

# EFMLS NEWS

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## NEW PROGRAM LIBRARIAN

from Larry Vandergrift, president

Inga Wells, our current Program Librarian has had to resign her position because of a change in her residence which will no longer afford her the space needed to house the EFMLS Slide and Video Library. Inga has done an outstanding job these past two years and we want to give her a huge round of applause for her endeavors. Thank you Inga. We wish you good fortune in your new home.

I'm pleased to announce that the new Program Librarian will be:

Richard L. Harrison  
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Please send Richard your program requests as early as possible in order to assure their availability for your club. Remember to give alternates and to return all borrowed programs within two days of their use so others may also avail themselves of them. Any programs mailed to your club by Inga should be returned to Richard at the address above.

One of the "perks" of membership in the Eastern Federation is the Program Library. Clubs may borrow slide and video programs *at no charge*, paying only the return postage and insurance. (Most of our sister Federations charge a lending fee plus the cost of postage.)

A complete listing of available slide and video programs can be found in the EFMLS Directory.

## HAS YOUR CLUB RENEWED?

from Lou Budell, Treasurer

Take a look at the mailing label on this issue of EFMLS News. In the upper right hand corner is a number. If it says "02" it means that as of the mailing date of this newsletter (February 13, 2003) your club's 2003 EFMLS dues have not yet been paid nor has information about your club officers been received by the Treasurer or EFMLS Editor.

*What are you waiting for?*

Federation membership allows you to obtain reasonably priced liability and accident insurance, borrow programs from the Federation library, attend Wildacres, receive the newsletters of both EFMLS and AFMS and much more. What are you waiting for?

An application for renewal is on page \_\_\_ of this issue. If your label says "02" please take care of this today so your club won't be left out of the 2003 Directory which goes

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By: Larry Vandergrift*

### AFMS Scholarship Foundation

How many of us really know what it is about or really care? For years, as a member of a local club, I showed little interest in what was happening on the American Federation level, especially with a scholarship money giveaway program. Why give those pot smoking, beer drinking, partying college kids anymore money to throw a bigger party? I thought, if we wanted to give money away, let's keep it local and hand it out here in our own town. We might even get our picture in the paper. We could control the money that way and find a more deserving, "good" college kid. Hey, anybody would want and extra \$200. for college. Right. Or better yet, we could just keep our hard earned club funds and that way we wouldn't have to pay that outrageous membership fee of \$10. each year. Someone else will help pay the cost of getting their college degrees. College costs too much anyway.

I thought these were pretty good reasons not to send any money to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. They would just give it away. Well, I have found out that I was wrong about the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. As in most cases, when you dig a little deeper you find that the perception is founded on false and sometimes misinformation.

The Scholarship Foundation has experienced a difficult period recently and has come out the stronger because of measures taken to correct. (See "Update" on page 3) Although given this setback, the Foundation has a solid group of Directors and Officers all of which are members of local clubs just like you and me. Directives allow no funds to be expended for any purpose without the approval of the Board of Directors. The money which is donated by individuals and clubs is held in trust. Only unrestricted funds, i.e. interest and dividend income and capital gains earned on donated funds can

be used for scholarship grants.



The AFMS Scholarship Foundation exists for the purpose of financially aiding young men and women in acquiring an education in the field of Earth Sciences. Each member Federation, such as Eastern, selects an Honorary Award Winner each year. The Award Winner, for their respective Federation, then has the honor of selecting the grantee. The grantee, also known as a college student, must be a post graduate student working toward a Master's or Doctor's Degree in any of the Earth Sciences field. This is our next generation of geophysicist, geologist, and mineralogist. As a hobbyist mineral collector, we need the support of all the professional people within the field. What better way to get someone to help you is to help them. I don't need to tell you that anyone in a Master or Doctoral program is a petty serious college student and not prone to all night drinking parties.

The amount of the grant is determined annually by the Foundation Treasurer and the funds are available or distributed to the grantee during the ensuing two school years. In year 2002 each grantee was awarded \$2000 in support of their expenses to obtain their Master or Doctoral degree.

