in this battle alone. At least one Congressman, John Culberson of Texas, has been working to have this bill killed or favorably amended, but he cannot do this by himself.

Here are a few things you can mention when you contact your congressman:

1. Tell them you are a rockhound/amateur collector.
2. Tell them that as the bill stands, anyone can be put in jail for picking up a rock that might look like a fossil to the "untrained eye" of a BLM or Forestry person. This would result in the confiscation of their vehicle and all equipment and the burden of proof will be on the individual in court of law! Do these representatives really like the idea of their parents, grandparents or constituents being arrested? Remind them that these people are voters!
3. Amateur collectors have been responsible for many of the finds of important fossils over the years. If the bill is enacted into law, this will stop.
4. Fossils are not renewable. Once fossils are exposed by wind and rain they will disintegrate. Professional paleontologists usually don't have the time, the money or the staff to check out paleo sites found by amateurs, but they don't want us to collect them either.
5. This bill is a disaster for rockhounds, and I urge you to stop it.

For the status on the bill and the full text see <www.thomas.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110.h.r.00554>.

EFF NEWS

by Fran Sick, EFF Chair

It has been a lonely summer for your Eastern Foundation Fund Chairman. I have not heard from you or received any new contributions to the fund since March, 2008.



Of course, I understand summer is a very busy time with yard work, property maintenance, maybe a little time for travel and, hopefully, you have been able to squeeze in some time for that all-important rockhounding. I also realize not all clubs hold meetings during the summer months.

I do hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and that, with autumn approaching, we can again turn our thoughts to the important business of the EFMLS, of which the Eastern Foundation Fund is an important part. Your continued support is needed to enable the EFF to continue its work of supplementing the operating expenses and funding special projects of the Eastern Federation.

I have been reviewing past EFF records and notice several clubs who were regular contributors in the past have not been heard from in awhile. I know declining membership and increased costs are cutting into all of our budgets. Even so, won't you consider again sending at least a small contribution. Every little bit helps and if everybody does a little nobody has to do a lot.

Please send your contributions to me at PO Box 5, Dushore, PA 18614.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

by Betsy Oberheim, Jr. Activities Chair

For a different activity for your pebblepups; try poetry!. Yes, I know poetry is challenging and takes time, but the traditional Japanese form of Haiku (HI-coo) is a style of poetry that is basic, simple, often nature-oriented, and (best of all;) doesn't rhyme. Its intention is to create an image in the reader's mind. The only "rule" of Haiku is that the 1st line has 5 syllables, the second 7, and the last 5. (and I read on the net a lot of modern Haiku that is 3-5-3, and even 2-3-3...freedom!!)



If the students haven't studied about syllables in school; practice clapping some words (of course rock-related words); Dia-mond (clap clap), A-gate (clap-clap), A-me-thyst (clap-clap-clap), Arfedsonite (clap-py-clap..clap.....clap...) I know you have the idea, and they will pick up on it quickly.

Some times Haiku is written as a riddle; describe the rock without giving its name, and can anyone guess it? Or have specimens or books that the students can pick a certain rock that appeals to them to create the poem. What feelings or other images does that mineral evoke? What does it remind them of in nature? What else is that color or form? I have never written Haiku before but these attempts showed me it's much easier than I thought. Maybe they could even coordinate a little booklet with their efforts and illustrate it.

A violet's deep purple
but sharp as a Rockie's peak
lovely amethyst

Intricate fossil lies
immersed in slate grey pocket
eons trapped in stone

Blue ice that never melts
celestine's crystals sparkle
reflecting jealous skies.

A trapped rainbow twisting
spinning, glowing snake-like
inside the rock performs.
(opal)

ROCK & GEM UPDATE

from Lynne Varon, R & G Editor

It's time to update the *Rock & Gem Club Listing* for the Year 2009. Beginning in January, the listing will now be exclusively online at <rockngem.com/clubs.asp>.

- telephone number
- e-mail address
- city & state in which your club meets.

