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

WILDACRES

from Esther Dunn, Functioning Committee Chair

June 26 - July 2
September 20 - 26

The excitement is building as we move closer and closer to our two EFMLS Wildacres Workshop sessions. Have you sent in your reservation yet?

Wildacres is a wonderful place. Those of us who have been fortunate to experience at least one session held at this beautiful venue are eager to return year after year. There is always something new to be learned, new people to meet, and an opportunity to "get away from it all" as participants enjoy the private mountaintop facility that is Wildacres.

Session #1, June 26 - July 2 will feature Bob Jones, Sr. Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine as guest speaker. He's a wonderful speaker who always has interesting tales of his mineral adventures around the world and across the U.S.

Session #2, September 20 - 26, will feature Dr. Steven Chamberlain of Syracuse University. Steve too is a dynamic speaker whose knowledge of our hobby is amazing. He's been at the bottom of the Pacific in the Alvin, crawled into some amazing mineral pockets in Canada...but that's just the tip of the iceberg.

The week at Wildacres consists of talks by the featured speaker, classes (see list), an opportunity to explore the local area (Asheville and the famous Biltmore Estate are an hour away; there are a number of

"digging" localities nearby; there are many rock shops close by; etc.), a tail gate session, auction, and fun night plus lots of unscheduled activities.

Have we enticed you to come? Here are the classes which are scheduled for each session.

June 26 - July 2

2-day Classes:

Cabochons
Chainmaking Basic
Chainmaking Intermediate
Prerequisite: Basic
Fluorescents
Mineral ID
Wirecraft Basic
Soapstone Carving or Beading

4-day Classes: (you only take 1)

Faceting
Certified Judging
Micromounting & Photomicrography
Silversmithing

September 20-26

2-day Classes

Cabochons
Wirecraft Basic
Soapstone Carving or Forging

4-day Classes:

Faceting
Certified Judging
Micromounting & Photomicrography
Silversmithing
Wax Modeling and Casting

A registration form is included on page 9 of this issue. We hope to see YOU at Wildacres this year.

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THE FEBRUARY BLUES

by Matt Charsky, EFMLS President

Do you remember the saying - Even though February is the shortest month, it sometimes feels like the longest? Well, it's really February and to those of us in the north, that still means several more weeks of winter even if the famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, sees his shadow. Clubs in the south, on the other hand, are putting on gem shows and going on field trips during the mild winter. Those southern clubs sure make me envious. So what can each of us do to deal with the February blues?

Here are some suggestions:

- Start or finish work on a personal or club showcase for the AFMS/EFMLS convention in Syracuse, NY;
- Visit a mineral or fossil museum, perhaps a hobbyist home with a unique collection;
- Talk to someone who can put a dollar value on some of your creations or valuables such as a mineral or gem appraiser;
- Take a class that focuses on a different aspect of your hobby; and/or
- Write a hobby-related article for your local club newsletter.

Let me share with you what I plan to do this month. I will be a volunteer judge for the Bulletin Editor's Advisory Contest. I will be reading and scoring approximately 50+ club newsletter articles. I find it a pleasure to read so many well written articles by people who really enjoy what they're doing. Although it is too late for you to participate this year, this is one rewarding activity that you can do for your Federation next year. Contact Mary Bateman to volunteer your services and she can help you find a category that interests you.

Let me also share with you that I've got several other committee chairs who would like to hear from you. Has your club thought about doing an All American Award entry?

If so, call or write Hazel Remaley and she can get you started. Every club should have a Club Rockhound of the Year nominee. Call Cathy Gaber and let her know the name of yours. Every club should also have an Each One, Teach One nominee. Get in touch with Frances Sick for the details.

As clubs prepare their budgets for 2004, maybe your club can earmark some funds towards one or more of the following: The Eastern Foundation Fund, AFMS Endowment Fund, and AFMS Scholarship Foundation. A few extra dollars could help either the EFMLS and AFMS continue to do their good work.

