

# EFMLS NEWS

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

## NATIONWIDE INVASION SCHEDULED

from Esther Dunn, Wildacres Functioning Committee



You've read the books, now you can meet the man! FRED WARD, a u t h o r , gemologist and bon vivant is making a return engagement to the

fall EFMLS Wildacres Workshop as our guest speaker. Fred's series of books on diamonds, sappires, rubies etc. have been on the "must have" list of gem and mineral enthusiasts for years. Here's your chance to meet the man who's travelled the world in search of the gemstones he writes about. He's been to some of the mines, gone to the gem auctions, shows, and cutting houses. He's a fantastic photograher and story teller and when you combine them all, has the power to keep you glued to your seats.

Dates for the fall session are September 2 - 7. We'll be joined at this session by people from the other regional federations who have been invited to attend our Judging Workshop (the only one of its kind in the U.S.) so they can gain a better understanding of the AFMS Uniform Rules - and thus help give exhibitors at club and federation shows a more uniform and equable scoring. It should be an exciting week and you can be a part of it.

Our spring session should be just as exciting. Dates are May 17 - 22 and our guest speaker is Gordon Austin of Tucson, Arizona. Gordon is an expert on gem deposits in the

United States and promises to bring us a variety of programs on gem and mineral deposits in the United States. He's an engaging speaker and wonderful individual.

If you've never been to an EFMLS Wildacres Workshop, what are you waiting for? Located in the picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, about forty miles north of Asheville, Wildacres is a privately held retreat which allows non-profit groups such as ours to use its facility for organized programs. Lodging is in modern motel style private rooms. There are several meeting rooms and classrooms, a canteen, and numerous outdoor areas for meetings, lectures, and leisure time. Meals are served in a modern dining hall.

Our week consists of talks by our guest speaker, hands on classes (such as faceting, micromounting, wire-wrapping etc.), an auction, a free day, tail gate session and more. The cost to participants is only \$275 per person which covers your room and board for the week. There is a slight additional cost for some of the classes you take



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which covers the cost of the materials (such as metals or gemstones). All of our instructors volunteer their time and services.

So what are you waiting for? We've included an application form in this newsletter or you can download one from the EFMLS website. We're looking forward to seeing YOU at one or both of the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops this year. You won't regret your decision to come!

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*from Larry Vandergrift, EFMLS President*



We are in the middle of winter in the Eastern Federation and the snow is falling in the central and northeastern states. Usually, where I live in West Virginia, the winters are not all that severe but the temperature still gets below zero and the snow causes driving hazards. I feel for some of you that don't see the bare ground for two or three months at a time. Everyone has had to deal with ice and rain for the most part this winter, no matter where you live.

Although the weather conditions have an influence on what we can do by way of collecting minerals and fossils, we are still able to do plenty of other activities concerning the hobby. We can visit another nearby club during their regular club meeting and in return invite them to join you at your club meeting. We as members of an elite group of special people need to spread the good word or as Bruce Gaber, EFMLS Auction Committee Chairman, says "Good stuff".

The "Good stuff" in this case is our collective wealth of knowledge and interest we all possess about the hobby. How about writing an article for your club newsletter? This can be done anytime of the year. It is time for the spring gem shows. The schedules are out there and Eastern gem club shows are listed in the EFMLS Newsletter. What a way to meet new and old friends a like. I find that the more we meet and communicate amongst ourselves the more we can help or be helped by the influence of our association with each other.

The Eastern Federation needs positive interaction. The Eastern Federation needs positive relations within our group as a whole. Some of my more lasting friendships are people I have met through rocks and minerals. Mineral, fossil and gem hobbyist are some of the most genuine people in the world. They appreciate the true and the natural.

What I am trying to say with all of this is, no matter what your status within the Eastern Federation or local gem club, you have influence on others. Use this influence in a positive way. Create & "Good Stuff"; and make a lasting memory for someone or yourself. Find a new friend and share a special relationship. If they are not members of a club, ask them to join your club. Without new members, within our clubs and societies, the hobby and the Eastern Federation will suffer.

Let's all make the hobby grow. Spread the word.