Eastern's Coordinator for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation is Past President, Bob Livingston. Contact Bob at: 59 Ely Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001. Bob indicates that the contributions are coming in slowly. We need for every club to consider giving a donation. If your club has never given to the Scholarship Foundation, what better time to start. Give a dollar or more for every member of your club. Make this an annual event. Help a worthy student obtain their degree and further the interests of our hobby. Do it today.

## UPDATE ON MISSING FUNDS

from Jon Spunaugle  
Scholarship Foundation President



As reported last year, the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Officers discovered a significant amount funds missing from the Foundations, accounts. Further investigation brought us to the conclusion that the funds had been removed from the accounts by the former Treasurer. This information was brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Based on their findings and investigations, the former Treasurer was indicted in Federal Court in December and a trial has been scheduled for early May, 2003. We remain hopeful that some of the misappropriated funds may be returned to the Foundation.

### By Law Changes

As a result of the discovery of missing funds, several parts of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation By Laws were revised at the last annual meeting. Revisions included requiring annual audits of the Foundation's books and records by a CPA and Bonding of the Officers that handle the funds of the Foundation. Other changes required better reporting of the financial information and better directions for the Officers of the Foundation. A complete copy of the Revised By-laws can be obtained by written request to the Foundation.

## 2003 EFMLS CONVENTION

hosted by the  
Mid-Hudson Valley  
Gem & Mineral Society

October 18 - 19, 2003  
Poughkeepsie, NY

(EFMLS meeting  
Friday, October 17)

## WILDACRES

from Esther Dunn, Wildacres Functioning Committee

Do you like to...  
laugh?  
learn new things?  
rock in a rocking chair?  
enjoy good clean unpolluted air?  
eat great food?  
meet new people?  
explore the countryside?  
browse in museums  
rock shops?

If you answered yes to any one of the above, then the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops are the place for you! Come and join those of us who have discovered and fallen in love with Wildacres.

We think we have a terrific program. Now in our 29th year, the EFMLS Wildacres experience has grown from a "sit and watch" program to a "do and participate" one. Each year has proven to be far superior to the ones before. Come join us and find out why everyone loves Wildacres.

The first session will have Gordon Austin, retired Gems Commodity Expert for the U.S. Government. The dates are May 16 - 22. Fall will feature Fred Ward, noted author and gemologist. Dates are September 2 - 8.

Both sessions begin in the afternoon of the starting date and end just after breakfast on the last date given. The cost for the week is \$270 per person. This covers housing in modern "motel style" rooms with private bath, all meals and tuition to the classes you take. There is usually a modest additional fee for materials used in class (metals for example).

We've included an application form in this issue of EFMLS News along with a listing of the classes we plan on offering for each session. If you take a "4 day class" then that's all you can

take during the week. If you elect to take a "2 day" class, you then have the opportunity of taking 2 different classes. Whatever you sign up for now can be changed during orientation (if space allows) and we know that whatever choices you make will be good ones. You'll have fun, learn a lot and enjoy the week.

Some of the classes to be offered:  
Spring: May 16 - 22

### 4-day classes:

Micromounting & Microphotography  
Faceting  
Certified Judging

### 2-day classes

Cabochon Making  
Wire craft Jewelry  
Soapstone Carving  
Silversmithing

Fall: September 2 - 8

### 4 day classes

Micromounting & Microphotography  
Faceting  
Certified Judging

### 2 day classes

Filigree Jewelry  
Silversmithing  
Soapstone Carving  
Cabochon Making  
Wirecraft Jewelry



## SAFETY FIRST

by Bill Klose

Hearing loss affects about 28 million people in the United States.