Bear with me, but I think I should say a few words about why some clubs did not receive their EFMLS membership cards last year and earlier this year. I realize the importance of these cards to your individual clubs. Sometimes the card is needed to gain access to a locality and sometimes the card is needed to prove that your club is covered by the EFMLS group insurance policy. Unfortunately, last year the EFMLS exhausted its inventory of membership cards. At the same time, a decision was made to upgrade the art work so that the Federation seal when reproduced was clear and not fuzzy. This took some time to do and I apologize to those clubs who did not receive the membership cards in a timely fashion. I hope we can resume our distribution quickly and that the new supply will last us a while.

Remember, it's only a little over 5 months until the upcoming AFMS/EFMLS Convention in Syracuse, NY during July 8 - 11, 2004. So get that showcase together (either competitive or non-competitive) and show me and the rest of EFMLS and AFMS what you've got. Do you have your calendar marked?

Matt

SAFETY FIRST

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

SHOW SAFETY

The sites we select for Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Shows can range from a small local exhibit in a Fire Hall, Mall, or Shopping Center, to an International Exhibit in a major Museum, or Exhibition Center. In addition to ensuring that the public enjoys the exhibition, the promoters of the exhibit have a responsibility to all participants that they return home safe and healthy.

The initial step insuring a safe show is the selection of the exhibition facility. It must meet Local, State, and National Codes. Do not exceed the floor load (weight) limits, capacity of individuals allowed in the facility at one time, or electrical capacity. The aisle widths and space should allow the public adequate access to the exhibits and dealers, including enough room for handicapped devices such as crutches, wheel chairs, and electric carts. The facility must have adequate space for the expected number of patrons at the show and provide enough parking spaces, including handicapped. At large shows there may be a requirement for traffic control and security and this may be provided by the shows sponsors, a security contractor, or local police. The facility must meet the requirements of the American Disabilities Act with access ramps, disabled bathroom facilities, etc.. Adequate numbers of well lighted and identified emergency exits must be available. Inside and outside lighting should be adequate for viewing the exhibits and to provide security.

Make sure that required licenses, fees, and liability and theft insurance are obtained for the show and by the dealers and food vendors. Food vendors must meet the standards established by the local health department.

While setting up the exhibits and dealers booths, make sure that the tables are rated for the weight they will be holding. Properly secure heavy, sharp, or hazardous materials (including dangerous chemicals or minerals containing them) so that they will not fall or come in contact with the viewing public. Even small specimens can be a safety hazard in the hands or mouths of children.

Make sure that electrical cords are heavy enough for the service required and are grounded. Properly secure the cords so that they do not present a trip hazard and will not be run over by vehicles or equipment and become damaged and an electrical fire hazard.

Lighting should be properly ventilated and spaced to reduce heat. Materials used to decorate the facility should be fire retardant and meet local fire codes.

Display case lids should be provided with positive supports that can



not be knocked out if bumped by mistake when the case is open.

Proper lifting and transporting practices should be followed while bringing in and out and setting up and tearing down the exhibits and equipment.

During the show keep obstacles, such as packages and packing material, secure so as to not create a trip or fire hazard.

Ensure that all appropriate safety precautions associated with demonstrations are followed, such as the wearing of safety equipment, and that proper equipment set up and operation are followed, to keep the exhibitor safe and public safe and demonstrate proper safety precautions as well as the purpose of the demonstration.

DEADLINES.....

February 1 - EFMLS Dues and Club Information Forms are due to Treasurer and Directory Editor (See page 6 for details).

March 1 - Entries for the AFMS All-American Competition are due. (See page 4 for details).

March 15 - Entries for the EFMLS Each One Teach One Competition are due. (See page 5 for details).

WANT ADS & SIGNS

from Sir Barkley Bigfoot

Now is your chance to get your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home too.

We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.

For sale: Eight puppies from a German Shepherd and an Alaskan Husky.

Great Dames for sale.

We will oil your sewing machine and adjust tension in your home for \$10.00.

WARM THINGS UP IN 2004

by Cathy Gaber

It's cold outside and maybe you have snow and the thought of going out and doing anything is very unappealing. So stay in and make the most of this season by warming the heart of one of your devoted club members. Things can be slow this time of year and it is the perfect time to give someone a lift.