*Larry*

**FEDERATION DUES  
AND INFORMATION FORMS ARE DUE!**

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\$4.50 PER YEAR BY CONTACTING THE EDITOR.**

## NEW SLIDE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

*from Inga Wells, Program Librarian*

The EFMLS Program librarian is happy to announce the 3 award-winning programs from the 2002 AFMS Program competitions are now available. We have 2 copies of each program in our library.

To receive the distinction of Highest Honor the program must receive a score of 95 or above.

They are:

Video Tape # V569 "Recovery of the Hyde Park Mastodon" by Jay Tinker. Jay Tinker produced this program as a "Power Point" program on CD-ROM. Through the wonders of technology, he transferred it to VHS video and 35 mm slide program. The video is 20 minutes long and there are 72 slides. The program is also available on a CD. For the CD version, please order #103CD - "Recovery of the Hyde Park Mastodon".

This program is a 1st place winner with Highest Honors in the "Special Class" of the 2002 AFMS Program Competition. It shows the detailed process and complications encountered while extricating and preserving mastodon remains from a backyard pond in Hyde Park, near Poughkeepsie, NY, home of the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society (host of the EFMLS 2003 Convention & Show)

Jay is the current President of the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY. He is an avid fossil collector and a faithful volunteer at the Paleontological Research Institute (PRI) in Ithaca, NY. Jay participated as a PRI volunteer in the recovery of this ice-age animal.

I think you'll like the program as much as I do. More information about the Mastodon Projects may be found on the PRI website: <[www.Priweb.org](http://www.Priweb.org)>. This program is an excellent choice for Junior clubs meetings.

Slide program # 104 "DATOLITE: Crystals, Diversity and Color" earned 1st place, with Highest Honors, in the Educational Class. The program was created by Wayne W. Sukow from the Northern Virginia Club. There are 64 slides in the set.

He presents a close-up look at datolite specimens from around the world. Samples from each location have unique characteristics. Some are attractive cabinet specimens while others are best appreciated under magnification. It's an excellent program for micro-mounting clubs. There are some breathtaking and interesting close-up views of specimens. Some slides are of the same specimen, viewed from different angles. After viewing this fascinating program, I have a better appreciation for this somewhat unusual mineral.

Slide Program #105 "In Search of South Dakota's Fairburn Agate" is another great program from Doug Moore and Don Kelman, members of the Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society, MWF. It received Highest Honor in the Field Trip class. This 140 slide program takes you on a journey to find the colorful and rare Fairburn Agates. These agates are found in the area around the Black Hills of N.D and are the state's gemstone. There are several other agates and rocks found from the same vicinity, which are often mistaken for Fairburns. Doug and Don show where to hunt, what to look for, and what can be found along the way. This program with its marvelous close-up of colorful agates and entertaining narrative is well suited for any club, whether they want to learn more about agates or find information on where and how to find them. Fieldtrips and agates are a winning combination.

Now, some more good programs you can request.

Don and Doug's program #94 is

the most requested program from the EFMLS library. It's a primer on agates. It comes highly recommended by many clubs.

The second most requested program is #97 Pseudomorphs by Michael Shaw, Stillwater Mineral & Gem Soc., RMF. It earned 1st place in 2000 AFMS Program competition. [Michael is the son of Elaine and Milt Shaw. Milt is the soapstone instructor at the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops.]

The Philadelphia Mineralogical Soc. requested it recently and this is what they had to say in an e-mail: "Program was very well received. Members who had seen EFMLS programs from many years ago were impressed with quality of program and photographs. Program had good balance - enough technical material to be interesting and educational - and not enough to get boring. A poll was taken after the program if there was interest in having a speaker on the subject if one could be arranged. Response was very positive for more on pseudomorphs. Stan Molchanow."

A heartfelt thanks to Stan and all of the others who provided feedback and information on how their club members responded to the programs. The EFMLS Library has many excellent programs on minerals, geology, fossils fieldtrips, lapidary and many other topics. Try them - you'll like them.

For a complete program listing see your EFMLS Directory - page 20 to 30.

A very big thanks to Wendell Mohr of the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD. He worked hard to make certain that each of your favorite slide

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## SLIDE & VIDEO PROGRAMS

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programs has a duplicate set. I appreciate that he took the time to number each slide.

To order these or any other programs in the EFMLS Program Library all you need do is contact me in one of three ways  
e-mail at

<itwells@clarityconnect.com>  
snail mail at 616 W Green St;  
Ithaca, NY 14850 or  
telephone at 607-275-8121.

