

# EFMLS NEWS

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

## KIDS LOVE WILDACRES!

from Esther Dunn, Functioning Committee Chair

Have you thought about bringing your children or grandchildren to Wildacres this summer? Our first session, June 26 - July 2 is a perfect time to bring them since school is out in most parts of the country.

The classes we've scheduled are perfect for kids age 12 and up. The only "string" is that a parent or guardian has to attend classes with the child.

We've had youngsters attend past sessions and they've excelled at learning to cut cabs, carving soapstone, making jewelry, learning about minerals and even learning to facet! This year they are also certain to enjoy the talks by Bob Jones who's always entertaining and informative.

There are enough activities to enjoy in the Little Switzerland area on the "free day" of the session too - rock hunting, shopping, hiking, visiting Grandfather Mountain with its animal park and swinging bridge, or sight-seeing to name just a few.

Do consider bringing your kids to Wildacres this year. They'll have a memorable week learning about "our" hobby.

And there's more! The EFMLS also has a fall session scheduled for September 20 - 26 with Steve Chamberlain as the scheduled speaker. In addition to his love and knowledge of minerals, Steve has an eclectic array of interests -

botany, music, horticulture, to name just a few.

Classes being offered during either session are always enjoyable and students come away with a broader knowledge and appreciation of their subjects. Instructors, all volunteers, are knowledgeable, patient, and extremely talented. All have taught successfully at Wildacres or elsewhere for a number of years.

A week at Wildacres is yours for \$280 per person. Lodging is in comfortable "motel style" rooms with private bath, and meals are served family style in the dining hall. The only additional expense you might have is in the cost of materials for the class or classes which you take.

A complete listing of the 2004 Wildacres Workshop classes can be found on page 8 of this issue and an registration form on page 9. We hope to see you, your clubmates and your children or grandchildren at one of the Wildacres sessions this year. We're sure you'll be glad you came.



The reading room at Wildacres  
photo: C. Weinberger



*May the luck of the  
Irish be with you!*

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## A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND EXPERTISE

by Matt Charsky, EFMLS President



One of the perks of being EFMLS President is that I get sent many, many newsletters from clubs all over the Federation. For some clubs, this may be a tradition, however, for other clubs, I think they just want to share with me with what wonderful activities their particular club performs. If it's a tradition, I say keep doing it. If it's not a tradition, I really do appreciate your editors sending me a copy of your newsletters, so that I can see for myself what's going on in our individual clubs. As I read these newsletters, the one thing that's perfectly clear to me - there's a wealth of information and expertise in our individual clubs.

I wish I could bottle this wealth of knowledge and distribute it among all the other clubs throughout the Federation. I don't mean having the Federation be a clearinghouse, although some of this information may be that noteworthy and inspiring. What I mean is sharing this information with other local clubs or a Regional Vice-President. How about inviting members of other clubs in your area or maybe your Regional Vice-President to your upcoming meeting or function?

Let me give you an example: The Presidents of the clubs in the Washington, DC area have agreed to share their lists of upcoming speakers so that members of the different clubs can share in the knowledge of a presentation. They've even talked about having one large meeting if one club is able to land a real special speaker of national significance. I think this shows that individual clubs can work together when there's common interest.

One of my goals as President is to try to visit as many Federation clubs (both meetings and shows) as my schedule will permit. I want to see

our clubs in action and observe how the members bond together to get things done. I also want to hear what these club members think about the EFMLS. Although I've only visited 6 clubs so far, I plan to visit many more clubs in the next few months. I'm happy to report that so far each club has given me a warm reception and they truly want their club to be part of the Eastern Federation.

By now, you must have heard about the registration information for the two Wildacres sessions this year. Well, now is your time to finally be part of a summer session with your family. Now is the time to take a Wildacres course with your son or daughter. Now is the time to be entertained and instructed by Bob Jones. However, if your schedule doesn't permit it, you still have the fall session in September where you can leisurely watch the changing of the seasons right from your window. Listening to talks by Steve Chamberlain is also a pretty good reason to be there. Can you resist not attending? My hat goes off to our Wildacres Functioning Committee. The committee members have really outdone themselves this year.

