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## 2003 EFMLS CITATION AWARD

from Joy Bourne, Jury of Awards Chairman

The EFMLS Citation Award is awarded annually to an individual within the EFMLS, nominated by the Past Presidents to the Jury of Awards committee. The award is presented for outstanding service to the Federation and to our hobby. This year's honoree is eminently qualified to be named to the ranks of those outstanding individuals who have unselfishly devoted their time, talents and expertise to the benefit of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies. It is my distinct privilege to announce the name of the 2003 Eastern Federation Citation Award Recipient, **Mr. B. Jay Bowman**.



Photo by Clyf Bourne

A native of Utah, Jay has lived and worked in places all over the world - from Rhode Island to California and from Oklahoma to the South Pole! (Perhaps that explains why he always wears a pair of polished cowboy boots - even with his formal judging attire.) At present, Jay resides in Ponca City, Oklahoma with Alice, his wife of 50 years.

Jay served in the United States Navy for 24 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1973. While in the Navy, he took college extension courses and finished up his Bachelor of Arts degree at North East

Oklahoma State University with a double-major of Speech and Hearing Disorders and Industrial Arts, and a minor in Education.

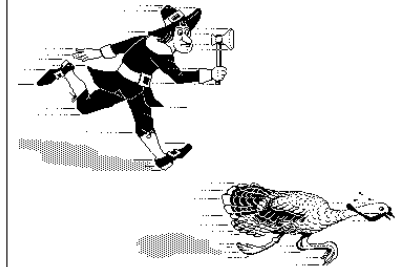
Following retirement, Jay went to Gaulladet College for a masters in Deaf Education and received a Masters in Education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He then taught in Washington D.C. at The Model Secondary School for the Deaf and at the Kentucky School for the Deaf in Danville, KY. He retired from this second career in 1993. However, Jay did not stop teaching. He is still working and teaching - for the advantage and benefit of our rockhound community!

Involved in the hobby since the early 1950's, Jay first became interested in gemstones while with the Navy in the Far East. As the story goes, he was walking through a gem market, and on impulse bought several handfuls of bright gem rough. When he returned home, he bought a small tumbler and threw in his stones. A few weeks later, he opened the tumbler, only to discover that many of the colorful gemstones had entirely disappeared, while others looked exactly the same as they had when they first entered the tumbler. This lesson in hardness inspired him to take the courses to become certified as gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). He learned to facet and to make jewelry, specializing in lost wax casting. Another specialty is making kaleidoscopes set with polished gemstones.

Jay cites his primary interests in

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the hobby as lapidary of all types and jewelry making. He recently said, "I don't make much jewelry anymore. It got to be work instead of pleasure. About the only lapidary work I do now is faceting." However, as many of us

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## NEW EFMLS PRESIDENT - WHO IS THIS GUY?

from Matt Charsky, EFMLS President

To some of you in the EFMLS, that very well may be your initial reaction when you find out the name of your new president for 2004. However, some of you may know a little about me from being an EFMLS officer for the past two years. Still others of you may know a little more about me, since I've been an active participant with several clubs in the Washington, DC area over many years. Well, here's a little more about me from the very beginning.

I was born and raised in Binghamton, New York. I received a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Rochester, NY. My first job was a position in the petroleum industry where I traveled extensively throughout the Gulf Coast and offshore. After a short time, I accepted a position at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC where I coordinated the production and sale of natural gas reserves throughout the country. After a number of years, I accepted a position with the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC where I presently work as a technical expert in the national Superfund program, which focuses on efforts to clean up abandoned waste facilities.

As a hobbyist, I am a mineral collector. For some time, lapidary people have been trying to convert me to join their ranks and they have had some impact on me. Fossil collectors, however, have just about given up trying to convert me. I think there's nothing like a good mineral field trip where you can hammer away to your heart's content.

As President of my local club, the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Washington, DC (GLMS-DC), one of my prouder accomplishments was to author the club's 50-year history titled, "The First 50 Years of the GLMS-DC, (1949 - 1999)." It was quite an ef-

fort for me to locate many of the early movers and shakers in the hobby. I really treasure the opportunity to meet them and have them retell their stories and experiences.