You know the one - the member who always comes to set up early for the meeting, the one who can answer questions morning, noon and night, the one who always has a kind word and maybe a specimen for a newcomer, the treasurer who keeps perfect books, the field trip coordinator who is always finding new and fun localities, the lapidary who taught you how to cut a stone, the person who remembers the birthdays and makes the best refreshments. There are so many ways to make contributions in a club, the officers of course, but there are so many others as well. In just a few minutes' time, you can let one of these very devoted people know that they are appreciated.

Send me your name (and title if you have one - it is not required), the name of the person you would like to recognize for his or her service (a couple can receive this honor as well), a few sentences about why you are nominating this person and the name of your club. It's that simple! The AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year has only two nominations from the Eastern Federation so far this year. Please help us to identify other worthy recipients.

Thanks,

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AFMS ALL-AMERICAN COMPETITION

from Hazel Remaley

Well, Folks , it is now February, and by now you should be well in your way to putting your All American Club Award entry together. I must have them by March 1st. Following is part of the article that the AACA Chairman Alan Hukill wrote in the December issue of the A.F.M.S. Newsletter . Each report is to be submitted as a single document, with a limit of 100 sheets (one or two sided) including text and graphics. A loose -leaf notebook would make a good binder. The document should be in six sections, with dividers numbered 1-6. The report form should be in Section 1, and the information supporting each of the sections of the report should follow the appropriate divider . There are no limits to the number of pages in any section. When filling out the form, mark all appropriate

blanks and enter numbers or other information where requested.

Assemble requested supporting materials and lists following the correct section divider, and insert photos or other graphics following the typed information. You will be completing the report in 2004, but all requested information is for the year 2003.

If you have not been able to copy the forms that were printed in the December issue of the EFMLS News and need copies, please inform me. I would be very happy to send them to you.

I'll be waiting for your entries. Remember, I would like to see Eastern really show well in Syracuse in 2004.

NOMINATIONS

from Larry Vandergriff

The EFMLS Nominating Committee is hard at work compiling a slate of candidates to hold Eastern Federation office in the coming year. Election of these candidates will occur during the annual meeting in Syracuse, NY this July.

Candidates are needed this year for the following slots:

President (1 year term)
1st Vice President (1 year term)
2nd Vice President (1 year term)
Secretary (2 year term)
Assistant Treasurer (2 year term)
Nominating Committee member
(3 year term)

Think about the people you know and consider suggesting them for one of the EFMLS offices above. Send

their name, address, phone number and e-mail address, along with a brief statement indicating which office you feel they should hold and why they would make a good candidate.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Larry Vandergriff
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EACH ONE TEACH ONE - DEADLINE MARCH 15

from Fran Sick

By the time you read this there will only be about six or seven weeks left to get your nomination for the 2004 Each One Teach One Award submitted. You can do so by either E-mail or snail mail to the address found on the bottom of the nomination form which was printed in the December and January issues of the EFMLS Newsletter.

In our hobby there are many awards given by local clubs, regional federations and the American Federation. Each One Teach One is strictly an Eastern Federation award and I think it is one of the most important and best ways to ensure our hobby will continue to grow and prosper. I hope the following will cause you to agree and if you agree you will submit a nomination for the 2004 EOTO Award.

There are many of our members who are well educated and highly skilled in one or more aspects of the rockhounding hobby, but many more of us are just average folks who happen to love field collecting, lapidary work, geology, fossils or some other hobby-related field. We join a club to learn more about something we already have an interest in. Usually it doesn't take long to realize we made the right decision as we find so many people willing to help, guide and teach us. We are soon learning so much about our area of interest and about other areas we may not even have known existed that we are hooked. The rest of the world may think we are a little crazy because we love rocks but we know that without our hobby there would be a big empty space in our lives. When we look at a rock, mineral or fossil we think about how it was formed, we learn to appreciate it's beauty and value, we think about what we can make with it or what we need to do to display it to it's best advantage.