About 10 million of these people received this damage as a result of exposure to loud noises. More than 20 million Americans are exposed to hazardous levels of noise on a regular basis that could result in noise induced hearing loss (NIHL). Occupational noise exposure is the most common cause of NIHL, but non occupational exposure, such as live or recorded high volume music, airplanes, automobiles and recreation vehicles, household tools and some appliances, are also major contributors to NIHL. Very loud sounds of short duration, such as explosion, gunfire, or loud banging, can produce immediate, severe, and permanent loss of hearing. Longer exposure to less intense levels of sound over time exacts a gradual toll on hearing, initially without the person's awareness. The louder the level of noise, and the longer the duration of exposure, the greater the potential for permanent damage.



The best method to protect ourselves from NIHL is to eliminate or reduce the level of intensity of the noise source and the time of expo-

sure. The next best prevention method is to wear hearing protection in the form of ear plugs (disposable or fitted) or ear muffs when faced with potential exposure to noise.

Rock hounds are most commonly exposed to noise while in automobiles or recreation vehicles on the way to and from collecting sites. Some collecting sites contain industrial equipment that can generate considerable amounts of noise. When at these sites it is best to wear the same level of protection that the workers at the site are wearing, as the employer has determined the level of protection required for the safety of his employees. Rock hounds also use hammers and even large portable gasoline engine powered diamond saws at collecting sites to recover specimens and should protect their hearing with ear plugs or ear muffs. Back in the shop hammers and rotating equipment such as diamond saws, grinding wheels, rock hammers, hydraulic rock trimmers, etc., contribute to the noise level along with everyday activities around the house, such as music, television, household appliances and power equipment, such as lawn mowers. Consider wearing ear plugs or muffs when appropriate to prevent NIHL.

## AFMS SCHOLARSHIP

by Bob Livingston, EFMLS Chair

We acknowledge three nice donations honoring/remembering (4) persons in January.

Manasota Rock and Gem Club, Sarasota, FL wished to remember Bo Ekenberg and Delores Gentry and made donations accordingly.

Steve and Carolyn Weinberger donated in memory of Sue Suls father and Hilde Schweitzer. Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore will get credit

for their donation.

Central PA Rock and Mineral Club, Harrisburg, has reached a new level of over 800% with their donation to this worthwhile cause.

If you wish to help with funding some worthy Grad students' education, please send a check made out to AFMS Scholarship Foundation to me, Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066-1001.

## AROUND THE FEDERATION

We've learned that several of our EFMLS teachers and committee chairs have been hospitalized with mild strokes. All are now back at home and on the road to recovery. Get well wishes go out to:

B. Jay Bowman, Wildacres Certified Judging instructor and AFMS Uniform Rules Committee Member.

Sue MacInnis, EFMLS Uniform Rules Chair and

Bill Longley, EFMLS Region I Vice President.

Jack Nelson, member of the Micromounters of the National Capital Area, Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co. MD, and 2002 AFMS International Relations Chair has been diagnosed with a rapidly growing inoperable brain tumor. Radiation was making his symptoms worse, so that has been discontinued. He also had a slight stroke. He can still understand much of what he hears, but he is unable to respond verbally. He has been moved to hospice care and can be reached at Casey House, 6001 Muncaster Mill Rd., Rockville, MD 20855.

## DRIVING SAFETY TIP

contributed by Esther Dunn

I received this message from a friend and thought I would share it. It makes sense, but I don't think this is common knowledge!



Did you know that keeping your car set on cruise control during a rain or snow storm can prove to be fatal?

Cruise control sets the speed that the engine turns and thus allows the auto or truck to proceed at a

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## AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

from Cathy Gaber

I would like to nominate Joe Murter for the honor of Rockhound of the Year 2003. Joe was one of the founding members of the Gem and Mineral Hunters of Virginia Club. He and his wife, Ruth, have been two of the mainstays of the club.

Until two years ago, Joe organized and led field trips into various quarries around the state, in Pennsylvania and upstate New York. Because of his age, 85, he has mostly given up active collecting himself, but he continues to lead. His latest field trip was to the Kibblehouse Quarry and to a former collectors museum in Pennsylvania during the fall of 2002.

