What a Wonderful Convention!

The 2011 combined EFMLS / AFMS Convention, held July 8 - 11 in Syracuse NY was an overwhelming success. If you missed it, you missed a fabulous experience, a wonderful show, efficiently run meetings, and a chance to meet and socialize with a wonderful group of fellow rockhounds from throughout the country.

The Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse are to be congratulated on putting on a wonderful weekend.

Highlights of the weekend included the AFMS Uniform Rules meeting on Wednesday afternoon. A few new rules changes were adopted and these will be available before they go into effect on January 1, 2012. The changes will be available from Supplies Chair Suzie Milligan in late December.

Conventioners were treated to a wonderful cracker barrel session set in a park along a portion of the Erie Barge Canal. Refreshments were served and participants enjoyed a leisurely narrated boat ride along the park portion of the canal.

Other activities of the convention portion of the weekend included the annual awards banquet -- wonderful food, lots of awards and a fun talk by Bob Jones, Sr. Editor of Rocks & Minerals Magazine. The annual “Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters” was held on Sunday morning - results are elsewhere in this issue. Again, good food and lots of time to chat.

And then there was the show itself. An annual event, the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse always has a fabulous show with a good mix of vendors, lots of demonstrations and kids activities plus interesting displays. Augmented by a dozen displays entered in competition, the display room was a lively place to view outstanding minerals and gems.

In addition, the annual EFMLS auction raised a considerable sum for the Eastern Foundation Fund and numerous excellent lectures were given.

We certainly thank the Syracuse club for a job well done!
From the Top!

by Betsy Oberheim, EFMLS President

I hope the intense heat that most of us have been suffering with is history and September is cooling and refreshing!

How hot is it? Its so hot all my rose quartz has bloomed and died. Its so hot that all my other quartz has evaporated into pintz! Its so hot I think my mind is sizzling!!

As I write this (in front of the air conditioner and fan), we are still reflecting about the EFMLS/AFMS convention in Syracuse. What a wonderful weekend! The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse hosted the combined convention and it was amazing. Everything was so well done and included some wonderful extras like the canal boat ride, refreshments, and door prizes. The meals were wonderful and the accommodations perfect. It takes a lot of planning and coordination to include all the meetings, etc. that took place when you host a dual convention (AFMS and EFMLS), and the Syracuse club did it flawlessly!

The show was really neat! I especially loved the showcases and extra classes and the talk by Daryll Powell and Jim Brace-Thompson about encouraging the youth. I wish I could have taped it; they have so many great ideas and such enthusiasm. We met and talked to several judges and were impressed by their dedication. We always make new friends and enjoy the camaraderie and mutual interest. If you missed this convention, you can catch the EFMLS convention in Harrisburg, PA next September. RJ Harris is in charge of it and has some great plans. If your club hasn’t sent representatives to a convention you are missing a wonderful time and lots of information on what the EFMLS has been doing for your club.

I was also very impressed with what the youth have been doing; the poetry, articles, badges, and showcases were so well-done and interesting. We need to encourage our pebblepups and when they win awards and attention; it is great positive incentive for them.

It really hit me as I read the memorial list (2 pages) that we are an aging (ouch) group and we need new blood to keep our clubs and interest going. The enthusiasm and excitement they bring to your club and help you remember why you got interested in the first place.

We hope to see you in Harrisburg next year, or maybe at Wildacres this fall for more fun, learning, and fellowship.

Betsy
The Search for Rock Hammer Safety
by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair

Just as a matter of curiosity, I visited a friend’s house and asked if I might check out the subject of rock hammer safety on the internet. He showed me how to create a query/search using a popular search engine. First I queried “hammer” and was rewarded with 138,000,000 (that’s 138 million) results. Hmmmmm, way too many. I narrowed the search to “hammer, rock” and was gratified to learn that there were now only 51,300,000 items - still too many. I narrowed the search still further to “hammer, rock, safety”, well that finally produced a result of a much more manageable size. I received 18,400,000 results. I figured out that if I checked one of those 18 million results a minute for the full 24 hours in a day and 365 days in a year, in a mere 35 years I will have learned everything I need to know about rock hammer safety.