But what if the folks in our hobby who teach us these things decided to

use their skills and knowledge strictly for their own benefit? What if they charged a substantial fee to conduct classes, demonstrations or seminars, to lead educational field trips or write educational articles? Many, probably most, clubs could not afford to pay large fees and we would therefore be deprived of access to this great wealth of skills and knowledge. We would soon feel our participation in rock clubs and federations was not very rewarding and would probably not continue our participation.

However, we rockhounds are very lucky people. Everyone in our hobby is very willing to share their expertise, mostly on a volunteer basis, with anyone who wants to learn. Some of these people contribute countless hours, their own materials and equipment, and have done so for many years, to help us learn and increase our enjoyment of our hobby. These are the people who should be nominated for the Each One Teach One Award. They don't expect it but they sure deserve it and there is no better way I can think of to say thank you.

So that every person who is nominated will always be reminded of how much their teaching means to us, each will receive a certificate and be recognized at the combined EFMLS and AFMS Convention in Syracuse in July. In addition the top award winner will be awarded a plaque. Please get your nominations for the 2004 EOTO Award sent to me by the March 15 deadline.

[Don't have the application? You can obtain both the Each One Teach One and All-American applications by visiting the EFMLS website <www.amfed.org/efmls> and downloading the December or January EFMLS Newsletter.]

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

from Bob Livingston

This committee is pleased to report that we are off and running well since the fiscal year began November 1. Many clubs and individuals donated with some choosing to remember a loved one, friend or member with a memorial donation, for which we are grateful. This is a most worthy endeavor to help needy students working on their graduate degrees in the earth science field. Because of this, AFMS is currently able to offer 24 such stipends of \$2000 annually. Here is the rundown of who has helped the cause since November 1:

*Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
Members' Donation*

*Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society
of Washington, DC
Members' Donation*

*Paul Dunning
credit to*

*Lakeshore Gem & Mineral Club
(For EFMLS Officers' Hard Work)*

*Gulf Coast Mineral, Fossil, Gem Club
In memory of Jeanette Stover*

*Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore
Members' Donation*

*Manasota Rock & Gem Club
In memory of Helen Smith*

*Manasota Rock and Gem Club
In memory of "Tina" Freilinghaus*

*Moraine Rock Busters
Members' Donation*

*Northern Virginia Mineral Club
Members' Donation*

Let's make this a banner year for these deserving donations.

Checks, payable to "AFMS Scholarship Foundation" should be sent to: Bob Livingston, EFMLS Coordinator, 59 Ely Dr., Fayetteville, NY 13066. Thank you.

IT'S EASTERN UP AT BAT JULY 7 THRU 11

by Bob Livingston, Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse (Host Club)

That's right, back in April '03 the eyes of the country were on the Syracuse Orangemen as they fought hard and won the NCAA title. Lots of pride in town ever since with that #1 trophy.

The pendulum swings the maximum as the big event in our hobby shifts from California to New York. Next July, the focus once again will be on Syracuse, site of the big 2004 combined American Federation / Eastern Federation annual convention and show. It is incredible, but until now this event has never been in the State of New York. What a shame since the Finger Lakes vacation area has so much to offer.

In these pages over the next 4 months we will give you the skinny on everything we can squeeze in re the big event we are calling "The Splendor of Quartz" — after all, those coveted Herkimers are only a little over an hour down the road.

The meetings and food events will be at the Headquarters Hotel, The Ramada Inn on Buckley Road in Syracuse, NY (Exit 36 off New York Thruway, I-90) where we are holding a large block of rooms. The special rate is \$89 per day and includes a cooked to order breakfast. When reserving, merely mention that you are with the American or Eastern Federation convention. Phone number is (315) 457-8670 or <www.RamadaSyracuse.com>. Hotel rooms and restaurant were renovated in 2003. For persons wishing other hotels, either wait for the packet to be mailed to Eastern clubs in mid March or, go to the website <www.AmFed.org/EFMLS> where complete packet info including downloadable forms await you.

For your planning purposes, the American Federation meeting is Thursday July 8 at 9 am, the Eastern Federation meeting is Saturday

July 10 at 9 am, the Awards dinner is Saturday night July 10 and the Editors breakfast is Sunday AM July 11 at 8 am. The show opens at 10 am each day beginning Friday July 9. Closing time is 6 pm on Friday and Saturday. Sunday the 11th, the show closes at 4 pm. There will be daily lectures plus the annual EFMLS auction at 2 pm on Saturday, July 10.