When you reserve programs you will need to give your club name and meeting date as well as your name and address. Be sure to give a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice since many programs are quite popular and may not be available on the date of your choice. Allow at least 3 - 4 weeks leeway in placing your order. Programs may be ordered up to a year in advance.

There is no charge for borrowing the programs - this is one of the benefits you receive for your Federation dues. I will send them via Media or Library mail. If there is not enough time to get the program to you in that manner, you may request, that it will be send Priority Rate. This usually takes 3 days. You will need to enclose a check for \$4.00 (made out to EFMLS) to cover this extra cost when you return the program. You need to insure each program for \$100 (costs \$2.20) If you order many programs (for a show) and the shipping cost is much more than the norm, we request that you reimburse the EFMLS for the total shipping cost.

A complete list of available slide and video programs can be found on pages 20 - 30 of the EFMLS 2002 Directory which each club President and Editor was sent last March.

## AFMS ALL AMERICAN

*from Hazel Remaley*

Well folks, we are getting down to the wire. Hope you are all busy working on your scrapbooks so that I get them by the deadline of March 1. I know that there is no worse procrastinator than yours truly. As a matter of fact, if you ask our editor, she will probably tell you that I am one of her last columns submitted each month. So, if you have not started to put your book together, get going!!! The last 2 years our federation had only 1 entry. So, my job was easy. All I had to do was pack it up, and send it off to the AFMS coordinators for judging at the national level. Give me some work (like I need it). That is my challenge to you.

The entry forms were printed in the December 2002 issue. If you need copies, please contact me. I know that it looks difficult, but really it does not have to be. I'll keep this short and sweet, so you have more time on your project.

## CARNIVORE DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT

*from Terry Cirrincione*

Imagine a sand bank next to a stream way back in the very Early Jurassic period. An *Anomoepus* dinosaur, one of the earliest carnivore dinosaurs, approaches, looking for water and any prey he can find. He spies a smaller dinosaur, gives chase, and in one blow sinks his teeth into its neck and then devours it. After drinking water from the cool stream, he walks away, leaving footprints in the soft sand bank.

Now we are in present time, and here is one of its footprints. This is a choice specimen donated by Glenn Zamenski of the American Fossil Federation and the Maryland Geological Society, and it can be yours if your name is selected at the raffle drawing. When the raffle tickets go on sale, buy some; take a chance on winning some wonderful prize. Help support the EFMLS at the same time.

## NEED A GREAT TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2003? HERE 'TIS.

*by Bob Livingston, AFMS Scholarship Chair*

Just wanted to let you know I am open for business ready to receive your check honoring or remembering someone special in your life or club by donating to the AFMS Scholarship Fund. Surely it is repeatedly proven that the needy grad students are there ready to be helped in the educational field of the earth sciences. With current funding, we have been able to help two annually from EFMLS. If a tax deductible donation to this just cause tickles your fancy, just make out a check to AFMS Scholarship Fund and mail it to Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001. Your donation will be acknowledged in writing. Thank you for your support.

[The AFMS rewards clubs for their contributions with certificates and plaques. Each time your club donates \$1 for each member, you receive another 100 percent increase on the honor roll of contributors. The number of members you have does not matter, only that they have contributed \$1 per member. There is no time limit in accruing these amounts - partial contributions toward that next percentage increase are accepted.]

### EYE SAFETY

Our eyes require protection at all times of the year, whether it is protection from the sun on the way to a collecting site, protection from flying particles at a collecting site, or protection from chemicals, dust, or particles while processing our finds back in the shop.

Eye hazards include particles, dusts, mists, vapors, fumes, gases, laser lights, and ultraviolet light. Many of these hazards are encountered by rock hounds in pursuit of their passion.

Safety glasses or spectacles are designed to provide impact protection from flying particles and have heavier frames than normal spectacles with impact resistant lenses, usually of polycarbonate. The lenses can be tinted to protect the eyes from laser or ultraviolet light or the sun's rays. As most particles enter the eyes at an angle, it is recommended that the frames accommodate and are worn with side shields or have them "built in". Safety glasses are available with corrective lenses, even bifocal and "multifocal" lenses. Do not use spectacles intended for protection from radiation and glare from the sun indoors where your vision may be impaired by the tinted lenses. Spectacles should be fitted to your eye and bridge size and temple length. The spectacles should fit comfortably over the eyes. The frame should be close to the face and supported by the bridge of the nose. Keep spectacles clean and clear of scratches. Store spectacles in a dry, clean place where they will not fall or be stepped on. Scratched or damaged spectacles interfere with vision and do not provide protection. Safety spectacles alone do not provide protection for the eyes from fumes, vapors, liquids, and large particles.



