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EATING IS ONLY PART OF THE FUN

from Ginger Posthumus

Eating meals is only part of the fun of a Wildacres Workshop week. The food is always excellent; there's plenty of it; the variety is good and the chef does an excellent job adjusting to our various dietary needs. Meals are served family style in the lovely dining hall and conversation is always lively. But you'll need to come and see all that for yourself.



The Dining Room at Wildacres.
Photo Fred Sias

The spring EFMLS Wildacres Workshop will be held from May 16 - 22. Our guest speaker is Gordon Austin, a noted mineralogist and avid rockhound who now lives in Tucson, Arizona. He'll impress you with his wide knowledge of gem and mineral deposits in the United States and elsewhere along with his numerous slides.

We'll announce the speaker for our fall session as soon as our dates are released by the Wildacres Foundation, but we expect them to be sometime in September as they've been in the past. We hope to be able to share this information with you in the next issue of EFMLS News.

What else is there to do at Wildacres besides eat? We do offer a variety of classes and everyone enrolled in our session must take these. For spring we plan on offering the following:

Faceting - a 4 day class taught by Reivan Zeleznik

Certified Judging - a 4 day class taught by Jay Bowman

Basic Wirecraft - a 2 day class taught by Dave Rhyne

Intermediate Wirecraft - a 2 day class taught by Dave Rhyne

Soapstone Carving - a 2 day class taught by Milt Shaw

Cabochons - a 2 day class. We've not quite nailed down our instructor yet. Stay tuned.

Micromounting & Photomicrography - a 4 day class taught by Paul Smith.

There will be one or two additional classes offered, but as we've not yet had final confirmation from our instructors we'll have to wait to announce these until next month.

The mid-point of our session is called "free day" and gives each participant a chance to explore the beautiful area around the Wildacres facility. Asheville, NC is but an hours drive as is Chimney Rock, and Grandfather Mountain. There are also numerous local rock shops and museums within an hour too...and there is Mt. Mitchell, highest mountain east of the Mississippi River too.

We hope that you will come and join us for a fun filled week of learn-

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ing, talking and eating at our EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres. Whether you come during the spring or fall, we know you'll enjoy the breathtaking vistas from the campus, modern facilities, and camaraderie of a group of folks with similar interests to yours. Why not consider making Wildacres into a week-long club field trip?

Applications will be accepted beginning January 1 and we've included a copy on page ___ of this newsletter. See you there.

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EACH ONE TEACH ONE

from Fran Sick

This is the third request for nominations for the 2003 Each One Teach One Award and so far no entries have been received. I know it seems like there is lots of time but another holiday season is nearly over and before we know it the spring collecting and show season will begin. I previously set a deadline for EOTO entries of April 1, 2003, but since we now know the EFMLS convention and show will be held in October I will be able to allow a little more time so am moving the deadline to June 1, 2003. Even so, why not get your nominations in while the cold weather makes it more pleasant to be inside than outside.

Just to refresh your memory, the Each One Teach One top award is given each year to the person who does the most, primarily on a volunteer basis, to further knowledge and enjoyment of our hobby by teaching others, conducting workshops or seminars, lecturing, writing articles, leading educational field trips or demonstrating any and all hobby-related topics. These activities may be done with their own club, at Federation events, with school or other youth groups, with adult clubs or community groups. It is important to give information such as

how many skills or topics have been taught by the nominee, how long they have been engaging in these activities, how often such as weekly, monthly, etc. and an average of how many people are reached by their teaching activities. Anyone who was nominated before but did not win the top award may be nominated again and all entries received will be recognized at the EFMLS Convention Awards Dinner in October.

Because there are so many of our members who reach out to the rest of us and generously share their knowledge all of us get more enjoyment from our hobby. Why not reach out to them and say thanks for a job well done. I can't think of a better way to do that than by nominating them for the 2003 Each One Teach One Award. It's easy, it doesn't take much time and it is a great way to let these folks know how much their time and effort are appreciated.

Look for the EOTO entry form in the December issue of the Newsletter and get those nominations in as soon as possible to the address listed on the form or e-mail them to me at <FRAN_AND_ED@webtv.net.