The show, is air conditioned and will include 50+ retail dealers and 11 wholesalers. It will be located in the huge Center of Progress Building at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, Exit 7 off I-690.

For kids there will be sluice mining, operating model ore trains, strawdraw chances and hopefully soapstone carving. We have geared up for over 100 educational displays and look to clubs and individuals around the country to share your wonderful creations, mineral specimens and fossils for everyone to enjoy.

Next month we will tell you why you should not miss this exciting show and convention in an area of the country new to many of you. We will also let you in on more of what you can expect to find here at the show and the beautiful surrounding country side. Meantime, dig around and decide what it is that you will bring to show off for your club and /or yourself to share for the benefit of all. Look forward to seeing you in Syracuse "Orange country" in July.



DUES & INFORMATION

from Lou Budell, Treasurer

Has your club submitted its 2004 Eastern Federation dues and information form yet? One easy way is to check the mailing label on this issue of EFMLS News. If it says "03" then your dues and information sheet were not yet received when the labels were printed on January 7.



EFMLS dues are \$1.25 per voting member. Of that sum, \$.50 is forwarded to the American Federation and \$.75 is retained by Eastern to fund its programs. These include things like the Program Library, and the various competitions (Bulletin Editors, All-American, Each One Teach One) and lots more. In addition, belonging to the EFMLS allows your club to purchase low-cost liability and accident insurance through the Federation policy. Your members are also eligible to attend the Wildacres Workshops, receive both the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters and much, much more.

Information forms are used to compile the annual Directory which we plan to have in the hands of member clubs by the end of March. Included is useful information about the EFMLS, a complete listing of available slide and video programs as well as information about each EFMLS member club. For many, the Directory serves as a good travel companion; for others a good public relations tool for their club.

A dues renewal form is located on page 8 of this issue. Please send one copy, with your dues check payable to "EFMLS" to the treasurer and a second copy of the information form to the Directory Editor. Address information for both is at the bottom of the dues renewal form.

AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE

shared by Carl Phillips

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

If Walmart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?

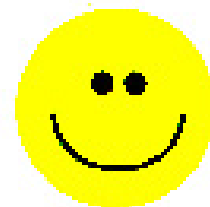
You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors...but they all exist very nicely in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.



FIND IT ON THE WEB

Both the EFMLS and AFMS websites contains a wealth of information which can be useful for your club.

The EFMLS website is <www.amfed.org/efmls>. You can find information on Wildacres; the upcoming convention in Syracuse; see pictures from past EFMLS activities; download various application forms; find contact information for member clubs, EFMLS officers and committee chairs, back

issues of the EFMLS Newsletters plus lots more. There are also links to a variety of other useful places to visit.

The AFMS website is <www.amfed.org>. This site contains information about the AFMS, links to the seven regional federations, and back issues of the AFMS Newsletter.

Bookmark these sites and visit them often to find out what's new.

2004 EFMLS Club Information Form
Please type or print clearly. Be sure to fill in all spaces!

Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Number of Members Adults: _____ Juniors: _____ Total: _____

Months Officers Are Elected: _____ Installed: _____ Take Office: _____

President: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Vice President: _____ Telephone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Secretary: _____ Telephone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Treasurer: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Liaison: _____ Telephone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Editor: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Bulletin Name: _____

URL of club website: _____

Meeting Date: _____ Time: _____ Meeting address: _____

Show and or Swap Date: _____ Location: _____

Do you have competitive exhibits at your show? Yes: _____ No: _____

Do you need membership cards? Yes: _____ No: _____ Are you paying for Juniors? Yes: _____ No: _____

Please verify your check is for the correct amount (\$1.25 per voting member) and that you have completed all of the information on the form. Mail your check and one (1) copy of this form to the EFMLS Treasurer and one (1) copy of the form to the EFMLS News/Directory Editor. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS".