Remember, it's only a little over 4 months until the upcoming AFMS/EFMLS Convention in Syracuse, NY during July 8 - 11, 2004. I hope members or their individual clubs are getting those showcases together (either competitive or non-competitive). This is a great time for you to

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## SAFETY FIRST

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

### ENAMELING SAFETY

Enameling involves the use of toxic chemicals such as hydrofluoric, sulfuric, and nitric acid, gum tragacanth, turpentine, and potash. Enamel dust itself can cause serious health problems if safety precautions are not observed. Burns can be caused by improper handling of hot metals and the gasses given off during firing, such as fluorides, can be highly toxic. Hot kilns emit infrared radiation that can cause cataracts.

The following safe practices apply:

1. All enameling kilns should be ventilated through a canopy hood.
2. When cleaning the metal surfaces or using the kiln, wear welders gloves, long sleeve cotton shirts, a protective apron, and splash goggles with shade number 1.8 to 3. Handle materials with tongs.
3. Use lead-free ready made enamels. Lead-safe doesn't mean it doesn't contain lead.

4. Place sifters one on top of each other to avoid dust. Sift in a glove box while wearing a respirator.

5. Do not drink, eat, or smoke in the work area.

6. Wash hands thoroughly before leaving the work area.

7. Do not use fire in the work area to avoid toxic fumes that could be emitted.

8. If acid spills, ventilate the area, rinse work surfaces and affected body part with water, and neutralize the acid with baking soda.

9. When applying enamels, brush or dip the enamels instead of dusting or spraying them. If you must

spray, do it in a spray booth and wear a respirator and gloves. Use ferric chloride instead of nitric acid. Do not heat ferric chloride.

10. Wet grind when finishing enamels while wearing protective goggles, gloves, and face shield.

11. Use ammonium bifluoride pastes to finish enamels instead of hydrofluoric acid when possible. Only use hydrofluoric acid in a lab hood. Treat hydrofluoric acid as a hazardous waste and dispose of accordingly.

12. Never use enameled pieces for holding food or drink because of the risk of toxic metals leaching into them that could be soluble in stomach acid.

## WEALTH

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show off your hobby to the rest of the EFMLS and AFMS or for your club to do a little showing off as to what its members can do. I would like EFLMS to be well represented at the Syracuse show, because I know that other Federations are bringing some of their "good stuff," to show off to us. Let's try to put our best foot forward in July 2004.

See you next month.  
Matt

## CALLING ALL JUNIOR ROCKHOVNDs

from Kathy Hrechka, EFMLS Juniors Chair

There seems to be a growing concern amongst mineral clubs of how to obtain more youth. The Northern Virginia Mineral Club may have found that balance. We provide interactive programs for children on Saturday mornings at our Nature Center (separate from our evening meetings).

The Eastern Federation has a slide/video library containing over one hundred program selections for juniors. To obtain a listing, refer to the Eastern Federation Directory 2003, pp 22-33. Our EFMLS Librarian, Richard Harrison will set you up. His address etc. is on p. 22.

Since children are so captivated

by visuals, these programs are a great beginning for your junior meetings. Include donated rocks for mineral study, cookies and refreshments, and give-aways.

If your club has any success stories, feel free to submit them to me. I would like to share them with our membership.

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## EFMLS RAFFLE

from Jean Charsky  
Ways & Means Chair

EFMLS is planning to have a raffle this year, in which winners will be announced at the combined AFMS/EFMLS convention in Syracuse, New York this July.

You won't believe the items we have for this year's raffle. So stay tuned for all the details in the next issue of the EFMLS Newsletter.

## CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

from Cathy Gaber, EFMLS Chair

I would like to nominate *Jeff Splitstoser* as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year from the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC. He is a true Rockhound who will go rockhounding not just around the local area but to places out west. He has been the field trip coordinator for the GLMS-DC in previous years. He was a very good field trip coordinator and quite knowledgeable about rocks and minerals. Also, due to his love of rockhounding he was instrumental in having his friend Chris Calvert give the Club one of the most informative and fun lectures on personal rock collecting given by amateur and/or professional speakers. Jeff truly deserves the title of 'Rockhound'. It is my pleasure to be able to nominate him for this recognition.

*submitted by Elva Ruiz  
immediate past president*

## EACH ONE TEACH ONE

## - ONE FINAL CALL

from Fran Sick, Chair

This is the final request for nominations for the 2004 Each One Teach One Award. The deadline for nominations to be either postmarked or e-mailed to me at the address found on the bottom of the entry form is March 15, 2004. The entry form was printed in the December and January issues of EFMLS News. You will see on the form that an extra sheet may be included and I would strongly urge that you use this extra sheet to give you plenty of room to list all of the teaching activities of your nominee. If you need a form it can be downloaded or you can contact me and I will send one promptly. Also please feel free to contact me if you have questions or feel you would like more information about what to include.