Each year he schedules coordinates, and conducts a show and tell type of mineral show at the Manassas Mall. These shows usually fall on a weekend in October. Our set up starts on Friday evening and the show runs continuous to Sunday with Joe there every minute the Mall is open. He loves showing the younger set how to use the microscopes to see the best of micromounts. His cabinets of a miniature rock shop and display cases, which he hand made, are two hits of the show.

He still maintains membership in the Micromounters club, although he doesn't attend as much as he would like. Joe continues to teach newcomers like myself and my wife, Sallie, tricks of the trade.

*Don Garrett*

*Treasurer and Newsletter Editor  
Gem and Mineral Hunters of Virginia*

Dave Callahan, 2nd Vice President and Field Trip Director of the Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA has been nominated as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. He has done a fantastic job as 2nd Vice President and has increased the number of field trips to new heights. He has gotten the club associated with 3 other clubs to share field trips and gatherings. He is also a most tenacious and tireless rockhound. When he plans

a field trip it is not to just one location but to two or more so that the members can collect all day. His planning and mapping skills are invaluable for multiple day field collecting trips.

*nominated by Steve Gordon, president  
Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg*

Lloyd Watson of the Roanoke Valley Gem and Mineral Society has been nominated as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. He has been a member of the club for 5 or 6 years, and for the past two years he has held the office of Second Vice President in charge of field trips. In this capacity he has arranged and lead more than six field trips to quarries and popular "digs" in the Blue Ridge Mountains. He is not only enthusiastic about his and other's discoveries on field trips, but he also brings specimens to meetings that he has collected from vacations out of the area. He assembled a mineral display in the name of the RVG&MS for local schools and libraries, and has been instrumental in arranging joint field trips with the Lynchburg club which has fostered additional interclub activity.

*nominated by David Katt*

Bill deLorraine of the St. Lawrence County Rock & Mineral Club of Northern New York was elected president last year with 99% YEA's from the club members that attended that night. Bill was the only one to vote NAY... With Bill being president of our club and handling all of the responsibilities that a club president has, he also had to have a very strong back bone. When Bill encountered a close down at the Zinc Corporation of America in Balmat, NY, he exercised his determination and experience as the best geologist who understands the Grenville Metamorphic Belt to encourage the possibility of reopening. He enjoys giving real nice and even rare minerals away to kids and adults and expects nothing back in return. This type of action of human

kindness is rare to see, and I feel as a soldier, a rockhound and as a human being, that Bill deLorraine deserves to be the "rockhound of the year".

*nominated by SSgt Jake Kramer  
secretary*

We nominate Inga Wells of the Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club, in Sayre, PA for AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Inga has been a cheerful, faithful, talented and hard working member of Che-Hanna since she joined in the 1970's. She served as the editor of the club bulletin for about 10 years until 1998. As evidence of her concern and love for the kids, she has served outstandingly as Pebble Pups' advisor since the late 1980's. Inga has always given wholeheartedly of her time, energy, love, personal rocks and minerals, books and transportation. She spends the summer taking kids on field trips geared specifically to their interests. She sees that the Pebble Pups are at every club show, operating their own tables - including a working model mini-mine. She belongs to, and is active in, at least four other clubs. Her other activities include teaching cabochon making, soapstone carving, gem tree making and micromounting. She also served the Eastern Federation as Chair of the EFMLS Junior Activities Committee and is presently the EFMLS Slide and Video Librarian.

*nominated by the Che-Hanna Rock and  
Mineral Club*

Dennis Trotter of the Ohio Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Inc. (WV) has been nominated as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. He recruited 6 new members within the last 6 months. He taught 10 members to wire wrap jewelry at 3 meetings. He is teaching 3 members to identify stones and make cabochons,

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## ROCKHOUNDS OF YEAR

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He is also teaching the use and care of the trim saw. They are learning to make silver rings. He is also teaching them to do wire wrapping.