- Lou Budell, EFMLS Treasurer; 2718 Falls Rd; Marcellus, NY 13108-9722
- Carolyn Weinberger, EFMLS News/Directory Editor, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

Signature of individual completing form: _____ Date _____

2004 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session.

CIRCLE ONE: Spring Session - Fall Session

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to DEBBIE BARD, Registrar at 8085 Old 126, Warfordsburg, PA 17267. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2004. (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You may photocopy it as needed.)

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number with area code: _____ e-mail: _____

Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$280.00 per person. Deposit is \$140 per person, payable with registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$140 is due 30 days prior to start of session.

Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? **Yes No** Is your Club sponsoring you? **Yes No**

Do you need a roommate? **Yes No** Are you: **Male Female** (No single rooms are available)

Do you have any **physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs?** **Yes No**

If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Do you have material for exhibiting that you would be willing to display at Wildacres? **Yes No**

If YES, please contact Esther Dunn at 334-774-2172. Lined display cases are available.

Do you have a skill to demonstrate or a program to share (up to 40 minutes)? **Yes No**

If YES, please contact Cathy Gaber at <bg@his.com>, or 301-654-7479.

Class Pre-registration. See EFMLS Newsletter or Website for class offerings. <www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm>

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? We will be preregistering you for classes you indicate. When a class is full NO others will be assigned to that class, and you will be assigned your next class choice(s). You will have an opportunity to make changes once you arrive at Wildacres.

1st _____

3rd _____

2nd _____

4th _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2004)

Mail to: Debbie Bard, Wildacres Registrar

8085 Old 126

Warfordsburg, PA 17267

2002 EFMLS Club Information Form

Please type or print clearly. Be sure to fill in all spaces!

Club Name:

Club Address:

Zip Code:

Number of Members

Adults:

Juniors:

Total:

Comments: _____

Installed:

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VISIT A SHOW

from William Lema

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to William Lema, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 65 Sheldon St., Providence, RI 02906 or e-mail him at <williamlema@cox.net>.

February

21-22: 11th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem & Fossil Show & Sale, co-sponsored by the New York State Academy of Mineralogy and the Capital District Mineral Club. Concourse level, south end of the Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany, NY.

27-28: 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. A & I Buildings, State Fairgrounds, Jackson, MS.

March:

6 - 7 : New York City Gem & Mineral Show Hosted by the New York Mineralogical Club. Holiday Inn Midtown Manhattan 440 W. 57th St., New York City.

6 - 7: 41st Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. New Location: Delaware Technical and Community College @ I-95 Exit 4B, Churchmans Road (Rt 58) Newark (Stanton), DE.

12-14: 16th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Aiken and Augusta Gem & Mineral Societies. Julian Smith Casino, 2205 Broad St; Augusta, GA.

19-21: Unifour Parade of Gems, The 34th annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club. Metro Convention Center (I-40 exit 125), Hickory, NC.

20-21: 40th Annual Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary, & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut Street. Gaithersburg, MD.

20-21: 45th annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club. Florida State Fairgrounds Special Events Center, MLK Blvd. entrance; take Exit 5 west off I-4 or Exit 7 east off I-4. Info and map <www.tamparockclub.homestead.com>.

20-21: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. The Lulu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA. Info: 610-971-0620 or <cal@pafa.org>

27-28: 14th Annual Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club. Harmony Hall Regional Center, Fort Washington, MD. Info: <Michael.patterson@pgparks.com>

April:

2 - 4: 32nd Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference. Tyson's Westpark Hotel, McLean, VA. Info and registration: Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302.

3 - 4: 36th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society, Inc. Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

May:

22: Annual Swap/Sell at Goucher sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. Goucher College, Kraushaar Auditorium Pavilion. Dulaney Valley Rd just off I-695, Towson, MD.

July:

9-11: Combined EFMLS/AFMS Convention & Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse. NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. (AFMS meetings July 7 & 8).

September:

25-26: 40th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Inc. Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD 32, W. Freindship, MD.

November:

6 - 7: Golden Anniversary Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry & Gem Show sponsored by the Stamford Mineralogical Society. New location: Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Av; Old Greenwich, CT.