As incoming EFMLS President, I will try to continue and improve many of the Federation's current initiatives. Don't get me wrong, I am willing to tackle any reasonable change that a consensus of clubs think would be good of the Federation. One of my main priorities will be to assist the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY in their planning for the combined EFLMS/AFMS Convention and show on July 8 - 11, 2004 in Syracuse, NY. I would like to see a record number of club representatives at this convention as well as a record number of exhibits at the show. I think it's imperative that we show other Federations what the 10,000 members of the EFMLS are capable of accomplishing.

Assisting me throughout my term will be 1st Vice-President, Carl Miller, and 2nd Vice President, Bill Longley, who can both provide me with a wealth of experience, so I won't have to go far to get really good advice. Many of the EFMLS officers, Regional Vice-Presidents are continuing in their positions and a majority of the Committee Chairpersons have agreed to continue in their current positions for another year, so again there's a lot of good experience that I can readily tap. This doesn't mean, however, that I have all the volunteers I need. If you are interested in helping out EFMLS in 2004, give me a call and I'll try to match up your expertise with a satisfying task.

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## BOWMAN

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know, he also creates beautiful engraved glass vases - and donates one to the annual Wildacres benefit auction each session. In recognition of his talent, expert work, and teaching of others, Jay was named to the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame this year.

He did not join a club until 1980 - the Bluegrass Gem and Mineral Club of Lexington, KY, which he served as club president in 1985. He went to Wildacres and met Ruth Cole Wertz, who encouraged him to expand his horizons into the area of judging competitive exhibits. Here he found his special area of concentration. Today, he is a member of two EFMLS clubs, - the Bluegrass Gem and Mineral Club, and the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club of Sayre, PA, Jay also maintains membership in two Rocky Mountain Federation clubs; the Stillwater Gem and Mineral Society of Stillwater, OK and the Rough and Tumble Rock and Gem Club of Ponca City, OK. In the latter organization, he helped in the reestablishment of the club in 1996, served as president in 1997, vice president in 1998, president in 1999 and vice President in 2000. He has also served as club bulletin editor since 2000.

Jay became an instructor at Wildacres workshops in the mid-1980's and continues to the present, His students have described him as ". . . a stalwart instructor at every session." He has as taught mineralogy and/or gemology, bringing all the technical measurement equipment required for the course with him in the long trek from Oklahoma for the sessions. Usually, however, he teaches certified judging, where he is well known as an exacting and peerless teacher. This fall he taught the certified judging class not only to members of the Eastern Federation, but also representatives of the six other regional federation members of AFMS with plans to continue a similar class for the next two years. Jay's special focus on service has centered on the Uniform Rules developed for competitive exhibiting. He served on the EFMLS Uniform Rules Committee from 1988 to the present, serving as chairman from 1989-1994, He served as AFMS Uniform Rules Committee member from 1994 - 1997 and 2002 - present. He was chairman in 1997 and will again be chairman in 2004. He has also served on the RMFMS Uniform Rules Committee from 1994 to the present.

Throughout his years of working with Uniform Rules committees, Jay has made a significant impact in the development and documentation of exhibiting standards for the Eastern Federation and the American Federation rules. Ruth Cole Wertz would have been proud of him, and we are all greatly indebted to Jay for his dedication. In the words of one of the endorsements received by this committee, "Jay has been extraordinarily influential upon the solid base of education, performance and quality of the exhibits and awards in EFMLS and AFMS.

Thank you, Jay for all you have done for us. The Past Presidents' Jury of Awards Committee, 2003 is proud to honor you for your many years of outstanding service.

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Mary Jane Boutwell  
Reivan Zeleznik  
Joy Bourne  
October, 2003

## WHO IS THIS GUY?

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In closing, I will do my best to serve as EFMLS President. I especially want to thank my predecessors for keeping the EFMLS moving forward and providing me with the opportunity to hold, for a brief time, a classic 53 year old gem of a Federation that has sparkling members, shining ideas, and gets glowing accolades from other Federations. Together, let's make 2004 a year to remember.



EFMLS Officers for 2004. From left 1st VP Carl Miller, 2nd VP Bill Longley, Editor Carolyn Weinberger, Secretary Madelyn Todd, Treasurer Lou Budell, President Matt Charsky. Missing, Asst. Treasurer Millie Heym. Photo Steve Weinberger

## THANK YOU POUGHKEEPSIE! WE HAD A TERRIFIC WEEKEND!

*from the Eastern Federation*

The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society played host to the Eastern Federation for its annual Convention on October 18 & 19. What a wonderful weekend it was!