The EOTO top award is given each year to the nominee who has done the most, primarily on a volunteer basis, to increase knowledge of our hobby by teaching, lecturing, writing educational articles, leading educational field trips, conducting workshops or demonstrations or doing anything that promotes learning about rocks, minerals, lapidary, fossils or any related field. Entries are judged solely from information presented on the nomination form and attached sheet. These teaching activities can be for club or federation groups or any outside groups such as schools, community

or youth groups, etc.

Each nominee will be presented a certificate at the EFMLS Convention Awards Banquet in Syracuse, New York, in July to recognize their dedication and generosity in sharing their time and knowledge with others. In addition the top award winner will be presented a plaque.

With the combined AFMS and EFMLS Conventions being held together this year it would be great to have a record number of nominations to show the visiting AFMS members just how much we appreciate these people who have done so much to pass their skills and knowledge on to others. I would like to see many new entries and especially I would hope that those who were nominated before but did not win the top award will be nominated again.

I know there are many terrific teachers out there who have not yet won the top Each One Teach One Award. It would be wonderful to receive a nominations for each and every one of them since they are, in my opinion, one of the primary factors in keeping our hobby alive and growing. We need to let them know how important their efforts are to all of us. Please get your nominations submitted by March 15, 2004.

## LAST CALL

from Lou Budell, EFMLS Treasurer

Has your club renewed its membership in the Eastern Federation? The deadline for sending your dues and information forms was February 1...and there are still several clubs that have not yet done so. Not sure? Check with your club treasurer!

We plan to take the 2004 Directory to the printer in early March...and only those clubs whose information and dues we have can be included.

You can obtain an info form via the web by downloading the February EFMLS Newsletter at <[www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls)>.

## ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD

from Hazel Remaley, EFMLS Chair

Greetings to you all !! Do I sound bright and cheery?

Well, as I write this note, the temperature is -6, and the wind is howling. Yes, it is still January. You all may not realize it, but all articles that you read in this Newsletter must be submitted a month in advance. So- That means that at this point I have no idea how many clubs have sent me All American Awards scrapbooks for judging. Hopefully, I will have several.

I know that this is not the time to talk about 2003 scrapbooks. That is a finished subject, but NOW is the time to think about and plan for your entry for the year 2004. What you must do now is alert your members that they should start saving news articles, pictures, letters and other paperwork that will substantiate the answers to the questions in the Entry Form. All this will be put into the scrapbook. Also, if you do not have any of the requirements, such as the ones in Section 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS - now is the time to think about doing some of them.

What I am suggesting to you now is that you and your officers take a look at the entry form as it was printed in the December 2003 issue of the EFMLS Newsletter, and start planning for your 2004 entry. In doing that, you will also contribute to the growth and outreach of your club and also have the added pleasure of looking at a lasting history of your club.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 570-888-7544.

## EDITORS CORNER

by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair

For those clubs that sent in entries for the BEAC contest, your entries are in the hands of the judges and should be returned in the next week or so. The next step is ranking the entries and sending to AFMS judges the top three entries. Winners of both contests will be announced July 11th at the editors' breakfast at the EFMLS/AFMS Convention in Syracuse.

We aren't born with writing skills. It is something we learn. Some people are great at verbal story telling, however, cannot put the words to paper. When they do, it can be disorganized, rambling or even not make sense. That is where, as editors, our writing skills come in. It is our job to "clean up" articles that are submitted to us. Spelling, verb tenses and other proper grammar are just part of the job of editing.

When we read an article that has been submitted for publication the first time, we should look at it from the eyes of the reader. Does one sentence flow into the next? How about the paragraphs? Does the article make sense? Is it disjointed? Does it ramble? Very often an article can be made more readable by moving around a few sentences or paragraphs. In others whole sentences and paragraphs may have to be changed or deleted for it to make sense.

We are all familiar with the rambling article. Each little detail is elaborated upon with the result the article loses its focus. A field trip write-up that gets side tracked in details of who ordered what for meals, what time each person got up and went to bed, etc., is a good example of what I call "aside trivia." The solution may be as simple as deleting/adding/changing a few sentences/paragraphs. Changes/deletions/additions should be made so as

not to interfere with the main theme of the article. At the extreme, an article that has a good theme may need a total re-write.† Both of these solutions can be very sensitive in working with the author.