*nominated by Jennifer Maddox,  
Harriett Harris and Judi Webster*

For over 10 years Michelle Renne' has been a leader in the Gem and Mineral Society of Palm Beach County, FL. Every year, she has graciously given of her time in major leadership capacities such as club President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Committee Chair or Co-Chair for Education, Elections, Annual Show, Classes, Nominations, Programs, Club Librarian, Hospitality, to name a few. Michelle is also President of our local Bead Society. She has taught a spectrum of classes to members of our club. Always friendly, she is a soaring beacon of light to new members, finding out what their needs and talents are so they quickly feel comfortable at meetings and at participatory events. Michelle has taken off from her job to do rock and mineral presentations to school children is extremely generous with the "gifts" she gives to all students involved. They say that no one is "irreplaceable.", but ... Michelle comes pretty close to the exception. It is with great pride that I nominate Michelle Renne' as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. She sincerely deserves the recognition.

*nominated by Pam Hawthorne*

Karen Rice, vice president of the New York Mineralogical Club, has been nominated as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Karen has given of her time endlessly to keep the workings of the club smooth. She attends executive meetings and hardly ever misses a general meeting. She runs the raffle at each meeting, and has generated much of the club's funds this way. Besides her scheduling the lecturers for the club

meetings and the show, Karen gives a splendid lecture herself. Karen is very knowledgeable in the area of diamonds and rubies, and has given lectures on her experiences with them. Her quiet demeanor is coupled with her English accent which bowls me over every time we talk. You can usually find her at the club's table unless there are some outstanding specimens for sale. It's always nice to be greeted by her at each meeting I attend, and I look forward to it.

*nominated by Michael Kessler*

The American Fossil Federation (MD) has selected George Powell, Jr. as their 2003 AFMS Club Rockhound/Fossilhound of the Year honoree. George is a founding member of the AFF which was established in 1989, and he has served in the position of President since 1990. George, a fossil collector for over 40 years, has exhibited his fossil displays in nine states and has spoken about fossils to about 120,000 children and adults at schools, fairs, libraries, mineral clubs, Wildacres, the Aurora Fossil Museum (NC) and other venues. He has donated thousands of fossil specimens to schools (including a permanent exhibit at George Mason High School in Falls Church, VA), the Smithsonian and the Aurora Fossil Museum. In 2000, George was featured in the Catocin Wildlife Center's Fossil Identification program which was filmed for a Maryland cable network. He also participated in the BBC's Shark Week 2000 at the Discovery Channel Store in DC.

*nominated by the  
American Fossil Federation*

The Board of Directors of the Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD., Inc. unanimously voted that Nancy Ballard be our "AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year" for 2003. Our nominee has not only taken on the demanding task of

newsletter editor for our society but has served for 30 years as of April 2003! Nancy makes the deadline 11 times a year with an interesting and informative presentation. She serves tirelessly at our annual show as hospitality chairperson, mails show announcements, hosts, with her husband Dave, the society board meetings at their home, and manages the holiday season society gathering. Additionally she is part of the "Glue" that helps keep our society together, helping in many other unseen and sometimes unrecognized ways. We are proud and honored to have her in our club.

*nominated by Wendell C. Mohr*

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## EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

*from Joy Bourne*

We are pleased to report the receipt of contributions from two individual members and one EFMLS club to the Eastern Foundation Fund during the month of January.

Wendell and JoAnn Mohr have made their annual contribution, which will be credited to the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD., and Barbara Sky has made a contribution in memory of Sybil Churchwell, which will be credited to the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. In addition, a contribution was received from the Central Pennsylvania Rock and Mineral Club of Harrisburg. Our thanks to them all.

Each individual contribution is credited to the EFMLS club of which the donor is a member, for the purposes of establishing the percent of giving level of the club. Every club whose total credit equals or exceeds \$15 will be recognized at the annual convention each year.

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## EACH ONE TEACH ONE

from Fran Sick

Here I am again folks, asking for nominations for the 2003 Each One Teach One Award. This is the fifth request and there are only about three months left until the June 1, 2003, deadline. As I write this article in late January there has been only one entry received and I know there are more great "teachers" in EFMLS clubs who have never received the EOTO award. This includes people who were nominated before, but did not win the top award. Please consider resubmitting nominations for these folks and be just a little more specific about what they have done to pass along their hobby-related knowledge to others. Often just a little extra information separates the top award winner from the other nominations.