Held at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in downtown Poughkeepsie, the show had 30 dealers featuring a va-



Two minutes after the "opening bell" sounded and the dealers were starting to get busy. Photo: S. Weinberger

riety of minerals, gemstones, cutting material, fossils, fluorescents and equipment. There was definitely something available for everyone! Club members also ran demonstrations of various aspects of the lapidary arts.

The highlight of the show was the kids activities. Each child was given an egg carton and allowed to select an assortment of minerals to take home with them. This was just the beginning because the club also had a scavenger hunt for the kids. The club had prepared a container with a mineral specimen in it for each dealer table. Attached to the sealed plastic box holding the specimen was a card telling about the mineral. Kids had to find the mineral and answer questions on a prepared sheet about the mineral they found. A "prize" was given to each child completing

the scavenger hunt correctly. We saw lots of excited kids reading the information and answering the questions!

Meetings were held at the host hotel. The Friday evening cracker barrel session was a lively one with many topics being discussed. The Saturday annual meeting went smoothly. New officers for 2004 were elected by acclamation. Complete minutes of the meeting will be in a forthcoming issue of EFMLS News.

Mike Hawkins, Collections Manager at the New York State Museum was the featured speaker at the awards banquet on Saturday evening. He spoke about the needs of volunteers at our local museums. If you've not been to the museum in Albany, put it on your list of "must see" places. Under Mike's guidance, the Museum has grown into one of the more important mineral museums in the U.S.

Awards were given out for the AFMS All American Club program, the Each One Teach One program of EFMLS and of course the EFMLS Citation Awardee was announced. You can read about all of these in separate items in this issue of EFMLS News.

Sunday saw editors gathering for breakfast and awards. Lots of wonderful bulletins, articles, poems and drawings were entered in the annual Editors' Contest this year. A complete listing of awards can be found later in this issue.



Bob Livingston, Carl Miller, Matt Charsky, Larry Vandergrift and Loud Budell at the Banquet head table. Photo C. Weinberger



Mike Hawkins  
Photo: C. Weinberger

Thank you Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society for a wonderful weekend. The EFMLS enjoyed visiting your show, watching the enthusiasm with which your club members tackled the myriad tasks of setting up and running the show, and visiting your area. You can be proud of what you accomplished and what you shared with the Federation!



Members of the Executive Board at work. Photo: Steve Weinberger

## EFMLS INSURANCE

from Carl Miller

It's that time again! If you haven't done it already, pull out that club checkbook and write checks for your EFMLS arranged insurances. We had a significant increase in our Liability premium this year, but it is still very inexpensive for the coverage that it provides. There was no change to the accident insurance premium.

We explored all available avenues for lower premium options. Unfortunately we are not an "attractive" risk to insurers. Several things have impacted our insurance causing this increase, and they apply to all insurers. They include: 1) Our program had a significant loss this year; 2) The insurance industry was, and continues to be, impacted heavily by such things as 9/11, Enron, WorldCom, etc.; 3) The financial world is turned upside down with investment income at the lowest level in many years.

Unfortunately options for stand-alone club insurance are even more expensive, if available at all. If any of you do turn up any options I would caution you to be careful not to get scammed. I am always interested in other alternatives, and will pursue any leads given to me.

Premiums for the EFMLS insurance programs this year are:

EFMLS Liability Insurance,  
\$3.022 per club member.

EFMLS Accident Insurance,  
\$2.400 per club member.

There is one other change that was to take place last year, but they failed to notify us in time so it did not take place until this year. When a club needs to add someone as an "Additional Insured" on a Certificate of Insurance there will be a \$50.00 premium charge. The term "Additional Insured" is a way of naming an entity (company, municipality, etc.) on your insurance for a particular purpose (i.e. an event, show, swap, meeting space, etc.) This charge will go

directly to the club requesting the Additional Insured. There is still no charge for certificates to show proof of insurance. [Ed. Note: This does not mean that you have to notify the insurance company of a new member.]

Don't Forget How Important The Liability Insurance Is!

Many people feel that if the Federation didn't do anything else but make the liability insurance available, it would justify its existence. Without the EFMLS Liability Insurance policy, many clubs and individual Federation members could not collect on the majority of all commercially owned localities. This includes active quarries and mines, inactive but still commercially owned quarries and mines, and well known (and not so well known) privately owned locations, where the

EFMLS insurance gives that land owner that extra piece of mind.