Know your authors. Let them know that you have made some "minor" changes to their article. In the case of a total re-write, instead of telling the author that the article just rambles on too much, ask if they could cut it back due to space constraints for the newsletter. By saying you need space in the newsletter, you are not saying to them, "Your article is over run with irrelevant trivia." Be gentle with them. If you do change someone's article, let them know what that change is before you go to press. Contacting them ahead of time gives them an opportunity to be in on the editing process and will make changes much more palatable. The author may have some ideas on how to improve the article. Letting them know that you changed an article also lets an author know that you appreciate their work, are trying to make sure that they agree with your changes, and don't want to surprise them with any changes you may have made.

We will have more on improving and obtaining articles and working with authors in future columns. In the meantime, keeping those lines of communication open between you and your contributors makes for a happy author. Happy authors will contribute again and again.



## 2004 EFMLS/AFMS CONVENTION & SHOW

by Bob Livingston  
Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse (club hosts)

This is our second installment of getting the word out to you. Last month we told you when and where the show is and when and where the meetings are. We tried to give enough info for the early birds to lock in a hotel reservation at the Headquarters Ramada Inn. (Remember for complete package details, you can go to <[www.AmFed.Org/EFMLS](http://www.AmFed.Org/EFMLS)> click on 2004 Convention and get full particulars, plus all the forms may be easily downloaded.) This time we will tell you what's going to be shaking at the show, and why you should not miss coming to the fabulous Finger Lakes area of upstate New York.

This show is several acres of goodies all in air conditioned comfort in the largest building at the New York State fairgrounds. With all this going for you, it can easily be your one-stop shopping site for this summer: you will walk several miles to taking it all in—a wholesale section of 12 wholesalers (valid tax number will be required for entry) and 52 hand-picked retailers from the US and Canada.

You will get to meet dino SUE in all her glory from out West plus see great educational exhibits (with everyone's cooperation we are planning for at least a hundred-strong showing). Here's a sampling of some we already know: the Smithsonian, Carnegie Museum, AE Seaman Museum, New York State Museum, PRI, Penn State and Syracuse U. have all promised fantastic displays. In addition we know there will be world class minerals by pros like Bill Pinch, a phenomenal case of treasures brought up by Dr Steven Chamberlain from his descent 2 1/2 miles under the Atlantic in the sub Alvin, fantastic carvings, wow opals, New York State garnets, Art Grant's museum cut stones, Cuprolites, Calcites, Quartzes in many forms including Herkimer diamonds like no other, and huge specimens from a Canadian quarry.

Then there are humongous several-thousand carat-faceted stones from the Northwest Faceters guys, the 5800 carat "Dare Devil" CZ won just 2 years back, Aquamarine to die for, a large and complete fossilized shark from George Powell, plus all the jewelry / metal work exhibits, cabs, faceted stones, minerals, fossils, spheres, carvings, mining memorabilia and whatever that will be brought in to share by you all. Plan on placing yours in competition and stand a chance for a nice bragging ribbon, or better yet a trophy.

Add fossil prep demos, glass bead-making, faceting, beading, cabling, daily "Glowing Fluorescent" shows with UV Bob, tools, machinery, supplies, on-site jeweler, wirewrapping, and we have the nucleus of enough to keep you busy for a while.

Lest we forget your kids, we'll have mineral sluicing for them, Strawdraw game, geode splitting, operating gondola car trains (for kids of all ages) and most likely soapstone carving. Top it off with lectures, some hand-made quilts for the ladies, hobby art, gem trees, hourly door prizes, great show prizes, an EFMLS auction of "Good Stuff" on Saturday, food, Free parking, a building that is wheelchair accessible, camping on the fairgrounds (reserve early), and several collecting trips and this whole Syracuse adventure takes on a life of its own.

You just can't lose unless you fail to come and be part of The 2004 great gathering of super people—Rockhounds.