Since the deadline is fast approaching I am going to review the criteria for the Each One Teach One Award which is based on teaching, demonstrating, lecturing, writing or any other method of passing on information about our hobby, mostly on a volunteer basis, to others. Some examples of qualifying activities are:

- Giving lectures or demonstrations including passing out samples to youth groups such as Pebble Pups, scouts, school groups, etc.
- Presenting educational programs to clubs and other groups.
- Writing educational articles for newsletters or other publications.
- Supervising or teaching educational workshops.
- Teaching courses or conducting seminars.
- Leading educational field trips.
- Putting on demonstrations, classes or workshops at club or federation shows.

Such things as offices held, educational degrees, membership in prestigious organizations, non-teaching volunteer activities, etc. are not considered when judging the EOTO nominations so please keep this kind of information to a minimum. Instead,

## PROTECTING PRIVACY

from Bill Patillo



You need to be aware of a potential personal privacy issue related to the popular search engine Google (<<http://www.google.com>>). There is a new feature that makes it possible to type a telephone number into Google's search bar, click the search button, and have a MapQuest page returned as a result. Any person wishing to discover the physical location of a phone number, be it a home or business address, could use this feature to locate a physical street address, and receive explicit directions on how to get there from anywhere in the country.

One positive use of this feature could be to determine the location of, say, an adverse party for whom you may only have a telephone number. On a negative note, this feature could also be used by an angry party to find out where you live. Google has made available an option that will allow anyone to remove their telephone number from the database that is linked to the mapping feature.

You will first need to check if your number is listed in this manner by attempting a search - entering your full telephone number separated by dashes (e.g., 404-524-5811). If your number is on record, an icon resembling a telephone will appear next to the first or second entry on the results page (your name and address). Clicking on this icon will take you to a page containing a description of the service, and a link to request your number be removed from the database.

use the allotted space on the nomination form and one extra sheet permitted to be sure you list all the things your candidate has done to pass hobby-related knowledge or expertise on to others.

Nomination forms can be found in the November and December, 2002, issues of the EFMLS Newsletter. All entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2003, and mailed to the address listed on the form, or you may e-mail them to me by June 1 at [FRAN\\_AND\\_ED@webtv.net](mailto:FRAN_AND_ED@webtv.net).

[ED. NOTE: If you do not have a copy of the November or December EFMLS Newsletter, visit the EFMLS website <[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)>, click on Newsletters, then download either the November or December issue.]

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Since the EFMLS Convention this year will not be held until October, there is still plenty of time for your club, or individual members of your club to make those contributions for the 2003 tally. In the event that your club is not already on the list, we hope to hear from you. Interest monies from the EFF funds are earmarked for special projects of the Eastern Federation, and this year's project has been that of restoration and duplication of EFMLS Slide and Video Library materials. Checks should be made payable to Eastern Foundation Fund (or EFF), and mailed to: Joy Bourne, EFF Chairman, RR #1, Box 159, Towanda, PA 18848-9739. Thank you for your continuing support of the Foundation.

## ***IT SHOULD BE THERE!***

*from Bob Livingston*

By the time you receive this Newsletter all EFMLS presidents, editors, EFMLS officers and committee chairs will have received copies of a brand new full-color flyer on EFMLS' Wildacres Workshop. We ask that you help us get the word out on the good we are doing, by sharing the easy-to-read, succinct story with your membership. It gives a good overview and includes color photos. We no longer want this our "Best Kept Secret."

Special thanks go to Jay Lininger without whose assistance we could not have produced such a terrific brochure.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Dick Hronik, a past Region IV Vice President and a past President of the Northern Virginia Mineral Club passed away on January 13 after a lengthy illness. An 40 year + mineral collector, after retirement Dick spent 17 years volunteering at the Smithsonian, and continued with his field collecting until poor health forced him to "slow down".