If you wish to have your club included, you must send the magazine your information **exactly as you wish it to be listed**. You have until December 31, 2008 to respond.

To make the process easier you can respond in one of two ways. E-mail your update to the EFMLS Editor (cscrystals2@verizon.net) or mail your information to Carolyn Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302. Carolyn will compile the information and forward it to the magazine.

Please provide your club's:
• name • website URL
• mailing address

Remember, you must respond to be included.

SAFETY FIRST AND LAST!

by Jim Doran, EFMLS Safety Chair

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer vacation. I know the weather has been most interesting for many of us so far. Here in Virginia, our club usually doesn't have many trips, if at all, during July and August due to the usual heat and humidity.



If we do have trips, they're usually near water, either sifting and screening stream gravel or sand, or walking on beaches or shores looking for marine fossils.

Safety still must be a priority because the summer has its own special challenges. I want to list a few important items which I feel are most important:

- Never collect alone! (I know many of us have done so!) Let people know where you'll be. Carry a cell phone with you.
- Prepare for the weather. Have a rainsuit or poncho handy, the weather can change very rapidly this time of year.
- Carry and use sunscreen, and re-apply frequently. Apply more than you think is enough.
- Wear a wide brimmed hat for more sun protection.
- Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from glare and squinting. Your eyes will feel a lot less tired if you wear sunglasses.
- Bring plenty of water with you and drink often. If you feel thirsty, you're already starting to get dehydrated. Drink before you feel thirsty.

This is not a definite list but it mentions several important items which I feel are especially important for this time of year.

Have fun collecting, and always be safe!

(If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, criticisms, please e-mail me, Jim Doran at: <jpdoran1@verizon.net>.

REGIONAL VP ELECTION RESULTS

by Mary Bateman, 1st Vice President

I'm pleased to announce that all of the incumbent Regional Vice Presidents for Regions II, IV, VI and VIII have been re-elected to another 2-year term. Congratulations!



The Regional VP's serve as your immediate liaison to the EFMLS and can help you with questions and prob-

lems that you might have. I urge you to contact them if you need their assistance, send them your club bulletin (you can do so via e-mail), and keep them abreast of your club activities. Need a program? Many of our Regional VP's will gladly visit your club and present one. Just ask.

Congratulations to Michael Kessler (Reg. II), Dee Tinsley (Reg. IV), Doug Dover (Reg. VI) and Barbara Ringhiser (Reg. VIII) on their re-election. See page ___ for their contact info.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Hazel Remaley, EOTO Chair

Hope you all had a very good summer season.

Picnics, shows, and field trips are now history. Sure do hope that you took advantage of all that you could. Your fall meetings will now begin. Now is the time for you to pay close attention to those of your members who report on what they have done or plan to do as far as teaching is concerned. Will they be speaking to a scout group and helping them to receive a merit badge? Will they be showing their collection to a library group? Or perhaps they will be presenting a program to a neighbor club. These are the folks who should be considered for the EACH ONE TEACH ONE award.



I realize that this newsletter is sent to club officers and is available to all on the internet. If your club members are not aware of this program, it is your responsibility to inform them of it's contents. The entry form will be published in a future issue and the deadline will be announced at that time. Officers, please use this form to submit your entry. If you have nominated a member previously and they did not receive the trophy award, they may be renominated.

Questions ?? Contact me. Hazel Remaley - 570-888-7544
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We are still in need of someone from Region VII to replace Betty James who has resigned. If you are a member of one of the clubs in that region and wish to serve, contact me.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP COULD USE A \$\$\$ BOOST FROM YOU

by Bob Livingston, Scholarship Coordinator



This summer was a tad leaner than usual so our fund could use a shot in the arm from you or your club. A donation to this most worthy cause is a perfect way to thank and remember a special person, or cite someone who did something special in your life. Or help a needy student from your windfall sales commission, whatever. It is not huge amounts, but continuity of participation in greater numbers that really helps. Here is the rundown since last report of those who stepped up with their most grateful donations:

Regular Donation:

Baltimore Mineral Society, first for them in many, many years which is truly special. Their participation increases to 400% level.