DUES & INFORMATION

from Lou Budell

Letters requesting 2003 EFMLS Dues and club information were sent to your club treasurer in mid-November. Federation dues are now due and although we've asked that they be submitted by February 1, we'll gladly receive them earlier. Based on your membership as of December 31, our dues remain at \$1.25 per voting member.

Please help us by sending your club check along with one copy of the information form to me at the address listed on the form. A second copy of

the information form should go to our Editor, Carolyn Weinberger for the 2003 Directory and current mailing list. For your convenience, we've included a copy of the information form in this newsletter.

Federation dues allow you to receive slide & video programs at no cost to you, attend Wildacres Workshops, be eligible for EFMLS sponsored insurance etc. Don't allow your membership to lapse.



SAFETY FIRST

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

COLLECTION SAFETY

As we form our mineral, fossil and rock collections, we pride ourselves in knowing what everything is, where it came from, how fragile or sharp it is and hopefully if any hazards are associated with any of the specimens in it. If you follow the auctions on the internet, you will see many wonderful specimens from long ago played out or closed locations. Many of the descriptions of these specimens declare "from an old" or "estate" collection or and do not provide any other data because of the lack of or loss of labels. Occasionally these specimens are so classic, that there is little doubt as to what they are or where they came from and if any hazards are associated with them. Most probably these items are being disposed of by relatives of the original collector, who have no knowledge of or interest in them. Many times collections just end up as land fill to dispose of them.

We are now aware of the hazards of disposing of household and industrial cleansers and chemicals because of strict labeling and disposal laws and education. But what about those rocks and minerals that have been dumped in back yards and landfills that may contain hazardous or break down into hazardous chemicals?

And what about the specimen that may represent one of the finest examples of its "species" or the fossil that is the original specimen ("type") of a species new to science, to which all other specimens of that species are compared. Many scientists described new species from specimens found in private collections.

Even if unlabeled specimens find their way into another collectors holdings, not knowing what it is may lead to it's destruction or create a hazard to the new owners health. Many minerals, such as sulfates and

salts, will absorb moisture from the air and with time break down. Unstable Pyrite and Marcasite will break down into sulfuric acid and destroy specimens, labels, specimen boxes, and storage units. I have seen entire cabinets filled with white powder, where fine pyritized specimens from Alden, New York, France, and other locations once resided, because they were not properly stabilized. Some minerals are affected by sunlight or even indoor lighting and will alter into other chemicals (i.e. Eglestonite) or loose there color with prolonged exposure (i.e. Kunzite). Rocks that are poisonous can enter the water table or body tissues if not properly identified, labeled, handled, and stored. Some highly toxic or radioactive minerals are quite pretty or very plain and give no hint that they are dangerous and can enter the body if licked or the dust given off from them is inhaled.

The key to avoiding these problems is to properly label everything in a collection with name, location, geological age and formation when available or if a fossil, and any special handling instructions or hazards. The labels should be tied to a catalog and specimen by a permanent catalog number. If the specimen is valuable, have a price and date of purchase on the label or clearly identify as RARE. This information may also help appraise a collection for donation or sale. Type specimens of fossils should also be clearly identified on the specimen and label, with the original reference describing the new species sited on the label and in the catalog. It may be prudent to donate "type" specimens to a Museum that specializes in providing specialized storage for such materials. Bear in mind that there is only one specimen of each species, the "type", and as such it is priceless and irreplaceable.

Proper storage of specimens is very important. Make sure that the

containers and paper that you place or wrap specimens in is suitable for long term storage and free from acids and other chemicals that in time could damage the specimens. Do not wrap specimens in newspaper or place in colored specimen boxes (i.e. some blacks) that give off chemicals. Consider the weight of your specimens when placing them on glass shelves in display cabinets. Also consider the weight of the total collection on the storage unit and the floor weight limit it is standing on. Keep your collection in areas that do not get too cold or hot, are dry, dust free, insect free and away from areas that tend to flood. Keep small, sharp, heavy, and hazardous specimens away from small children.

So as a good indoor winter project, label and properly store your collection, so it can be safely enjoyed for years to come.

NEW OFFICERS?

from Carolyn Weinberger

Has your club elected new officers? Let us know who they are.