Yes, there is a good deal of valuable information on the internet, but finding exactly what you want may be difficult and time consuming. We are here to help.

The EFMLS makes available through it supplies chairman the AFMS Safety Manual containing all manner of detailed, and hobby specific safety guidelines (including rock hammer safety). In addition, recent past EFMLS Safety Committee Chairs have written excellent safety articles about specific matters of safety for the EFMLS News.

There are also numerous organizations / forums offering information on countless products. You might even want to search the AFMS website and check out the EFMLS link and visit the EFMLS News for back issues of safety articles.

Please remember that the world still invests heavily in paper - magazine paper. Numerous rock, gem, mineral and fossil magazines periodically offer detailed articles of a safety nature.

For this month’s safety refresher, please review Bill Klose’s fine article on vehicle and traveling safety in the May 2007 issue of the EFMLS News, which if you do not happen to have is available on the EFMLS website at <www.amfed.org/efmls>. Click on the ‘Newsletter’ tab and then download the issue. It will arrive as a pdf file.

Happy hunting - it’s a big (informational) world out there, but please be safe while searching, your safety matters.

The internet is a great place to ask general questions and find information but also check out manufacturers websites, and specific product sites. Check out industrial and commercial manufacturers associations; and investigate safety organization sites such as OSHA and MSHA.

Citation Award
from Mary Bateman

The 2011 EFMLS Citation Award is presented to someone who has gone “above and beyond” the usual call of duty for the Federation over a number of years. Our honoree lives in Allen-town, PA where she has been active in her local gem and mineral club. She’s a field collector and micromounter.

This year’s honoree has held several positions and done each well. She was chair of the Uniform Rules Committee for several years, attending numerous AFMS rules meetings as our representative, writing articles for the EFMLS News, and chairing the judging committees at our conventions each year.

In addition, she has been the Federation historian for many years, retaining photographs, records, and other important documents in the archives. In that capacity, she helped with research for the Federation 50th Anniversary booklet, and continues to answer questions from numerous clubs and individuals.

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Eastern Federation, to recognize and honor none other than

Susanna MacInnis

Anita Kessler

It is with sorrow that we note the passing on June 24 of Anita Kessler, wife of Region II Vice President Michael. A member of the Monroe Co. Earth Science Association and the Pennsylvania Earth Science Association, she is survived by husband Michael, three children and two grandchildren.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation or the Eastern Foundation Fund.
**Website Contest Results**

by Dan Imel, EFMLS Webmaster

There are 130+ clubs in the EFMLS, but only seven entered the EFMLS Web Site Competition this year. I’m disappointed that there were only seven since many of our member clubs have outstanding web sites and eager webmasters. I’m hoping that when we call for entries for the coming year, my e-mail inbox will be crammed full!

It was my pleasure to be able to make the awards for the EFMLS Web Site Competition this year in person. The results are as follows:

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**Scholarship Foundation News**

by Bob Livingston, EFMLS Coordinator

Summer is usually a light time for donations. I am happy to report that in the last couple months I received and passed on a decent amount and thank you all who stepped up to the plate.

It was wonderful to have one of the 2011 Scholarship students present at the Awards Banquet during the Syracuse convention and your donation helped make his grant possible.

Since last time here is the rundown which were all memorial gifts:

**Memorial Gifts:**
- **Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club**
  remembering Linda Moser
  new participation level 2000%

- **Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse**
  remembering Marie Cole and Ruth Komrowski

- **Nittany Mineralogical Society**
  remembering Forest Benford, Peter Nalle, David Snell
  new participation level 600%

And this one from a Southeast Federation Club....

**Knoxville, TN Gem and Mineral Society**
  remembering the father of Mike Kokinos

For those of you about to take the plunge, thanks in advance for your tax-deductible donation, check made out to AFMS Scholarship Foundation. Mail to:

Bob Livingston
Scholarship Coordinator
59 Ely Drive
Fayetteville, NY 13066.
Results of the Editors Competition

by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair

It was such a pleasure to be able to award so many certificates and plaques to our Eastern authors and editors at the July EFMLS Breakfast with the Editors. It was also encouraging to see many of the same people called to the front to receive AFMS awards. We do have a lot of talent in our Eastern Federation.