Plan to take some extra time and enjoy the sights and pleasures of the Finger Lakes Vacationland for extra bonuses:

- Syracuse China factory and outlet is 10 minutes from the hotel
- Erie canal museum in Syracuse

has full size packet boat

- Boxing Hall of Fame (Canastota) is 25 minutes east from your hotel
- St. Lawrence Seaway and 1000 Islands are 2 hours North
- Tour and "taste" in the beautiful Finger Lakes wine country (25 wineries)
- Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown ... Corvette Museum are 2 1/2 hours East
- Learn all about garnet production and collect, 3 hours north at North Creek, NY
- Historic aviation and glider trips 2 hours South and West
- Museum of Glass, Corning (see world renown Steubenware crystal made) 2 1/2 hours South
- Sail on one of the eleven Finger Lakes or enjoy an evening dinner cruise there
- Take in the Museum of Automotive History in downtown Syracuse
- Don't miss Niagara Falls, 2 1/2 hours West
- IMAX Theater and Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse
- Eastman (Kodak) Museum is in Rochester, 1 1/2 hours West
- Huge 3-story Carousel Mall for shopping 1 1/2 miles south of Ramada Inn
- Salt Museum (Syracuse got its start pumping and evaporating salt) 2 miles from the hotel
- Stickley, collector-grade furniture factory and showroom 20 minutes East

Lots to enjoy, lots to see, photo opportunities galore to snap and share back home. Remember, "Memories" are made from all of this. The welcome mat will be out for YOU.

Next month, we will tie-up some loose ends and take it up "another notch" with Field Trip opportunities.



H.R. 2416 - Paleontological Resources Preservation Act

Congressman (or Congresswoman) \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Re: H.R. - "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act"

Dear Congressman (or Congresswoman) \_\_\_\_\_:

As I write this in mid-January, H.R. 2416 is "stalled" in several House committees, including the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, and the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, all subcommittees of the House Resources Committee. The companion bill in the Senate (S546) passed on voice vote and some predicted smooth sailing through the House. However, by letter, email and telephone, opponents of the bill were able to get sufficient information to House members on the key committees to at least delay the legislation. In my early teens (several years ago) I collected a rock only recently confirmed by a professional paleontologist to be petrified bone. Take the problem of identification, add the problem of ignorance of boundaries of public lands, and mix in the draconian criminal and civil penalties of H.R. 2416, and we have a mix likely to cast a chill on all collecting on public lands.

I am writing in opposition to the captioned bill. I serve as Chair of the Conservation and Legislation Committee of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), a national organization of "rockhound" clubs, representing about 50,000 rockhounds throughout the United States. I offer a wager to any of your colleagues inclined to support HR 2974. I will bring a group of ten (10) rocks, including one vertebrate fossil, to any location in the National Capital area at a time of their choosing. My bet is that they cannot identify the vertebrate fossil within a reasonable period of time. Yet HR 2416 would require such skill of ordinary citizens and impose draconian penalties in the event of failure. The Senate companion bill (S546) has already passed the Senate. Here's what Washington Watch had to say about S546: "Bad Bills S546 Anti-rockhounding bill titled the "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act" places severe penalties on recreational rockhounding, would permit only "experts" to disturb public land surfaces. Allows for seizure of private vehicles, camping equipment and anything else the government wants to grab for even minor violations. This bill assumes that big brother government has all the answers, even though some of the greatest discoveries of dinosaurs in pre-recorded history has been done by private individuals." Frankly, I was surprised that the forfeiture provision for seizure of vehicles and other property of the malfessor (without right to trial ?) is also provided for in the House bill, even if the violation is characterized as a "civil penalty", i.e. does not rise to the level of a crime (misdemeanor or felony). The forfeiture provision would put erring fossil collectors in the same peril as drug dealers. What else is wrong with HR 2416? Answer: a lot. For example, Section 9 "Prohibited Acts: Penalties - False Labeling Offenses" provides "a person may not make or submit any false record, account, or label for, or any false identification of any paleontological resource excavated or removed from Federal lands." Pity the poor collector or curator, amateur or professional, who mistakes a Psittacosaurus bone for a Chasmosaurus bone. Such misidentification can make a criminal. Thankfully, I only collect minerals which I all too often misidentify. I also object to Section 15 of the bill entitled "Saving Provisions", Provision 3 which specifies that the bill does not apply to "amateur collecting of a rock, mineral or invertebrate or plant fossil that is not protected under this act." I wish to specifically address the situation here in Northern Virginia where I have lived for over 30 years. During this time I have received numerous inquiries from Scout leaders at a loss as to where to take scouts to collect geological materials and fulfill the requirements for a merit badge in geology. I have always directed them to Westmoreland State Park (a Commonwealth of Virginia Park) where fossils can be collected along the Potomac shoreline. I personally have led "Indian Princess" (YMCA/YWCA) groups on such collecting trips along the shores of the Potomac. On one such trip, which I vividly recall because my own daughter was present, every one of the approximately ten children found at least one fossil shark's tooth. Other materials collected included fossil whale bone. The kids were thrilled and took their treasures into their schools for show and tell sessions. Please understand that this activity would not have been possible if the Potomac shoreline was in a National Forest subject to the provisions of the legislation as proposed in the form of HR 2416 because all of the fossils collected by the kids on the trips I have described were vertebrate fossils. I could also relate my own experiences as a youngster collecting vertebrate fossils in creek beds but I do not wish to belabor the point. I recognize that current BLM and Forest Service regulations prohibit the collecting of any vertebrate fossil without a permit, however I believe that this policy is wrong-headed and certainly should not be made statutory law. Young kids and old kids should be free to collect common vertebrate fossils as well as common invertebrate fossils on public lands. Fossil collecting is and has been a gateway to the sciences, i.e. it is often one's first hands-on experience with anything science related. For the foregoing reasons I urge you to oppose H.R. 2416.