Safety goggles provide a secure shield around the entire eye area to protect against hazards coming from many different directions and spread the force of impact over a larger area around the eyes. Goggles are most effective when worn with safety spectacles and are also provided with impact resistant lenses that can be tinted if required. Goggles that are unvented or indirectly vented will provide protection from splash hazards. Goggles can be provided with fog free coatings. Face shields are required when pouring hot liquids, using acids to clean rocks or fossils, breaking rocks with hand or mechanical equipment, and while dressing grinding wheels. Face shields should never be used without goggles and safety spectacles and are available with protective head gear and chemical hoods.

Select the proper level of eye protection prior to starting any activity and remember that the risk of by passing a level because "it will only take a second and I will be careful" could cost you one of your most precious possessions, your sight.

### AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

from Dee Holland

Monetary contributions to the AFMS Endowment Fund should be sent directly to the AFMS Endowment Fund Treasurer Toby Cozens at 4401 SW Hill St. Seattle, WA 98116-1924. All contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

Funds from the AFMS Endowment are used for a variety of educational activities of the AFMS.

## EACH ONE TEACH ONE

from Fran Sick

By the time you read this the year 2003 will be well on its way and still no nominations have been received for the 2003 Each One Teach One Award. That's not surprising since the busy 2002 holiday season is barely over and I imagine many of you, like me, are still putting away holiday decorations and gifts.

However, the June 1, 2003, deadline for EOTO entries is fast approaching and I sure hope many entries for this award are in the process of being prepared. I know there are a number of deserving members in Eastern Federation Clubs so the committee is looking forward to having lots of entries to judge. Some of these very worthy candidates for the EOTO Award have been nominated before but did not win the top award, often by a very small margin. These folks can and certainly should be nominated again. After all, their contributions to our hobby are no less important now than they were when first nominated. In fact they probably have added more teaching activities to their list of credentials which would enhance their chance of bringing home the top award from the EFMLS Convention in October.

For more details about criteria for the Each One Teach One Award and an entry form please refer to the November, December and January EFMLS Newsletters or feel free to e-mail me at <FRAN\_AND\_ED@webtv.net> if you have questions.

Entries should be mailed to the address listed on the form or e-mailed to me at the address listed above no later than June 1, 2003.

## TROTTER DUMP OPPORTUNITY

from Jeff Winkler

For those interested in hunting for fluorescent minerals, the annual Trotter Dump Field Trip is just around the corner.

During the past four years, this trip has attracted hundreds of collectors from all over the United States, Canada, France, and England. The next event will be held on April 26 & 27, 2003. This is also the weekend of the 31st Annual New Jersey Earth Science Association Gem & Mineral Show & Outdoor Swap & Sell.

In addition to the Trotter Dig, there will be exhibits at both the Franklin Mineral Museum and Sterling Hill Mining Museum. In addition, the Sterling Hill Mine will be open for digging on Sunday. The dig is also held the same weekend as the annual show sponsored by the NJ Earth Sciences Assoc., and the Sterling Hill and Franklin Museums.

This is a rare opportunity for mineral collectors to dig and find treasures that don't exist anywhere else in the world! More information, including a registration form, can be found at [www.UVworld.org](http://www.UVworld.org). Preregistration is required and there is a fee for digging.

## UNIFORM RULES UPDATES

from Duane Evans

AFMS Rules for 2003 have been received! They consist of 44 pages of revisions and new pages. The postage alone will cost more than any previous revisions.

Although as of this writing I have not yet established a cost for these updates, if you wish to purchase copies, please contact me at [duane74@mindspring.com](mailto:duane74@mindspring.com) or 401-683-9536.

## AN INVITATION - HELP CREATE THE NEWRY MINERAL PARK

from Woody Thompson, Maine Geological Survey

A new State property that will include several of Maine's most famous mineral localities, including the Dunton tourmaline mine, in a beautiful mountain setting!