The just concluded competition was for articles and bulletins that were produced during 2010. Our had working judges, those wonderful people who spent time reading and evaluating the entries, deserve our heartfelt thanks. They were:

LaReene Heath
Cathy Patterson
Thomas Pracher, Sr.
Catherine D. Smith
Tom Tucker
Carolyn Weinberger
Steve Weinberger

We're looking for people to help judge the upcoming contest (2011 articles and bulletins) February or March and if you think you might be interested, please contact me and volunteer. Yes it requires some time, but it's also lots of fun and the time flies past.

And now, without further delay, here are the results of the contest.

Drawn Features

Trophy - Sheryl Sims
Rock, Mineral & Gemstone Word Find
The Mineral Newsletter
No. Virginia Mineral Club

2. Wendell Mohr
MD License Plate
(A continuing feature)
The Rockhounder
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD

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Stromer's Riddle: The Predatory Dinosaurs of Morocco
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Portraits of Three Famous Paleontologists
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Junior Drawn Features

Harrison Smith
Mind Your Minerals
Mineral Minds

Junior Articles

Trophy - Alec Brenner
Diggin’Dinos in North Dakota
The Mineral Newsletter
No. Virginia Mineral Club

2. Isabella Brandon
My First Auction
Rock Buster News
Central PA Rock & Mineral Club

Advanced Educational Articles

Trophy - Shellie Newell
The Carolina Bays: Interconnection Between Tides, Terrain, Wind, and Life Through Time
Hound’s Howl
Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

2. Shellie Newell
Knight Camps Camelot
Hound’s Howl
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3. Diana Jarrett
Greening Up the Gem Trade
Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club
New York Mineralogical Club

4. Michael Hutchins
California Miocene Dreaming
The Rostrum
Maryland Geological Society

5. Bob Simon
Digging 3 Dinosaurs in One Season
The Collecting Bag
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

6. Kerry Matt
Burial Site Uncovered: All Blue Gems Have Been Removed
Rock Buster News
Central PA Rock & Mineral Club

7. Kerry Matt
The Woods Chrome Mine Dig, September 2010
Rock Buster News
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  *You Can Tell a Rockhound*
  Rock Buster News
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- **3 - Yvonne Liblanc**
  *Our Junior Rockhounds*
  Crack ‘n Cab
  Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse

- **4 - Athena Smith**
  *My Gem and Me*
  Mind Your Minerals

- **5 - Autumn Carpenter**
  *True Beauty*
  Mind Your Minerals
  Mineral Minds

- **6 - Vivien Gornitz**
  *Afghanistan’s Mineral Wealth*
  Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club
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- **7 (tie) - Edward Mattson**
  *A Rock Called Cumberlandite*
  The Vug Examiner
  Stamford Mineralogical Society

- **8 - Shellie Newell**
  *From Out of This World*
  Hound’s Howl
  Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

- **9 - Andy Thompson**
  *The Prez Says – A Word from the President*
  The Mineral Minutes
  Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia

- **10 - Tom Tucker**
  *Phosphate Mineral World of Virginia*
  Mineral Mite
  Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area

**Honorable Mention**

- **Andy Celmer**
  *Wildacres! How I Spent My Summer Vacation*
  The Rostrum
  Maryland Geological Society

- **Garrett Cooper**
  *The Thrill and Agony of Diving For Fossils*
  The Rostrum
  Maryland Geological Society

- **Scott Germain**
  *Jackson Crossroads Amethyst, Part I*
  The Collecting Bag
  Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

**Non-Technical Articles**

- **Trophy - Diana Jarrett**
  *Examining the Filigree Art Form*
  Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club
  New York Mineralogical Club

- **2 - Andy Thompson**
  *Book Review*
  The Mineral Minutes
  Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia

- **3 - Diana Jarrett**
  *The Winza Ruby: Right on Time*
  Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club
  New York Mineralogical Club

- **4 - Cindy Hooks**
  *March Program Review: Marcellus Shale 101*
  Rock Buster News
  Central PA Rock & Mineral Club

- **5 - Scott Germain**
  *Jackson Crossroads Amethyst Mine (Part 2)*
  The Collecting Bag
  Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

- **Edward Mattson**
  *Geologic/Mineralogical Trivia*
  The Vug Examiner
  Stamford Mineralogical Society

- **George W. Powell Jr**
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- **Scott Germain**
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  The Collecting Bag
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- **Elmore Easter**
  *In Memory of John Schroder*
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- **Michael Hutchins**
  *Fossil Collecting Along the Chickasahay River, Mississippi*
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- **Maureen Campeau**
  *First Time Field Collecting*
  The Mineral Mite
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- **Gayla DeBose**
  *Greetings, Rockhounds*
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- **Sheryl Sims**
  *Just a Little Piece of the Rock, Please!*
  The Mineral Newsletter
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- **Mary Crosswhite**
  *When Rockhounds Get Desperate*
  The Rockhounder
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- **Cindy Hooks**
  *February Program Review: Time Walk*
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  Hound’s Howl  
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- **2 - Keith Gilmore**  
  Crack ‘n Cab  
  Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse

- **3 - Susan Fisher**  
  The Mineral Minutes  
  Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia

- **4 - Barbara Hadley**  
  The Collecting Bag  
  Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

### Large Bulletins

- **Trophy - Carolyn Weinberger**  
  Gem Cutters News  
  Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

- **2 - Gerald Elgert**  
  The Rostrum  
  Maryland Geological Society

- **3 - Edward Mattson**  
  The Vug Examiner  
  Stamford Mineralogical Society

### Mini Bulletin

- **Trophy - Kathy, Julia & Michael Hrechka**  
  The Mineral Mite  
  Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area

### Special Publications - none

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## Officers Elected

from Matt Charsky, Nominating Chair

It’s my pleasure to report that the slate of candidates presented to the EFMLS Directors at the 2011 annual meeting was approved unanimously.

Beginning November 1, 2011 the new officers of EFMLS will be:

- **President - R. J. Harris**  
  Central PA Rock & Mineral Club

- **1st Vice President - Cheryl Neary**  
  Island Rockhounds

- **2nd Vice President - Hazel Remaley**  
  Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

- **Secretary - Gerry Cox**  
  Northern Virginia Mineral Club

- **Treasurer - Lou Budell**  
  Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse

- **Asst. Treasurer - Michael Patterson**  
  So. Maryland Gem & Mineral Club

- **Editor - Carolyn Weinberger**  
  Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

* 2nd year of a 2 year term

The nominating committee members elected to a three year term are **Wayne Sukow** and **Loren Patterson**. They join Matt Charsky, Jim Doran, Carl Miller, and Reivan Zeleznik on the committee. Soon to be past president Betsy Oberheim will also serve a one year term on the committee.
As I write this message it is the late part of July, and the entire northeast is boiling hot. Hope by the time you read this, the temps have returned to normal. Now that your fall club meetings are resuming start keeping an eye on those many folks who volunteer their time, knowledge and sharing without monetary reward. I will continue to write each month to remind you, so look for me!!

We had a great EFMLS/AFMS convention in Syracuse in July. I was very proud to award certificates and trophies to six nominees for their efforts that meet the criteria of the Each One Teach One Award for 2011.

Here are the results –
Honorable Mention was awarded to:

**Thomas Gangi**
nominated by the Island Rockhounds

Second Place was awarded to **Judy Cook**
nominated by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse

There was a tie for the Trophy Award between

**Paul B. Dudley**
nominated by Rochester Academy of Science – Mineral Section

and

**Ralph E. Thomas**
nominated by Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA.

So, there you have the results. I am happy that at least 6 of approximately 130 clubs in the federation took the time and put forth the effort to nominate a fellow member. Those nominees who did not receive the trophy award may be nominated again, so I would encourage that.