In order for the correct individuals in your club to continue receiving both the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters, we need to have the name and address of your club president, editor and Secretary, Please send them to me as soon as you can so that you won't miss out on news from either of the Federations.

The EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters are the only way to learn about Wildacres programs, new slide and video programs, insurance issues, legislation which could affect collecting sites, etc.

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP DOINGS

by Bob Livingston

Happy 2003! Starting off our "2003" year, in memory of Paul Shade, we acknowledge donations from Helen Shade of Bethesda, MD and Clyde and Nancy Shenk of Mentor, OH with credit going to the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery Co., MD. The Gulf Coast of Florida Fossil and Gem Club donated in memory of Robert "Sharky" Loster. We also received a donation direct from the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery Co., MD. We thank you all for getting us off and running so nicely for this most worthwhile program.

For "2002" here is the promised summary of donations through October 31:

Stamford Mineralogical Society was credited with four donations in memory of Herman Vener, Estelle

Hoffman, Herman Blumenthal, and Hank Posthumus.

Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse was credited with five donations in memory of Harold Spath Sr., Hank Posthumus, and Evelyn Weinberger.

Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore was credited with three donations in memory of Clyde H Barnett and Adeline Naron.

Manasota Rock & Gem Club credited with three donations in memory of Thomas Bancroft, Jr., Delores Gentry, and Albert White.

The American Fossil Federation donated in memory of Hank Posthumus.

Queens Mineral Society donated

in memory of Mildred Trevis.

Gem Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC credited with an "unspecified" donation.

Last but not least was a donation by the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery Co., MD in memory of Hazel Shade.

Whether or not your club is listed here, please consider making a donation to honor a deserving past member who can live on in helping some future Earth Sciences graduate student with expenses via AFMS Scholarship program. Send check made out to "AFMS Scholarship Foundation", to Bob Livingston, Coordinator, 59 Ely Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001.

REGION II - NEW PROGRAMS COMING

by Michael Kessler, Region II Vice President

This November I started my term of office as the region II vice president. I enlisted Charles Runko, president of the Suffolk Mineral Society, to help as an advisor in the eastern part while I covered the western side. I was eager to get things happening for my charge of societies in New York and New Jersey. I ordered stationary and wrote letters to all the editors who are the best source of communication with members. I did little to introduce myself since the programs I am offering should be more important. They can learn more about who I am by my record of achievements. Here are the programs I suggested:

A Region II Federation Calendar will give editors more information about nearby club activities to include in their bulletins. It will also contain cartoons, puzzles and articles related to minerals, fossils and lapidary. I will be coordinating information that I receive

from each club about future events to help boost attendance at their events. Planning ahead is essential.

To help with this planning ahead, I am developing a **Region II Lecturers List**. I have been slowly collecting the names of qualified speakers to entertain at clubs who need lecturers. So far, I have approximately ten gentlemen and ladies in the fields of mineralogy and paleontology on this list, and it grows with every week. Club presidents are asked to inquire of their members for volunteers for placement on this list. The list will contain the lecturer's name, method of contact, list of topics, and educational background.

Finally, already in the works, is the **Federation Box Swap**. Clubs are asked to donate 15 of their "keeper" specimens up to 10 pounds. These are labeled properly and packaged for mailing. I will provide the address to which

this will be mailed, and from which a box will be received. The minerals received can be used for auctions, or rewards and raffles to raise needed funds for the club. For just the mailing fee, members get to see what has been collected from far away localities. Letters have been sent to the leaders of other regions to get them involved. Rock people come from good stock, and I expect few problems. Of course, much of what I have proposed depends on how many of the constituents would like to get involved. I have been mailing specimens across the U. S for many years now, and it has been a delightful surprise each time. I envision good things happening in region II.

Inquiries should use a reference to one of the bold printed programs.

Michael Kessler
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ECRU CALCITE CRYSTALS

by Terry Cirrincione, Ways & Means

A beautiful cluster of ecrucolored calcites sits atop a layer of matrix, and altogether this lovely piece-of-resistance measures 3" horizontally and 2" vertically. This is one of the very nice donations given to EFMLS for their 2003 raffle. This was one of the pieces that I discovered at a currently closed quarry in Pennsylvania about eight years ago while I was searching for a silver liquid hematite flow in the bedrock. It is my pleasure to donate this mineral for the raffle.