*Concerned About Members Medical Expenses From Injuries Sustained At Club Related Events?*

Then purchase (or continue if you got into the program last year) the "new" EFMLS Accident Insurance program for your club members. It is a very inexpensive way to provide some relief for medical expenses incurred due an injury while on a Club sanctioned collecting trip, etc.

You can contact me directly with questions, suggestions, or even answers! at: <kobold1@erols.com>. Or write to me at: Carl Miller, EFMLS Insurance, 8300 Old Cavalry Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

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## EXHIBITS

from Sue MacInnis, EFMLS Rules Chair

We only had three exhibits at the just concluded EFMLS Convention. I'm very disappointed and hope that next year when we host the AFMS in Syracuse, NY we have a much better showing. Start working now on your display - whether it be competitive or non-competitive - so we can show off the wonderful work which you do.

The two competitive displays were: Barbara Sky, Minerals (BU-7X Masters level). Her score was 75. Her case was judged by Angie Teixeira and Duane Evans.

Ed Mattson, Education Minerals (EGC-1, Advanced level) earned an 80 which gave him a blue ribbon. Judges for this case were Joy Bourne and Barbara Sky.

The third display was a non-competitive one by George Powell. George brought his award winning fossil shark display which really attracted a lot of attention. George loves to stand with his exhibit and talk about it.

Remember that the complete AFMS Uniform Rules can be purchased from the EFMLS Supplies Chair, Duane Evans or downloaded from the AFMS website (.www.amfed.org). Why not get a copy, read the rules and plan on exhibiting at Syracuse next July. I hope to see you there.

## EFMLS COMMITTEE CHAIRS - 2003-2004

*from Matt Charsky, President*

Here are the names and addresses of those people who have agreed to serve as EFMLS Committee Chairs for the coming year. Please keep this listing handy for reference and contact them if you need assistance or have a question about their area of interest. You'll be hearing from many of them in the coming year via the newsletter.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR**

Louis Budell of The Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse (New York) is our 2003 nominee for AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Lou, currently our club Treasurer and EFMLS Treasurer, is a loyal, exceptionally hard-working member with many talents. First and foremost, he's a mineralogist who really loves quartz but has a deep appreciation of all fine crystals. Beyond that, Lou is a trained dowser and seldom ventures far without his rods. He attends many conferences and is continually honing his skills hoping one day he can get good enough to find super minerals/precious metals. Lou is also very talented as a precision lapidary carver using a Foredom rotary tool to create pendants that are beyond belief. In our local club, Lou has held almost all the offices from President on down. For years he has also been Wholesale Chair for our annual show as well as Exhibits Chair. He will also be our contact person/Registrar for the 2004 EFMLS/AFMS convention in Syracuse. We are indeed grateful for this man — one of our "Angels" — who is an invaluable contributor to our club's success.

*Submitted by: Gene Ridall, Past President and Bob Livingston, Liaison*



*Clyf Bourne, Reivan Zeleznik, Ed Karpoff, Angie Teixeira and others listen to discussion during the Friday night cracker barrel at the EFMLS Convention. Photo C. Weinberger*

*from Cathy Gaber*

I would like to nominate Ellery Borow as the 2003 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. A member of the Water-Oak Gem & Mineral Society (Maine) and six other clubs, Ellery has served as president of our club for five years and show chairman for nine years. He has presented many programs and written many articles and reviews of symposiums for our bulletin. He is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable person who is always willing to help the club in any way he can as well as share his knowledge of rocks and minerals with anyone who asks. At show time, he is planner, electrician, exhibitor, night watchman and general all-around helper. Sharing his knowledge at the black light booth, he has amazed and interested many people in this subject. During the last four years, he has accompanied me on all the trips to the shows in our Region One area, and since last October has been the chauffeur so that I was able to go when I could not drive. His dry sense of humor keeps us going in times of stress. Our club is very lucky to have a valuable asset like Ellery.