I would like to acknowledge my judges who had a very difficult decision to make this year. They are Tom Ogden, Sam Robison, Jim Nicholas, Pamela Wingrod and Gay Richards.

Our next convention will be in Harrisburg, PA in September 2012. Entry form and deadline will be announced at a later date.

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**Change of Officers?**

If your club is one that has changed officers since the Directory was printed, please take a moment to notify Ye Olde Ed. We’ll need the name of your club plus the names and addresses for your new officers so that the EFMLS Newsletter can be sent to the correct individuals. We’ll update the AFMS listing as well.

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**Endowment Drawing**

Thanks to everyone who purchased one of more tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund Drawing this year. AFMS Chair Pam Hecht reports that $5,960 was raised this year! That’s fabulous!

At the AFMS meeting funds were set aside from interest garnered by the Endowment Fund investments for additional badges for the Juniors program, continued conversion of slide programs to digital format, purchase of new programs for the regional federation libraries and a revamped judges training program. Your dollars, invested in the drawing each year, do make a difference especially since you and your club members get the benefit of all the programs.

For this year, my “luck” at selling winning tickets continued with seven (7) of the winning tickets drawn belonging to EFMLS members!

Congratulations go out to:
Bob Ballad
LoRaine Dudley
Phyllis Dyer
Cynthia Erne
K.C. Foster
Jim Hird
Richard Hoff

Prizes won were numbers 5, 9, 10, 15, 26, 29, and 35. You can see what they were on the AFMS website.

Prizes have been mailed to everyone except the members of my clubs who will receive their winnings at an upcoming club meeting.

Prizes have already begun to be donated for the 2012 drawing - and are quite exciting. Details will be in the AFMS Newsletter beginning in a month or two.
The “M” Awards

The “M” awards recognize the club which has increased its membership the most within the year. The award is presented to the highest increase in a large club (50+ members) and to a small club (under 50 members). In addition, the Federation also acknowledges the youth club which has increased their membership and this year, we acknowledged the highest increase in youth membership of an adult club.

This year winners are:

Large Club: New Jersey Mineralogical Society with an increase of 300%

Small Club: Florida Panhandle Gem & Mineral Society with an increase of 50%

Youth Club: Mineral Minds (with an increase of 21%)

Youth Membership: Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society with an increase of 2500%

Mineral Minds was represented at the Annual Show held in Syracuse. I spoke or left messages for the presidents of the above mentioned clubs. I asked if they were interested in sharing their success in creating the increase in their memberships.

It seems that none of the clubs had one particular item, but an array of activities which were useful tools in establishing the increase in their membership. Ron Schultz of NJMS thought that since the time they revamped the website, there was definitely ten times more hits. The chain reaction created was that more people were interested in finding out about their club, creating a word of mouth endorsement. Also, many members are active in other types of clubs and they too have been more vocal in spreading the word about the mineral club and in sharing ideas from these other clubs the members participate in. The organization also had new blood in their executive committee, advertised their club at the various shows in the vicinity, and actively had members participate in the monthly meetings. Recently, they began to utilize an idea adopted from another club with a twist: “the ten seconds mineral madness”, in which they give the members at the beginning of the meeting numbers. The numbers are called and the winning number has only ten seconds to “come on up and retrieve his/her treasure”. Who doesn’t enjoy the possibility of winning something?

One of the reason for the increase in the youth membership for the Aiken Club may have been attributed to the idea that for the last few years they have opened the Friday of their show to the 3rd & 5th grades of three local schools to attend (over 800 children) according to Shellie Newell of the Aiken GMF club. This has worked out quite successfully for them, with teachers looking forward to the opportunity to have children experience first-hand the majority of earth’s treasures rarely seen by the students (and many of the teachers and chaperones) except via a textbook or the internet. There are hands-on activities for the school age groups.

In addition, Editor Barbara Fenstermacher edits a fabulous bulletin and contributes much to the club. The next editor will have to fill large shoes! Meetings are always very interesting and continue to encourage age members to participate. The club has a vibrant core of people who participate in such activities as the “grab bag parties” and members who support the mission of education and encourage people to be active. Lastly, although the website is under construction, they have a Facebook page where they post photographs of various club activities.