While our raffle tickets are being printed, EFMLS Ways and Means has received several precious minerals and fossils. This column will let you know about these treasures so that you have a good idea what is being offered in the raffle this year. It is hoped that the presidents of each club, our membership, our officers and chairmen of EFMLS, our past presidents, our regional vice presidents and area representatives, and all others will not only buy ten raffle tickets @ \$1.00, but will readily promote our endowment of funds to assure a sound financial basis for the operation of EFMLS by selling as many raffle tickets as possible. The income from the raffle is placed into the Eastern Foundation Fund, and only the interest is touched for special projects. Some of the funds in the past have been used to supplement the slide and video library to replace and/or purchase slide and video programs so that clubs in the EFMLS can use them for their programs and/or program supplements.

A conclusion is the place
where you got tired of
thinking.

Steve Wright

BULLETIN EDITORS CONTEST

from Mary Bateman, Chair

I hope that by the time you read this, you have sent in your bulletin entries to meet the January 7 deadline. The number of entries and clubs will be printed in a future Newsletter.

The next step in the contest process is to send your entries to the judges. Judges have until March 1 to return them so that the top three in AFMS categories can be sent on to the AFMS judges.

At the request of numerous editors, the committee looked at how trophies and certificates are awarded. The following changes are effective beginning with the 2002 bulletins:

Trophies:

Anyone receiving a trophy in any category beginning with the 2003 contest (2002 bulletins) will be ineligible for an EFMLS trophy for the following two years. Submissions for an individual in other categories where a trophy was not received will be treated in the normal way-eligible to compete for a trophy in those other categories. A trophy winner's bulletin, article, etc. can still be submitted for judging. If that submission is within the three highest scores and that person is eligible to receive an AFMS trophy, it will be sent on to AFMS. The difference is that an entry will not receive an EFMLS trophy should they have the highest score and have received an EFMLS trophy within the past two years. For 2003 the highest score in each category will still receive the trophy, however, if they receive the highest score in 2004 and 2005, they will not receive the trophy. They will become eligible for the trophy again in 2006 should they receive the highest score that year. This is in line with AFMS rules and at least one other federation has this rule.



Certificates:

First, second, third and new fourth-to-tenth place winners, one winner for each place, will be awarded for the top scoring entries for each category. All other contestants will receive an "honorable mention" certificate. This is in contrast to all entries receiving either a first, second or third place certificate.

The decisions to make these changes were made with much thought and input and hopes that the changes will encourage those who have never entered or have not entered for some time to do so. At the same time, the committee hopes that these changes will not discourage anyone from entering the contest. Each and every entry is valued.

So far all feedback on the changes from clubs as been positive.

The committee is constantly looking at ways to encourage clubs to enter the contest. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please share them with me. Also, if you have any ideas on how editors can get their members to contribute to their newsletters, I'd like to hear from you.



One of the lodges that awaits you at Wildacres. Picture yourself sitting in a rocker on the wide porch.

Photo: C. Weinberger

EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

from Joy Bourne

Happy New Year 2003! And all good wishes for a successful and productive club year.

We hope that one of your resolutions for the New Year is to be sure that your club is represented on the growing list of EFF supporters. If you have not yet seen your club listed as a contributor, why not ask your officers to consider including this vital resource as part of your annual service project. EFF was designed specifically for the Eastern Federation, and every dollar received eventually returns to the Eastern Federation as a service to its members.

EFF provides for programs and educational outreach to all the clubs of Eastern Federation, and it is your contributions to the fund which generate the interest to make that outreach more valuable to your growth and viability.

For most of us, \$1.00 per member per year is not a great amount. Yet, it can mean nearly \$11,000 more in the EFF account, if every club met the challenge. And it enough to gain the Emerald Level of contribution to the Fund. In addition, your contributions will be recognized at the October Convention in Poughkeepsie.

The Eastern Foundation Fund thanks the following for their generous contributions in November.