The Oxford Hills in western Maine are known throughout the world as a prolific source of gems such as tourmaline, amethyst, and aquamarine, as well as many rare mineral species. Thousands of people come to Maine every year to search for these minerals in the rock piles left behind from earlier mining operations. Historic mining for feldspar and gem tourmaline in the town of Newry opened up several deposits rich in uncommon minerals. These mines are located on a scenic mountaintop that also offers great opportunities for hiking, geologic studies, and other outdoor recreation.

Many popular mineral collecting sites in Maine have been closed to the public in recent years due to encroaching development and other factors. But the State of Maine now has the opportunity to acquire a 100-acre tract of land in Newry that encompasses the famous Dunton tourmaline mine and six other neighboring quarries.

The Maine Geological Survey (of the Department of Conservation) has launched a fundraising drive to purchase the Newry mines for a permanent park whose principal use would be for recreational mineral collecting. Partners in this effort include the Maine Mineral Symposium Association, the Federation of Maine Mineral and Gem Clubs, and the Threshold to Maine Resource Conservation and Development Commission.

All mineral hobbyists, earth science students, educators, and outdoor enthusiasts will benefit from the Newry Mineral Park. The Land for Maine's Future board has made a generous pledge toward the purchase price, but most of the funds to acquire the property must be raised from other sources. The Maine Geological Survey is committed to this effort, and we are asking mineral clubs and individuals to help by donating to the park acquisition fund.

Contributions are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged. Donations of \$100 or more will receive a special recognition certificate! Please print and fill out the form below:

Enclosed is my donation in the following amount to help establish the Newry Mineral Park:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ \$500    \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000

Other amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number / e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to "Newry Mineral Park" and send with this form to:

Newry Mineral Park  
c/o Maine Geological Survey  
22 State House Station; Augusta, ME 04333-0022

Visit the Maine Geological Survey's website for further developments and progress reports: [www.state.me.us/doc/nrimc/mgs/mgs.htm](http://www.state.me.us/doc/nrimc/mgs/mgs.htm)

## EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

from Joy Bourne



According to the calendar on my desk, it is December 20, 2002, and I am writing the last EFMLS News item for the year - which you will not be reading until February, 2003. Even in this miraculous age of electronic communication, it still takes time for information to be disseminated to the ultimate recipients.

I am very pleased to report that the Eastern Foundation Fund has received two generous club contributions during the last month of 2002, which brings the year-end total in the Eastern Foundation Fund account to something over the \$14,000 mark. In addition, some \$21,000 of EFF money still resides in a bank Certificate of Deposit, so the Fund is now reaching a total which provides a respectable amount of interest monies to be used to fund our special Federation projects.

The two most recent club donations are as follows:

The Stamford Mineralogical Society, has made a Sapphire-level gift to EFF as memorials recognizing the recent deaths of club members Harold Haines, Len Klein and Carmen Rathbun.

The Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club has made an Emerald Level contribution

We sincerely thank all of you who have faithfully supported EFF throughout the past year, and trust that you will continue to keep the Fund in your financial planning during the coming year.

Contributions may be made at any time during the year by individuals or clubs. Checks should be made payable to Eastern Foundation Fund (or EFF), and sent to Joy Bourne, EFF Chairman, RR #1, Box 159, Towanda, PA 18848-9739.

## A REPORT FROM YOUR RULES CHAIRMAN

from Sue MacInnis

The dates have been set for our 2003 Convention in Poughkeepsie NY in October. This is a wonderful opportunity and gives anyone lots of time to create and enter a Competitive Showcase this year. The American Federation and Eastern Federation Convention and show will be combined in 2004 in Syracuse, N.Y. What a better time than this year 2003 to have a showcase judged and ready for the AFMS challenge in Syracuse to win an AFMS trophy in 2004. Lets show the other Federations we can have as many competitive show cases as they do when they host the American Federation Convention.

If anyone is interested in learning about judging let me know as we

have a scholarship open to Wildacres to study judging. We need new Judges as several have retired. It is really a good way to appreciate what a good showcase should look like, why certain things are necessary, learn the rules, and to work with other collectors and young people to set up a good showcase that they can be proud of, whether competitive or just for display. I'm looking forward to hearing from anyone who is interested.