In these times, it seems every club (garden, rock and mineral, bridge, etc.) is experiencing the aging of their club. According to Ron Schulz, the NJMS is comprised of members with the majority between 35-70 years of age with only a handful under 35.

Congratulations to all clubs which have increased their membership - keep up the good work!

The Youth Club Award presented to Mineral Minds
Competitive Awards

As Eastern Federation Rules Chairman I want to thank those who brought competitive exhibits to the EFMLS/AFMS Convention and show in Syracuse, NY. There were 12 exhibits to be judged. One came from the Northwest Federation, three from California, three from Midwest, three from Eastern and two from a member of clubs in both MWF and EFMLS.

Of the twelve, five were first judged at the EFMLS level while the others had already earned their credentials and were automatically entered in AFMS competition. The results of the AFMS competition will be in the September AFMS Newsletter, but here are the results of the Eastern evaluation:

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It’s Not Too Late to “CROY”

So far this year there have been numerous shows, field trips and rockhound club activities of one sort or another here in New England. All of these events and activities have utilized the talents of the planners in their respective clubs. While the planners have been really great in their planning (I’ve attended many really great activities so far this year), let us not forget that these shows, field trips, and activities would not come to be without the dedicated effort of club volunteers.

So far this year I have witnessed a great many exceptional volunteer efforts within the ranks of club membership. All of that great volunteerism has been done with smiling faces. These wonderful volunteers want to help and support our clubs. Please give some thought to presenting a dedicated member of your club the title - Club Rockhound of the Year! Your outstanding members deserve to be recognized. Please don’t let their effort go unrecognized. Let’s keep these good folks smiling by giving them something else to smile about.

To recognize your outstanding member (or couple) all you need to do is send to me a short (100 words or less) write-up of their name, club and accomplishments. In addition, you may also recognize a junior member’s effort.

My contact information is under Club Rockhound of the Year in the committee listing at the back of this newsletter.

Remember - we probably don’t say “thank you” enough and this is indeed a very public way of doing so. Thanks, and hope to hear from your club soon.
1. President Betsy Oberheim called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.
2. The meeting began with a pledge of allegiance lead by President Oberheim.
3. President Oberheim then read the names of members who passed since the last meeting and the group observed a moment of silence in memory of the many years of service to the Federation and local clubs from these members.
4. President Oberheim greeted the membership and welcomed all to the meeting, especially the members from other federations who were in attendance following the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual meeting.
5. Cathy Patterson, Show Chairman of the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, hosts of the show welcomed all on behalf of the club. Cathy said they planned for months and involved all of the members. She encouraged everyone to participate in the local events associated with the convention. Those who had participated in events prior to the show enjoyed all of the activities that already occurred earlier this week.
6. President Oberheim introduced the head table to the attendees. She recognized the present and past officers of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies who were in attendance at this meeting. She also recognized the past presidents of the EFMLS who were present.
7. Secretary Gerry Cox announced that representatives of 30 member societies, nine officers and seven past presidents of the EFMLS were in attendance. According to the bylaws, this constitutes more than a quorum. Eight guests were also present.
8. Mary Bateman moved the adoption of the Convention Procedures. Barbara Sky seconded the motion. The adoption was unanimous.
9. Anthony Cesana moved that the agenda be adopted. Sue MacInnis seconded the motion that was approved unanimously.
10. The minutes from the 2010 annual meeting were approved as presented.