*nominated by William S. Longley, President*



*Newly elected President Matt Charsky receives some of the items in the President's Survivors Kit from 2003 President Larry Vandergrift. Photo S. Weinberger*

**ALL AMERICAN NEWS**

*from Hazel Remaley*

By the time you read this, the EFMLS Convention at Poughkeepsie will be history. For many of you, it may have been your first time to attend. Some of us (including yours truly) were not there. Shame! Shame! I think that the apathy that is affecting our hobby is spreading. At least it seems to be as far as the All American Club Award is concerned. I was talking to a club member from another state, and that person thought that all the book was, was a "brag" book. Well, I think that it is, also. But, it is also a perfect way to preserve your club history, and share with others the good things that you have done in the year. Certainly, the competition part if it is sometimes a bit on the bragging side, but then don't we all do some of that at one time or another!! This issue of the newsletter will be full of the news of the convention, so I would hope that the editor will print the entry forms for the year 2003 in the next issue and they will be due to me some time in March 2004. I will notify you of the definite date later. You should be saving all the necessary material now, so that when it comes time to put it together, you will be ready.

Now, I am happy to announce that the EFMLS had one entry in the competition for the year 2002. The AMERICAN FOSSIL FEDERATION was presented an Honorable Mention Award. Thank you for that entry.

Hopefully more of you will take up the challenge to participate next year. Since the combined EFMLS / AFMS Convention will be held in Eastern territory (Syracuse, N.Y.), it really would be great to have more entries. I would be happy to assist you with answers to questions at any time.

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## RAFFLE RESULTS

Thanks to all who purchased tickets for the annual EFMLS Special Raffle. The drawing for the prizes was held during the awards dinner at the Poughkeepsie Convention with the following results:



Betty Jones accepts the trophy for the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club for selling the most raffle tickets.

Photo: S. Weinberger

from Steve & Carolyn Weinberger

Dinosaur Track  
Edith Marie Blake  
Kanawha Rock & Gem Club  
Calcite Crystal Clusters  
Andy Gooch  
TarHeel Gem & Mineral Club

Dot Zwerin  
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Niobium Bracelet  
Nathan Stevens  
Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

Citrine in Sterling Silver Necklace  
Shirley Greenberg  
SE New Hampshire Mineral Club

Faceted Tourmaline in gold  
pendant  
William Gilbert  
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society



A smiling Shirley Greenberg accepts her winning raffle prize. Photo Steve Weinberger

Club selling highest number of  
raffle tickets  
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

## NEWRY PARK UPDATE

from Ellery Borow

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A few months ago we related information about the effort being made by several Maine clubs to purchase the collecting areas around Newry Maine so they could be preserved and turned into a collecting park. Thus far we have collected about 1/3 of the funds needed.

We've received donations from many EFMLS clubs and individuals as well as donations from clubs and individuals throughout the United States. We still have a long way to go towards reaching our goal, but the help we've received thus far is just overwhelming.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

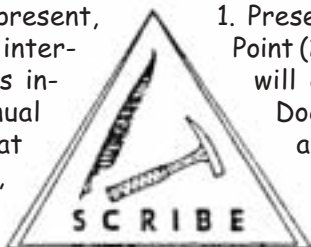
## S.C.R.I.B.E. ANNUAL MEETING

from Trudy Martin

All editors, past and present, web masters and anyone interested in Communication is invited to attend the Annual Scribe Meeting to be held at 9:00 MST on Saturday, January 31, 2004 at the Senior Citizen's Centre, Moon Mountain Road, Quartzsite, Arizona. Please refer to the Scribe Web Site <scribesite.home.att.net> for a map and instructions.

SCRIBE - Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors - is an organization OF editors, FOR Editors. Membership is open to anyone involved in club bulletins or communication. SCRIBE publishes a quarterly newsletter which is sent to all members plus a yearly CD - a collection of newsletters, articles, clip art, hints and tips. The cost is minimal \$1.00 if purchased at the SCRIBE meeting or at Regional Federation Editors Meetings or \$2.00 if ordered and sent by mail.

Don Ogden, Scribe Secretary and California Federation Web Master is going to present a Communication Workshop at the SCRIBE meeting this year. The program will be in two parts:



1. Presentation using MS Power Point (20 min.). The presentation will cover creating Portable Document (PDF) documents, and how to read them. You can convert virtually any document from any application to PDF. Then any one can read them using Adobe Reader.

2. Demonstration (20 min)  
Creating PDF files from printed (paper) documents.  
Creating PDF files from electronic (Word, etc.) documents.  
Copying and pasting PDF files.

Don will be using a laptop, an In-focus projector, and Adobe Acrobat/Reader and Omni Pro (OCR) programs.