Two Memorial Donations as follows:

Reivan Zeleznik, made a memorial donation in name of ET Pike, Wildacres Fun Night MC for years. Tracking credit went to Stamford Mineral Society whose new level of participation rises to 1700%.

Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse remembered (4) members with memorial donations. Persons so honored: Dick Stimer, Lillian Radway, Volney Burgess and Dick Depew. No change in club's participation level.

Keep us in mind so we can continue helping students of the Earth Sciences. Send your check made out to AFMS Scholarship Foundation, to Bob Livingston, AFMS Coordinator, 59 Ely Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001.

TOM SMITH

Tom Smith, former Region III Vice President passed away on July 4th. He had been in failing health for several years.

Born in Virginia, Tom moved from Virginia to upstate New York. A World War II veteran, he was a licensed Professional Engineer.

To keep life from being boring, Tom and his wife Pat were show dealers, operating under the name "L & T Gems". When it came to minerals, micros had an appeal, but Tom really liked Herkimers and over the years he and Pat spent many a weekend digging, pounding and sifting them from the soil and rock down in Herkimer and Fonda areas. At his wake, the family had a nice display of many of his Herks -- large to especially gemmy, small specimens.

Tom leaves behind his wife Lucretia "Pat" and two daughters -- Caroline and Maureen plus five grand kids.

Firm, but soft spoken, Tom belonged to several NY clubs and served in several positions for them. For many years Tom was also Region III Vice President for the Eastern Federation.

Each Spring Tom, together with Pat, were key players in helping make the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium run smooth as silk.

Condolences go out to Pat and the rest of the family. Those wishing to make contributions in Tom's memory may make them to either the

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% Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Dr; Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001.
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Bob Livingston

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Deadline is September 15! Include your name and address and a stamped, self-addressed envelope and make checks payable to "AFMS Endowment Fund". Pictures and descriptions can be seen at <www.amfed.org/endow2008.htm>.

AFMS CHANGES TO 2009 BULLETIN EDITORS CONTEST

by Linda Jaeger, AFMS Bulletin Aids Chair



When I became AFMS Club Publications Chair at the beginning of this year it was evident that some changes to the annual competition needed to be made. I'm now ready to announce the change that will be implemented for the coming year (2008 bulletins and articles).

Procedure to decide on changes:

September 2008 - AFMS Club Publications asked for input from all editors, BEACs, and any other interested parties on what changes they would like to see made in the contest.

January 2008 - Input was compiled and recommendations were sent to the AFMS Club Publications Committee for a vote; votes were received and tabulated. Changes to contest rules established on a simple majority vote.

June 2008 - Changes for the 2009 contest sent to AFMS Club Publications Committee; changes were not made available earlier to keep from confusing anyone on the 2008 contest.

September 2008 - Changes will be made available to everyone in attendance at the AFMS/SCFMS Breakfast with the Editors and will be made available on the AFMS website.

Changes for the 2009 AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest:

A. Category by Bulletin Size (to more evenly distribute the number of bulletins in each category)

- New Editor - any size
- Mini Bulletins, 6 pages or less
- Small Bulletins, 7 - 11 pages
- Large Bulletins, 12 pages or more

B. Add a "Features" category (to include more of our writers & artists in awards) The Features category will include: written articles covering field trips, book reports, travelogues, historical commentary and original shop hints, as well as original drawn items such as cartoons, puzzles, quizzes, and sketches/drawings.

C. This affects regional chairpersons only - AFMS contest materials will be available for BEACs in an interactive format online; hard copies will still be mailed to BEACs who do not have internet access. (These are the contest materials that are sent only to regional BEACs. BEACs will be able to type the information directly onto the forms for their regional winners and attach them to their entries for the AFMS contest. They will then send these hard copies to the AFMS judges, just like we do now. This will save some of the postage needed to mail hard copies to BEACs, save on paper - no extra copies that are thrown out, and make all entries more legible for the judges.)