11. Officer Reports
   a. President Oberheim directed the attendees to her report in the meeting packet. She highlighted that EFMLS now has 129 active clubs in 20 states with one forming at the time of the convention.
   b. First Vice President R.J.Harris reported that his report was in the meeting packet. He has nominees for regional vice presidents of the “odd” numbered regions and is currently conducting the final election. He worked with Treasurer Lou Budell to develop the budget to be presented later in the meeting.
   c. Second Vice President Cheryl Neary reported that her report detailing working with the regions was in the packet.
   d. Secretary Gerry Cox’s report is in the packet.
   e. Treasurer, Lou Budell, said that his report was in the packet.
   f. Assistant Treasurer, Michael Patterson, reported that he fulfilled the duties of Assistant Treasurer during the past year.
   g. Editor, Carolyn Weinberger, reported publishing 14 issues of the EFMLS newsletter since the last annual meeting. She directed members at the meeting to her more detailed report in the packet.
   h. Immediate Past President, Loren Patterson, said his report on the remaining part of his term following last year’s annual meeting appeared in the packet.
   i. Ellery Borow, Chairman of the Past President’s Advisory Council had his report in the packet.
   j. Regional Vice President Reports from the Vice Presidents of Regions were in the packet.

12. Committee Reports
   a. AFMS All American Award will need a new chairman next year as Cathy Patterson reported that she will be moving to Florida and will not be able to continue. The membership thanked her for her efforts.
b. Boundaries Chair, Carl Miller, reported that an inquiry was received about reinstatement of a Florida Club. This resolution is reported in the workbook.

c. Ellery Borow, Rockhound of the Year Coordinator had his report in the packet encouraging members to submit someone from each club for the recognition.

d. Carolyn Weinberger directed attendees to the AFMS Endowment Fund report contained in the packet.

e. The Junior Activities report submitted by Roberta Goldsmith was not accepted as it was pointed out by Carolyn Weinberger that the report did not represent valid information.

f. Ellery Borow highlighted the safety report in the packet.

g. Bob Livingston suggested that attendees read the report of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Coordinator in the packet. He reported that the following clubs are to be recognized for increasing their participation in the Foundation:

- Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area
- Nittany Mineralogical Society
- Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
- Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club
- Southeast NH Mineral Club
- GLMS of Montgomery County, MD
- Catawaba Valley Gem & Mineral Club
- Stamford Mineralogical Society

h. Jay Bowman, chair of the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee reported that changes to rules were adopted and would take effect January 1, 2012. Supplies Chair Suzie Milligan will have copies of the updates in late December.

i. Cheryl Neary reported that the EFMLS Annual Auction would be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 2 PM in the back room of the exhibition hall at the show.

j. Don Pitkin’s report of the audit committee is in the packet.

k. Budget committee will present its modified budget later in the meeting, reported R. J. Harris.

l. Steve Weinberger reported no changes to the bylaws or operating procedures for this year.

m. Convention Advisory Committee chair, Matt Charsky, reported the next meetings for the EFMLS conventions:

n. Carolyn Weinberger Reported the EFMLS Directory was sent to each EFMLS club in early March.

o. Each One Teach One chair, Hazel Remaley, announced that the reward would be announced annual banquet.

p. Fran Slick directed the group to her report on the Eastern Foundation Fund in the workbook.

q. Sue MacInnis, Historian, said her report was in the packet.

r. The insurance report is in the packet, reported Carl Miller, Chairman

s. Matt Charsky, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the proposed slate:
   - President, R. J. Harris
   - First Vice President, Cheryl Neary
   - Second Vice President, Hazel Remaley
   - Treasurer Lou, Budell
   - Editor, Carolyn Weinberger
   - Nominating Committee - Loren Patterson and Wayne Sukow
   (Secretary Gerry Cox and Asst. Treasurer Michael Patterson each have 1 additional year to serve of their terms)

t. Parliamentarian, Steve Weinberger had nothing to report.

u. Suzie Milligan had the Supplies report in the packet.

v. Uniform Rules Chairman, Barbara Sky, directed all to her written report in the packet.

w. Ways and Means has not been active this year, reported Cheryl Neary.

x. Webmaster, Dan Imel, reported on changes to the website as outlined in the packet.

y. Wildacres Workshop Chairman, Steve Weinberger, encouraged additional club participation in this year’s excellent program in September.

Anthony Cesana moved acceptance of the reports with the exception of Junior Activities. Barbara Sky seconded. The vote was unanimous.
13. Old Business  
   a. None.