Emerald Level Contribution from the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery Co., MD, Inc.,

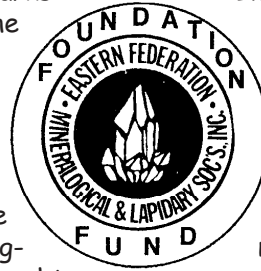
Sapphire Level Contribution in memory of Sybil Churchwell from Shirley Greenberg

If you would like to contribute to the EFF, send your checks to EFF, % Joy Bourne, RR #1, Box 159; Towanda, PA 18848-9738. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS".

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY TO THE EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

by Joy Bourne

The new year 2003 marks the 30th Anniversary of the inception of the Eastern Foundation Fund, although it was not exactly as we know it today. I have been reading the archives of those first years, and have found some early facts, figures and foibles which I thought our members might find interesting and informative.



According to the minutes of the Nov 6, 1971 Executive Board meeting, David E. Jensen, then 2nd vice president of EFMLS, first proposed the idea of establishing a fund to assist the young and financially-struggling EFMLS. His thought was to generate income to meet the growing expenses of the Federation by establishing an endowment fund, the income of which would be directly deposited into the EFMLS treasury for the purpose of meeting current expenses.

At first, his suggestion was put aside in favor of raising membership dues, which had originally been set at 25 cents per capita. So, in 1972 the first exploratory effort was put out in the form of a straw poll to some EFMLS member clubs to see what they thought of the idea. The suggestion reported by Henry Bonar, who was then vice president, to president Bramwell Terrill, was to raise the dues to 35 cents. However, due to nearly unanimous opposition to the proposal, the idea of a dues increase was dropped, and an alternate solution to the problem was sought. (It is of interest to note that it would not be until 1974 that, EFMLS dues were raised to 50 cents per member.) The motion to establish a fund was formally presented in a letter, dated July 20, 1972 by Henry Bonar to Bramwell Terrill. The motion, presented to the Executive Board meeting in October, 1972 at Washington, D.C., was approved, and the process of organizing the Fund was begun.

In March of 1973, a set of by-laws for the Fund was sent by Rufus Speaks, Chairman of the Tax Committee (and an IRS tax specialist) to the EFF Executive Board members for review and comment, before adoption by the new organization. Some of the candid comments made by Board members have been preserved in the archives; one, in particular, from Bramwell Terrill, bears repeating:

Referring to the proposed Bylaws: Article III, Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Foundation shall consist of all members of societies affiliated with the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc.

Section 2. The membership of any earth science, lapidary, or gem society affiliating with the EFMLS automatically becomes membership of the Foundation.

Section 3. Individuals not qualified for membership under Section 1 or Section 2 of Article III may become members upon application to the Secretary of the Foundation.

Section 4. Any society or individual wishing to withdraw from the Foundation shall make such intention known, by written notice to the Secretary of the Foundation."

Bram, a newspaper editor, ever known to speak his mind, commented, "3, 4 Add 5. Why should anyone not a member of an EFMLS Society be a member of the Foundation? Contributor? Yes, take contributions from strip miners and/or polluters ... but never let them be members. How do they qualify for membership?"

From his succeeding remarks, it became apparent that he was concerned that EFMLS would lose con-

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trol of the Fund.

The Eastern Foundation Fund was duly incorporated in the state of Florida by Richard (Dick) Stone, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, on the 20th day of October, 1972. The Fund was deposited in an account with the First National Bank of Tampa, Florida.

The minutes of the EFMLS Annual Meeting and Convention at Charlotte, NC on June 29, 1973, record "... Rufus Speaks gave a resume of the Foundation Fund which had been organized to aid the Eastern Federation financially. He presented a picture of the signing of the papers approved by IRS making it a tax-exempt, non-profit organization."

In his message to the Annual Meeting, president, Henry Bonar, referred to the Eastern Foundation Fund, and stated, "... it has become a reality and if every club will participate, we should have enough funds to put some fine programs into operations for the local clubs." The Treasurer's report from the same meeting states, "... The interest from the Fund will go directly into the EFMLS's treasury for its expenses. All contributions are tax-exempt and deductible."