Your chairman has been taking a break, after a wonderful vacation and collecting trip to Alaska in August. I'm back on my feet after knee replacement in October and intend to be out collecting again by this spring and off to California in June.

## FEDERATION DUES!

from Lou Budell

Like most of us, the EFMLS has to pay its bills. Our revenue comes from our dues - currently \$1.25 per member. In exchange for your dues, your club receives the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters, can borrow programs from the Program Library at no charge, can obtain low-cost liability and accident insurance, can allow members to attend the successful EFMLS Wildacres Workshops, etc. It's time to pay the bill!

If you've not yet sent in your 2003 EFMLS dues please do so now, before you forget. If you need a copy of the form, please see the January, 2003 issue of the EFMLS Newsletter (on the web at <[www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls)>). The information you send is used for the 2003 Directory which we would like to take to the printer as soon as possible so that your club has all the valid information about available programs, neighbor clubs and upcoming shows.

## CONDOLENCES...

...to Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chairperson on the recent loss of his wife of 44 years, Darlene.

...to Mac Lingenfelter, on the loss of his wife Joan. Mac is a member of the Delaware Valley Lapidary & Mineral Society.

...AFMS Past President (1982) Barbara Goss Pettit passed away in Las Vegas, NV.

...Leon Hornstein, Life Member of the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore.

Should you wish to send a contribution in memory of any or all of these individuals please direct them either to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (%Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Dr; Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001) or the Eastern Foundation Fund (%Joy Bourne, RR #1, Box 159; Towanda, PA 18848-9739.

## 2003 AFMS PROGRAM COMPETITION

from Marge Collins, AFMS Chairperson

The purpose of this competition is to recognize and reward authors of presentations about the Earth Science and to make winning programs available to affiliated clubs across the country. Slide, video or CD-ROM presentations relating to the Earth Sciences are eligible. Submit entries in one of the four amateur classes or special "professional" category - "Excellence In Education". (Inquire about CD-ROM entries).

\* Each program is judged on its own merits.

\* Entrants will receive a composite score sheet with comments/score.

\* Judging Form and "Tips for Good Programs" are available from AFMS Coordinator or Inga Wells, your Program Librarian. Please send a postpaid envelope with your request.

**WHO MAY ENTER:** Any Club, Society, or member thereof, with 2003 dues paid to the EFMLS may enter.

**DEADLINE** for entry is April 15, 2003.

### CLASSES FOR ENTRIES:

Class 1: Educational - about geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.

Class 2: Field Collecting - showing site(s); specimens, with some geology; collecting methods and other aspects of interest.

Class 3: "How To Do It" - techniques/equipment for fossil preparation; jewelry metal work; carving; faceting; or other lapidary, etc.

Class 4: "Just For Juniors" - any of the above for youngsters.

Special Category: Programs produced "for sale" are judged separately.

### JUDGING: (What judges look for)

\* accuracy of information/educational value

\* quality of photographs/visuals

\* completeness of story

\* narration that reads/moves well, one slide view to the next.

\* presentations that explore an area of interest or demonstrate ideas/techniques which viewers may try.

\* title, credits and "The End" slides.

\* phonetic spelling of unfamiliar words in script.  
example: Sault Ste. Marie (SUE Saint Marie)

### For VHS VIDEOS:

\* submit a copy. Winners will be contacted regarding duplicates

\* may be 'live action' or static slides with narration.

### For SLIDE PRESENTATIONS:

\* must be 35mm in standard mounts.

\* must be relatively new originals on Kodak compatible film, otherwise good copies may be impossible. For exceptions, contact coordinator.

\* must be spotted for projection, preferably with a red dot in lower left corner and coded with entrant's initials.

\* must be numbered to match script.

\* a script (written narration indicating when each slide is to be projected) should be typed, double spaced, on 8 1/2 x 11" paper, ready for duplication (sample formats available upon request).

**AWARDS:** A \$200 cash prize for the highest scoring program (with 95+ points) in each Class 1- 4. In addition, winners receive national recognition. A copy is given to each Regional Program Library, thus winning programs are available to clubs across the country. 2003 winners will be announced at the AFMS Awards Banquet at Ventura, CA on June 7, 2003.