D. No points will be deducted from bulletins that are exclusively emailed for being formatted in a single column per page. Each page must still have a header or footer that gives the name of the bulletin, the page number, and the date/volume number. (Online bulletins are easier to read in one column so the reader does not have to scroll down-up-down on each page to read.)



E. On the score sheet for bulletins, "Headings, margins, spacing good, typing neat & clean, corrections neat" under FORMAT/EDITORSHIP will be changed to "Headings, margins, white space, spacing good; typing neat & clean; corrections neat." (White space is space on the page that has no typing or art work in it - it's just white. Readers need white space on each page to let their eyes rest, and white space makes what is written and drawn stand out more. Thus, editors need to make good use of white space.)

The new AFMS score sheet for the "Features" category is on the next page.

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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

2009 Score Sheet for **Features** written in 2008

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|-------------------|--|-----------------|------|
| Federation: | | Date Published: | |
| Title: | | | |
| Author: | | | |
| Club Editor: | | | |
| Editor's Address: | | | |
| City: | | State: | Zip: |
| Club Name: | | | |
| Club Address: | | | |
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Judges: No award or penalty for color reproduction

1. Technical Information (Maximum points – 15)

- A. Title or explanation appropriate (if needed)
- B. Author identified
- C. Approach to subject suitable for type of material

2. Relativity (Maximum points – 15)

Of interest to or meeting the needs/purposes of the club

3. Effectiveness (Maximum points – 25)

If this is a **written feature**, score only ONE section and circle the selected section (**A,B,C,D, OR E**);

- A. Message – informative, enlightening, easy to understand
- OR B. Historical commentary – notable facts presented, related to present
- OR C. Travelogue – directions, locations, times, and purposes given
- OR D. Humorous – no educational value or not rock-related
- OR E. Poetry – not rock-related

If this is a **drawn feature**, score only ONE section and circle the selected section (**F,G, OR H**);

- F. Cartoon – Is it funny? If satire, easy to understand?
- OR G. Puzzle or quiz – too simple or too difficult for age intended, too confusing?
- OR H. Sketch or drawing – can the reader learn something from it?

4. Quality (Maximum points – 25)

If written feature: Spelling, grammar, punctuation accurate; good composition

If drawn feature: Neatness, attention to detail, draftsmanship/artistic ability

5. Interest/Appeal (Maximum points – 20)

Originality shown, grabs reader interest

AFMS Judge _____

Judge's Comments – Use back of sheet.

Checked by _____

| <i>Pts. Possible</i> | <i>Deductions</i> |
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| 5 | |
| 5 | |
| 15 | |
| 25 | |
| 25 | |
| 20 | |
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August:

30-31: 18th Annual Rockhounds Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by Kennebec Rocks & Mineral Club. National Guard Armory, Kennebec, ME

September:

6 - 7: Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. American Legion Post #90; Pownal, VT.

13-14: 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION: Eagle View Middle School, Mechanicsburg, PA

20-21: 39th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and Sale sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Gem & Mineral Society. Dutchess Co. Fairgrounds, Rt 9; Rhinebeck, NY

27-28: 43rd Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show hosted by the Gem Cutters' Guild of Baltimore. Howard Co. Fairgrounds, MD 32 at I-70; West Friendship, MD

27-28: 52nd Annual Franklin-Sterling Hill Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Franklin Mineral Museum. Franklin School, Washington Av; Franklin, NJ..

October:

4: Biannual Mineral Festival sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Assoc. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA.

3 - 4: Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Gaston Gem, Mineral & Faceters Club. Dallas Park, Dallas-Cherryville Highway 279; Dallas, NC

10-12: 52nd Annual Desautels Micro-mount Conference hosted by the Baltimore Mineral Society. MHA Pierson Conference Center, Elkridge, MD. Info. and registration materials: <editor@amfed.org>.

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.

22-23: 17th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. George Mason University, Student Union Bldg. II, Rt 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

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