For example, H.R. 2416 provides for forfeiture of "all vehicles and equipment of any person that were used in connection with the violation" (section 11(b)). We have such a forfeiture provision in statutes dealing with drug trafficking, but fossil collecting?

The following is representative of letters I have sent to over 50 House members:

Yours truly  
George Loud

Chair, Conservation and Legislation Committee

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: Addendum

: This afternoon (January 15th) I received a telephone call from a congressional aide who cautioned me that, :  
: in his opinion, the 14 cosponsors of HR 2416 are likely to push to clear the bill from committee in the near :  
: future. Accordingly, it is not too late, indeed it is an opportune time, for you to write your congressperson to :  
: express your opinion of the bill. :  
: .....

## EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

from Joy Bourne, Chair

We are pleased to report the receipt of contributions from two individual members and from one EFMLS club, to the Eastern Foundation Fund during the months of December, 2003 and January, 2004.

Barbara Sky has made a generous memorial contribution in honor of Terry Cirrincione, which will be credited to the Northern Virginia Mineral Club, and Wendell and JoAnn Mohr have made yet another of their gracious annual personal contributions to the fund, which will be credited to the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD. In addition to these personal gifts, we have received a generous contribution in memory of deceased members Betty Hasco and Bill Park from the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc., of Sayre, PA.

Every individual contribution is credited to the totals of the EFMLS club designated by the donor, for the purposes of establishing the percent of giving level of the club. Every club whose total credit equals or exceeds \$15 will again be recognized at the annual convention.

As you must already know, the 2004 combined EFMLS/AFMS Convention will be held in July of this year, which means our totals for 2003-2004 will be finalized and our reports will be due to EFMLS secretary, Madelyn Todd, in early May. This means that there are only two months left for your club (or individual members of your club) to make those EFF contributions for the 2004 totals. In the event that your club has not already made a 2004 gift to the Fund, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you soon.

Interest monies from the EFF funds are earmarked for special projects of the Eastern Federation

## WILDACRES CLASSES

from Ginger Posthumus, Director

Have we enticed you to come to one of the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops?

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  
Precious Metal Clay  
Wirecraft Basic  
Soapstone Carving

#### 4-day Classes: (you only take 1)

Faceting  
Certified Judging  
Micromounting & Photomicrography  
Silversmithing

Guest speaker for the session is Bob Jones, Sr. Editor of *Rock & Gem Magazine*.

### 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

Guest speaker for this session is Dr. Steve Chamberlain of Syracuse University.

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



The North Lodge

Photos by C. Weinberger

View from the porch of the North Lodge



which regularly benefit every club in the Federation, including yours. Please make your checks payable to Eastern Foundation Fund (or EFF), and mail them to: Joy Bourne, EFF Chairman, RR #1, Box 159A, Towanda, PA 18848-9739. Thank you for your continuing support of the Foundation.

# 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Debbie Bard, Wildacres Registrar  
8085 Old 126  
Warfordsburg, PA 17267

If you have any questions, please contact either Debbie Bard, Registrar at <dedbard@nb.net> or 717-294-3667 or Ginger Posthumus, Director at <postente@brinet.com> or 828-926-3022.

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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>.*

### 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, NY.

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 19713

12-14: 16<sup>th</sup> 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: 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Atlantic Micromounters Conference. Tyson's Westpark Hotel, McLean, VA. Info and registration: Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302

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

3 - 4: 35th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Inc. Senior Citizen Center, 30 Brocton Ave., Johnson City, 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: 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

### December:

6-7: 31st Annual Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Senior/Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, CT.