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** Adult programs - 40 minutes is optimum. Juniors - 20 minutes suggested maximum.  
Suggested maximum slides - 138 (+2 Award Slides = 140)

**REPRODUCTIN /DUPLICATION:** By entering, all winners grant permission for AFMS to duplicate their entry for the Regional Libraries. Winning slides are returned after duplication by a professional service. Arrangements will be made for video copies. Non-winners will be returned after the AFMS Convention.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Fill our entry form (or copy) and ship with carefully packed program to address below. Please include post-paid envelope for notification of receipt. AFMS will take reasonable precautions to protect program.

**DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO:** AFMS Program Competition Coordinator Marge Collins, 3017 Niles-Buchanan Rd; Buchanan, MI 49107. Phone 269-695-4313 or e-mail: <margaret@qtm.net>

2003 Entry Form I/we submit (title) _____ in (circle one) Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Excellence In Education Producer(s) (your name) _____ Club _____ Office (if club entry) _____ Federation _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____ e-mail _____ Is This Program For Sale? ___ No ___ Yes Cost: _____
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# 2003 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 JOHN MILLIGAN, Registrar at 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320. No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2003. (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 \$275.00 per person.** Deposit is \$140 per person, payable with registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of \$135 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](http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm)>

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? We will be pre-registering you for the classes you indicate below. There will be an opportunity to make changes once you arrive at Wildacres.

1st \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_

**(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2003)**

Mail to: John Milligan, Wildacres Registrar

931 Carmichael Rd

Owego, NY 13827-3320

If you have any questions, please contact John Milligan, Registrar at <[JSJMilligan@juno.com](mailto:JSJMilligan@juno.com)> or 607- 687-5108  
Ginger Posthumus, Director at <[postente@brinet.com](mailto:postente@brinet.com)> or 828-926-3022.

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## VISIT A SHOW

*from George Everett*

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to George Everett, EFMLS Show Coordinator at 69 Jeff St., Oxford, MS 38655-5602 or e-mail him at <mlgae@olemiss.edu>.

### February

8 - 9: Annual Show, sponsored by the Gulf Coast Mineral, Fossil & Gem Club. Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL.

22-23: 10<sup>th</sup> Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show & Sale, co-sponsored by The New York State Museum and the Capital District Mineral Club, Inc. New York State Museum, Empire Plaza, Albany, N.Y.

22 - 23: 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. Mississippi State Fairgrounds, Trade Mart; Jackson, MS

### March

1 - 2: 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. Waterfall Banquet & Conference Center (formerly Brandywine Terrace), 3416 Philadelphia Pike; Claymont, DE

1-2: New York City Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by Excalibur Minerals and hosted by the New York Mineralogical Club. Holiday Inn Midtown Manhattan, West 57th Street, New York City

7 - 9, 2003: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Aiken & Augusta Gem & Mineral Societies. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St., Augusta, GA.

14 - 16: 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unifour Parade of Gems, gem, mineral, and jewelry show presented by Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center at I-40 exit 125.

15-16: 39<sup>th</sup> 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

15-16: 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Jewelry and Fossil Show, sponsored by the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club. Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

22-23: 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem Mineral Fossil Show, sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society. Erie County Fairgrounds, Hamburg, NY.

22 - 23: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Athens Township Volunteer Fire Hall, Herrick Av; Sayre, PA

### April

5-6: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair 2003 Annual show and Sale, sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. Lulu Temple; 5140 Butler Pike; Plymouth Meeting, PA

11-13: 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference sponsored by the Micromineralogists of the National Capitol Area. Contact Steve Weinberger (cweinber@bcpl.net) for info and registration.

12-13: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Maine Mineralogical and Geological Society. Finley Gym, University of New England, 716 Stevens Ave., Portland, ME (I-95, exit 8).

12-13: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the New York Southern Tier Geology Club. Senior Citizen Center, Johnson City, N.Y.

### May

18: Annual Swap/Sell at Goucher sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. NOTE: THIS IS A SUNDAY. Goucher College, Kraushaar Auditorium Pavilion, Dulaney Valley Rd just off I-695; Towson, MD

### October

18-19: Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society /53<sup>rd</sup> EFMLS Annual Convention. EFMLS Business Mtg - Oct. 17. Mid-Hudson Convention Center, Poughkeepsie, NY.

### November

1-2: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual "Gemarama", sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. CFS, School at Church Farm, Business Route 30 & Route 202, Exton, PA.