Dick also excelled in metal and wood work, and loved model trains. He was a tireless worker for his club and the Federation.

Memorial Contributions for Dick, Dave or other members of your club or family may be made to either:

The Eastern Foundation Fund (checks to "EFF") , % Joy Bourne, RR #1, Box 159; Towanda, PA 18848-9739 or

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation (checks to "AFMS Scholarship Foundation", % Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Dr; Fayetteville, NY 13066.

Please be sure to tell either Bob or Joy the name of your club so credit may be given to them for your contribution.

Dave Rhyne, president of the Southwest Florida Gem, Mineral and Fossil Club and wirecraft jewelry instructor at the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops passed away in late January. He was 70 and is survived by his wife Mary, two children, two grandchildren and two sisters.

Dave, a retired nuclear engineer, was seldom idle. He loved to play golf, tutor elementary children in math, tinker with old automobiles, cut cabochons and create wire-wrapped jewelry.

## ***AN INVITATION FOR FACETERS***

*from Dee Holland, President, Intermountain Faceters Guild*

The Intermountain Faceters Guild is sponsoring the International/Northwest Faceters Conference for 2003 from May 23 - 25 in Boise, Idaho. We're thrilled to announce that Bob Jones, Senior Editor of Rock & Gem Magazine will be our featured speaker. His two talks are entitled, "Where in the World Can We Get Rough These Days?" and "Color in Gemstones". If you've ever heard Bob, you know he's a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker.

In addition to Bob's talk, the conference will have a single gemstone competition, another talk by Sharon Wakefield of the Gemological Laboratory of Boise entitled "Fracture Filling of Diamond and Other Gems", a discussion on faceting a rough 560 carat citrine (orienting, selecting a design, the mechanics of faceting large gemstones etc. and more.

The cost for the conference is \$90 per person (until May 16) which includes a Friday evening reception, Saturday awards luncheon, Saturday evening reception and Sunday buffet breakfast. After May 16 registration is \$95 per person. Room reservations may be made at the host hotel - the Owyhee Plaza Hotel, Boise, ID by calling 1-800-233-4611. The guaranteed conference room rate is \$61 plus tax if made by May 9.

If you would like more information, including the design and rules for the single stone competition, contact Conference Chair Frank Markham at <FLMGMC@aol.com>.

## ***SOME PUNISHMENT***

*from Shirley Leeson*

"The Beauty of a Pun is in the eye of the beholder!"

Two vultures board an airplane; each is carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.

A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MATRIX?

by Steve Weinberger

The American College Dictionary defines matrix as "that which gives origin or form to a thing, or which serves to enclose it", in geology it is "the rock in which a crystallized mineral is embedded"<sup>1</sup>. Matrix is also the name of an automobile introduced by one of the leading manufacturers, and it's also the name of a wonderful magazine. While I'm sure you've heard the first three definitions of Matrix, I wonder if you've heard about the fourth- the magazine.

*Matrix Magazine* is officially entitled "Matrix, A Journal of the History of Minerals" and is published by Jay Lininger. Each issue is strictly a labor of love as Jay (or guest authors) relate the story of important mineralogists, mining localities, and events which changed the history of our hobby and economy. Each issue is packed with photos and maps which help tell the stories.

Whether you are interested in minerals or not, the magazine serves as a wonderful way of preserving the past and giving readers a window into the history of collecting, mining and individuals. The stories are fun to read, often full of surprises (did you know for example, that a ship laden with gold

sank off the east coast of the US in the late 1800's and that the ships cargo was unknown to the passengers and crew until documents surfaced years later? The gold was being sent from the California to New York to help bail out the US economy as a result of a major economic downturn and was being shipped in secret as a security measure. The ship sank during a raging storm in the Atlantic, probably because of the weight of the gold in its hold.