So, originally, the Eastern Foundation Fund was a separate corporation from EFMLS, dedicated to providing financial assistance to EFMLS.

In October of 1973, Henry Bonar, in his capacity as president of the then-independent organization, The Eastern Foundation Fund, Inc., reported to the EFF Board, "We hope to be in a position to buy the first \$1000 certificate at a good interest rate before November 1st." The financial report of October 26, 1973 shows that EFF's contributions to the Fund that year totaled \$880.97. By April of 1975, the fund had grown to \$9,912.06.

The bylaws were revised in 1975. Under the ratified bylaws, which were adopted in 1975, Article IV stipulated that the president and vice president of EFMLS were to serve as first and second vice presidents of the Eastern Foundation Fund. They were the only officers of EFF not elected by the Foundation Directors. The revised bylaws also included Article II Section 5. Which, after revision read, "Upon dissolution, all of the monies and other assets belonging to the Foundation shall be given to other organizations created for like purposes, (and recognized as organizations exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and subsequent amendments thereto.)"

During the next 5 years, there were no recorded legally called meetings of the EFF Board. One further attempt to revise the bylaws was made on October 15, 1980, but that meeting, conducted by Henry Bonar was later determined to be illegal, and the actions taken were never implemented.

For a variety of reasons, including the burden imposed upon EFF Board members by the requirement that they attend two annual meetings each year, (one EFMLS meeting, and one EFF meeting,) and the resultant difficulty in achieving a quorum for enacting the business of the organization, the Eastern Foundation Fund Inc. eventually dissolved, with its assets reverting to EFMLS, as specified in the EFF bylaws.

A special meeting of the EFF Executive Board had been called, to be held at Wildacres on October 26, 1981, by vice-president Fred Sievenpiper. The purpose of the meeting was to act upon a proposed Resolution of Dissolution. Of the eight-member board, only three members attended - not enough for a quorum, so the meeting was never held.

Today, the Eastern Foundation Fund is a constituted committee of EFMLS, with assets in excess of \$30,000, and continuing to grow for the benefit of the Eastern Federation. The Fund is now structured as an endowment fund, from which the interest is dedicated to the funding of special projects, as approved by the EFMLS Executive Board, rather than being deposited in the general accounts. The principal of the Fund remains invested, and growing with contributions made by EFMLS clubs and members. As far as I know, non-members may be contributors, as well - but Bram would be happy to know we let our local clubs do the screening for membership qualifications.

AGING WITH SONG

from Bill & Lois Patillo

For all of you who are feeling a little older and missing those great old tunes, there is good news. Some of your old favorites have re-released their great hits with new lyrics to accommodate their aging audience. Some examples:

Herman's Hermits - "Mrs Brown You've Got A Lovely Walker"

Paul Simon - "Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver"

Carly Simon - "You're So Varicose Vein"

The Bee Gees - "How Can You Mend a Broken Hip?"

Roberta Flack - "The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face"

Johnny Nash - "I Can't See Clearly Now"

Nancy Sinatra - "These Boots Give Me Arthritis"

ABBA - "Denture Queen"

Leo Sayer - "You Make Me Feel Like Napping"

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2003 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 _____

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>

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)

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February

22-23: 10th 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.

March

1-2: 40th Annual Earth Science Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. 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: 15th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Aiken & Augusta Gem & Mineral Societies. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St., Augusta, GA.

14 - 16: 33rd 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: 39th 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

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

April

11-13: 26th 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: 34th 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. Goucher College, Kraushaar Auditorium Pavilion, Dulaney Valley Rd just off I-695; Towson, MD

September:

27-28: 39th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard County Fairgrounds, I-70 at MD 32; Columbia, MD

October:

17-19: Mid-Hudson Gem & Valley Gem & Mineral Society and EFMLS Annual Convention. Mid-Hudson Convention Center, Poughkeepsie, NY.

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Commodores - "Once, Twice, Three Trips to the Bathroom"

Procol Harum - "A Whiter Shade of Hair"

The Beatles - "I Get By with a Little Help from Depends"

Credence Clearwater Revival - "Bad Prune A-Rising"

Marvin Gaye - "I Heard It Through the Grape Nuts"

The Who - "Talkin' Bout My Medication"