14. New Business  
   a. The slate of officers, as presented by the nominating committee, was elected by unanimous vote.
   b. R. J. Harris presented the revised budget. Acceptance of the 2012 budget was moved by R.J. Harris and Barbara Sky seconded. It was approved by unanimous vote.

15. President Oberheim thanked the host committee and encouraged all to attend the show the following day.

16. Announcements:  
   a. Carolyn Weinberger reported that the five main curators at the State Museum of New York, including the mineral curator had received layoff notices from the state. Those present were urged to contact NY Governor Cuomo and express opposition to the layoffs. (Word was received shortly after the meeting that the layoffs had been rescinded).

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Cox
Secretary

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Club Rockhound  
by Ellery Borow

The Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society would like to submit it's Secretary, Phyllis Fernald, to be our Club Rockhound of the Year. Phyllis has for years been the public face of the club. Phyllis's smiling face has been the first one the public sees at our club shows for many years. Recently, Phyllis has also been serving as the club secretary.

Between these two important duties, Phyllis has always been first in line to volunteer for numerous club needs and activities - banquets, picnics, auctions - all have benefited from Phyllis's kind words and expert help. Phyllis truly deserves to be our Club Rockhound of the Year.

submitted by Ellery Borow

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If you are interested in receiving a copy of the EFMLS Packet that was distributed at the annual meeting, contact Secretary Gerry Cox no later than September 30. Be sure to give her your name, club and address for mailing. Information for reaching Gerry is on page 2 of this issue.
Communication and Involvement Are the Keys to Our Success!

Convention Glimpses

AFMS Scholarship Foundation Grant Recipient
Diamond Replicas from the Lilian Turner Collection

Sue MacInnis receives the Citation Award from Jury of Awards Chair Mary Bateman
Kathy Hrechka with Betsy Oberheim at Breakfast With the Editors and Webmasters

EFMLS Past Presidents Matt Charsky, Loren Patterson, Betsy Oberheim, Fran Sick, Mary Bateman, Bob Livingston, Steve Weinberger

Picnic lunch on the patio

The aqueduct on the Erie Barge Canal. Here the canal went over the stream

Along the Erie Barge Canal
Communication and Involvement Are the Keys to Our Success!

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Club Shows

29: Annual “Ultraviolation” Fluorescent Mineral Show sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Road, Fairless Hills, PA.

November:
5-6: 7th Annual Rock & Gem Show sponsored by the Penobscot Mineral & Lapidary Club. Brewer Auditorium, Brewer, ME.

5 – 6: 23rd Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Rd; Greenwich, CT

12-13: 20th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. George Mason University, Student Union Bldg, Rt 123 & Braddock Rd; Fairfax, VA.

19-20: 45th 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.

25-27: 32nd Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Show sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society. Salem Civic Center, 1001 Roanoke Blvd; Salem, VA.

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.Mathew@epa.gov>.

Convention Glimpses

photos by Steve Weinberger

A few of the club delegates at the EFMLS Annual Meeting

The Canal Store Museum

▲The Erie Canal Aqueduct

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野地 * (see boundary)

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R. J. Harris (see page 2)

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史书 *

展览 *

安全 *

展览协调员 *

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Visit A Show

from Matt Charsky

August:
27-28: 45th Annual Rock & Mineral Show sponsored by the St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club. Madrid Community Park, Madrid, NY


September:
3 – 4: 22nd Annual Rockhounding's Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Kennebec Rocks & Minerals Club. National Guard Armory, Western Ave; Augusta, ME.

10 – 12: 48th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Berkshire Mineral Club. American Legion Post #90, Rte 7; Pownal, VT.


October:
1: Fall Mineraldist sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Science Association. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA.

2: Gem-Mineral-Fossil Auction sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Washington, DC. Knights of Columbus, 9707 Roosevelt Ave; Silver Spring, MD. Preview 1 pm; Auction begins at 2 pm.


15 – 16: 38th Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Beals Senior/Community Center, Stafford Ave; Bristol, CT.


22 – 23: Annual show sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. CCRI Knight Campus, 400 East Ave; Warwick, RI.

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