A Hand Out will also be prepared for those in attendance and for those who were unable to come.

Creating and working with PDF files is something a lot of editors have been struggling with. This is their opportunity to learn, first hand, how to work with this program.

## WILDACRES JUDGING SEMINAR A SUCCESS

from Esther Dunn

The just concluded September Wildacres Session was by all standards a rousing success. Guest speaker Fred Ward regaled the assembled multitudes with wonderful information and photographs about the gems which he loves best - diamonds, pearls, sapphires, rubies, etc.

Adding to the fun of this session was the presence of representatives from each of the AFMS regional federations - all attending our certified judging class in an effort to better unify the interpretation of the rules across the country so that exhibitors everywhere have their displays evaluated fairly. Taught by our own Jay Bowman with assistance from Dee Holland (2002 URC Chair) the group consisted of Norvie Ens (CFMS), Barbara Jacobsen (NWF), Pat LaRue (2003 AFMS URC Chair), Joyce Hanschu (MWF), Jim Hurlbut (RMFMS), Dale Brown (SCFMS), Betty James (SMS), and Bill Klose (EFMLS) plus another hearty group of participants including Sue MacInnis, our own EMFLS URC chair.

The group talked about the rules, asked questions about interpretation and had an opportunity to "judge" a number of displays which were set up for the occasion. Serious work, but lots of laughter could be heard coming from the room at all times. For many, this was their first opportunity to sit down face to face for such a discussion and for most it was the first opportunity they had to get to know our Jay Bowman. Few knew how diverse Jay's knowledge is or how humorous his stories can be.

A second similar class will be held during one of our 2004 Wildacres Workshops with new representatives from the Federations joining the group. You can join them also and see what all the laughter is about. Dates will be announced shortly.



Gold panning demo



After hours gathering. Photo by Norm Hanschu



A full house at the Judging Class at Wildacres. Photo Bruce Gaber

## SAFETY FIRST

### LIFTING SAFETY

Prior to lifting an item it is a good idea to consider a number of things.

1. How heavy or bulky is the item to be lifted or carried?
2. How good a shape are you in and have you had any back problems in the past after lifting? Many back problems are of a cumulative type, where a repeated minor injury will flare up and become worse.
3. How much space is there around the object to be lifted and how much space is around where it is to be deposited?
4. What kind of obstacles are there along the transportation route, such as trip hazards, holes, overhangs, etc.?

If any of these questions create a concern, or if in doubt, get help or use an aid such as a dolly, hand truck, or even fork lift. Statistics show that 80% of back injuries occur in people between 30 and 50.

Be sure to utilize appropriate safety equipment such as safety shoes and work gloves when lifting. The use of back belts, as seen at some stores and outlets, has not been shown to prevent back injuries according to recent studies.

Prior to the lift, make sure you have adequate clearance for your hands and arms. Stand close to the load with the feet apart and the toes pointed out to provide firm footing. Bend your knees, not your waist. Grip the load firmly with a "full palm grip". Do not place your fingers under the load. Tighten your stomach muscles and then lift head and shoulders first, and then with your back straight, use the strength of your legs to slowly and smoothly push up. "Jerk-lifting" a load will multiply the stress to the lower back. Keep the

by Bill Klose, EFMLS Safety Chair

load close to your body at all times with your back upright.

Never hold the load away from your body. Make sure you can see over the top of the load. If you should have to change direction with the load, move your whole body with your feet, do not twist your body which can be especially dangerous to your back.

To raise the load above shoulder height, first lift to waist height and rest on the edge of a ledge, hip, or stand, and then shift hand positions so the load can be boosted after the knees are bent. The knees should be straightened as the object is lifted or shifted to the shoulders. If the object is to be placed on a table or shelf, first set it on the edge, and then push it far enough onto the support so it will not fall. The object should be released gradually as it is set down and then pushed into place with the hands and body in front of the object.

When setting the object down, keep the back straight and upright, bend the knees, and lower the object down slowly and smoothly. Don't add the weight of your body to the load.



### SAFETY CORRECTION

In a previous "Safety First" column, Bill Klose mentioned the use of tongs to drop and remove soldered items from pickling solution. What he failed to note is that tongs used for this purpose must be made from either copper or wood since steel will react with the solution and coat any other item placed in this solution.