The latest issue includes an article on well known authoress June Culp Zeitner. An upcoming issue will include an article on none other than EFMLS Past President Fred Schaefermeyer. Other issues have featured and will feature individuals and localities here in the eastern part of the country as well as other parts of the US and Canada.

You can subscribe to *Matrix* for \$24 per year (4 issues). Send your check to *Matrix*, PO Box 129, Dillsburg, PA 17019-0129.

<sup>1</sup> New American College Dictionary, Random House, New York. 1956.

## CRUISE WARNING

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steady, even pace. The engine speeds up or slows down to accommodate road conditions.

Sometimes when driving on a wet or icy road your car loses traction and hydroplanes. If cruise control is set the engine maintains the speed you set and when the tires hit a dry spot, allow the car to accelerate, often in an out of control motion. This can easily cause an accident, and often one which is fatal. Once a car hydroplanes you can release the cruise with a step

on the brake, but you often don't have time to do this since the "incident" may only take a second or two.

If you drive on wet or icy roads without cruise control set and your car does hydroplane, you can control it's motion and speed because you have control of the gas throttle and can slow the car down quite quickly.

Let's be safe and remember - NEVER use your cruise control setting on wet or icy roads.

## AFMS ENDOWMENT RAFFLE

from Steve Weinberger  
AFMS Past President

You've read about it in the AFMS Newsletter - now here's your chance to obtain tickets for the prizes offered in the AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle.

One item - a Lewis & Clark Commemorative Dutch Oven is our kick-off in our celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Tickets for the oven are priced at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Tickets are also available for other items including a 5 strand turquoise nugget necklace with earrings, a 1.5 ct clear beryl faceted by Jay Bowman, a channel-work flower pendant made by the late Clyde Crossland a tomahawk, and an intarsia pendant. Other items will be added shortly. Tickets for these items are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00. Pictures of a number of these items can be seen on the AFMS website (<[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)>).



Last year, a member of one of our EFMLS clubs held the winning ticket on the Dare Devil stone offered by the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. Perhaps our luck here in the EFMLS can hold.

Remember, all monies donated to the AFMS Endowment Fund go toward its principal. We use only the interest and dividends to provide benefits to regional federations - and ultimately all local clubs.

For tickets, send your check payable to "AFMS Endowment Fund" to Steve Weinberger, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071. Be sure to include your name, address and telephone number and indicate which portion of the raffle you would like tickets for. If you win the oven, you must arrange for shipping from California. The deadline for obtaining tickets is May 15, 2003.

# 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)**

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> or 607-687-5108

Ginger Posthumus, Director at <postente@brinet.com> or 828-926-3022.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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 Soc. 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 57<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City

7 - 9: 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.

1-16: 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, Florida

14 (snow date 21): Rhode Island Mineral Hunters' Auction, sponsored by the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters. Woodridge Congregational Church Hall, 546 Budlong Rd, Cranston, RI.

21- 22: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Jewelry, Mineral and Fossil Show, sponsored by the MNCPPC and the So. MD Rock and Mineral Club. Harmony Hall Regional Center, Ft. Washington, MD

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

22 -23: 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Best Western Colonial Inn, East Windsor, CT (Exit 45 off I-91).

#### April

5 - 6: Philadelphia Mineral Treasures & 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 - Two Miles from the Norristown exit (#333) of the PA Turnpike

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](mailto:cweinber@bcpl.net)) for info & registration.

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.

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).

#### May

18: Annual Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Show at Goucher. NOTE: THIS IS A SUNDAY. Goucher College, Kraushaar Auditorium Pavilion, Dulaney Valley Rd just off I-695; Towson, MD

#### June

7: Spring Mineralfest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Earth Sciences Association, Inc. Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA

#### July

26-27: Annual Champlain Valley Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by Greater Burlington Gem & Mineral Club. Tuttle Middle School, Dorset St. & Kennedy Dr., South Burlington, VT.

#### August

2 - 3: 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mid-State Gem & Mineral Show, sponsored by the Water-Oak Gem and Mineral Society. Mount Merici School, 152 Western Avenue, Waterville, ME.