Arie L. Falkoff  
BCMPS Treasurer

## EACH ONE TEACH ONE 2003 AWARDS

from Fran Sick

There were five nominations received for the 2003 Each One Teach One Award. All five have made significant contributions in teaching various aspects of our hobby and deserve all the thanks and praise we can bestow upon them. The time, effort and expense they go to on our behalf boggles the mind, especially when we remember that it is all on a voluntary basis.

It was my very great honor to present this year's awards at the EFMLS Convention Awards Banquet in Poughkeepsie, New York on October 18, 2003, to the following winners.

### TOP AWARD

Robert S. McGuire  
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

### SECOND PLACE

Delores Navarette  
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

### THIRD PLACE

Barbara Ermler  
American Fossil Federation

### FOURTH PLACE

Albert Conklin  
New York Southern Tier Geology Club

### FIFTH PLACE

Kathy Hrechka  
Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Congratulations to each of the award winners and thank you for all you do.

I also want to again extend my thanks to the folks who put the time and effort into preparing and submitting nominations. Without you there would be no Each One Teach One Awards.

And last but certainly not least I want to again thank the 2003 EOTO Committee members Barbara Sky, Clyf Bourne and Mary Ellen Cole. You did a great job and it was a pleasure working with you.

2003 BEAC CONTEST AWARDS

Our thanks to those who helped make this year's contest a success. Whether you were a member of the Committee, a judge, an editor or a contributor of an article, drawing or poem, your contribution helped to make this year's contest one of the best.



The members of the Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee for 2002 were Mary Bateman, Chair, Barbara Fenstermacher, Don Garrett and Carolyn Weinberger.

This year there were 202 entries in eight categories. There were no new editors in 2002. With only 17 judges available, not every category had three judges. There was a total of 27 clubs participating in the Contest. Five clubs participated this year that did not participate last year. Nine clubs that participated last year did not participate this year. Four entries were disqualified for various reasons—down from nine in 2002.

We wish to thank S.C.R.I.B.E. for the door prizes for the Editors Breakfast. As the deadline for submission of this article was before the Breakfast, winners will be announced in the December issue.

Following are the results of this year's contest:

Judges - 2003 BEAC Contest

The Bulletin Editors' Advisory Committee is indebted to the judges who volunteered their time and talents to make this year's contest a success by their thorough evaluations

and helpful comments. Without their efforts there would be no BEAC contest. Thanks and appreciation to:

- Ed Benjamin, Kenwood, MI
- Matt Charsky, Arlington, VA
- Terry Cirrincione, Washington, DC
- Diane Dare, Holiday, FL
- Cecilia Duluk, Dearborn Heights, MI
- Barbara & David Fenstermacher, Aiken, SC
- Cathy Gaber, Bethesda, MD
- Don Garrett, Sterling, VA
- LaReene Heath, Mercerville, NJ
- Fran Jones, Newburgh, NY
- Bill Longley, Waterville, ME
- Trudy Martin, Calgary, Canada
- Marion Reynolds, Amenia, NY
- Fred Sias, Jr., Clemson, SC
- Jennie and Paul Smith, Fairfax, VA
- Carolyn Weinberger, Glyndon, MD

Participating Clubs

- Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society
- American Fossil Federation
- Baltimore Mineral Society
- Central Penna. Rock & Mineral Club
- Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club
- Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society
- Delaware Mineralogical Society
- Gem & Mineral Hunters of Virginia
- Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY
- Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore
- Keene Mineral Club
- Maryland Geological Society
- Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area
- Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia
- Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society
- Nashua Mineral Society
- New Jersey Paleontological Society
- New York Mineralogical Club
- New York Paleontological Society
- Richmond Gem & Mineral Society
- Stamford Mineralogical Society
- Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
- The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society
- Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Washington, DC

- The Mid-Hudson Valley Gem & Mineral Society
- The Northern Virginia Mineral Club
- Twin Tiers Rock & Mineral Club

THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST

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  - Crack 'N Cab*
  - Loren Patterson, Editor
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- Second Place Award
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  - Evanna C. Koska, Editor
  - Twin Tiers Rock & Mineral Club

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  - Millie Heym, Editor
  - Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
- First Place Award
  - Rock Buster News*
  - Maxine Nicholas, Editor
  - Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club
- Second Place Award
  - Hound's Howl*
  - Barbara Fenstermacher, Editor
  - Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society
- Third Place Award
  - The Mineral Mite*
  - Georgia Olmstead, Editor
  - Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area
- Fourth Place Award
  - Mineral Minutes*
  - Georgia Olmstead, Editor
  - Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia

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Fifth Place Award

*The Mineral Newsletter*  
Georgia Olmstead, Editor  
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Sixth Place Award

*Chippers' Chatter*  
Stanley Geare, Editor  
Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society

Seventh Place Award

*The Collecting Bag*  
Bill Gilbert, Editor  
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

Eighth Place Award

*Newsletter of the Nashua Mineral Society*  
Curt LaPlante, Editor  
Nashua Mineral Society

Ninth Place Award

*NJPS Paleontograph*  
Tom Caggiano, Editor  
New Jersey Paleontological Society

Tenth Place Award

*Fossil Finder*  
Jim Patzer, Editor  
American Fossil Federation

Honorable Mention

*BMS News*  
Stanley Geare, Editor  
Baltimore Mineral Society

*Newsletter of the New York  
Paleontological Society*  
Donald Phillips, Editor  
New York Paleontological Society

*The Crystal Courier*  
Michael Kessler, Editor  
The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

*The Geogram*  
Diane C. Volcheck, Editor  
Delaware Mineralogical Society

*The Vug Examiner*  
Ed Mattson, Editor  
Stamford Mineralogical Society

Large Bulletins

Trophy Award

*The Shin-Skinner News*  
Joy Bourne, Editor  
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club



*Joy Bourne, editor of the award winning Shin Skinner News receives her trophy from Mary Bateman at the Editors' Breakfast in Poughkeepsie.  
Photo C. Weinberger*

First Place Award

*Rocky Echoes*  
Brenda Hankins, Editor  
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Second Place Award

*Gem Cutters News*  
Carolyn Weinberger, Editor  
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore

Third Place Award

*The Rostrum*  
Robert C. Asreen, Jr., Editor  
Maryland Geological Society

Original Educational Articles

Trophy Award

Vivien Gornitz  
Minerals of the Moon  
*Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club*  
New York Mineralogical Club

First Place Award

Betty M. Jones  
The Blue John of Castleton  
*Shin-Skinner News*  
Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Second Place Award

Vivien Gornitz  
Banded Iron Formations  
*Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club*  
New York Mineralogical Club

Third Place Award

Bob Sheridan  
Mesozoic Mammals in the News  
*NJPS Paleontograph*  
New Jersey Paleontological Society

Fourth Place Awards

Robert Buchbinder  
An Adventure in the Ancient Past  
*Newsletter of the NYPS*  
New York Paleontological Society

Karen Rice  
The Gem Resources of Afghanistan  
*Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club*  
New York Mineralogical Club

Fifth Place Award

George Klein  
How Big Was My Tooth  
*NJPS Paleontograph*  
New Jersey Paleontological Society

Sixth Place Award

Michael Williams  
Bivalves & Brachiopods—  
What's the Difference?  
*Rocky Echoes*  
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Seventh Place Award

Erich Grundel  
How \$.25 Became a Micromineral Classic  
*The Mineral Mite*  
Micromineralogists of the  
National Capital Area

Eighth Place Award

Terry Cirrincione  
Focus on Fossils: Dinosaur Fossil  
Fallacies  
*The Rostrum*,  
Maryland Geological Society

Ninth Place Award

Rob Robinson  
Mineral Thermometers,  
Barometers, and Speedometers  
*The Mineral Newsletter*  
The Northern Virginia Mineral Club

Tenth Place Award

Michael Williams  
Mississippi Whales  
*Rocky Echoes*  
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Honorable Mention

Rudy Bland  
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Stella Cerruti  
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*Newsletter of the NYPS*  
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Terry Cirrincione  
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Terry Cirrincione  
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Terry Cirrincione  
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and Belemnites  
*Fossil Finder*  
American Fossil Federation

Terry Cirrincione  
Tragedy of the Dodo  
*Fossil Finder*  
American Fossil Federation

Terry Cirrincione  
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Society of Washington, DC

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Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral  
Club

Kevin Dermody  
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Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

Karissa Hendershot  
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Dave Hutchison  
Pennsylvanian Plants (Part 2A) - Ferns  
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Betty Jones  
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Jane Kelly  
GEMnastics: Diamond—The  
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Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society

Michael Kessler  
The Missing Coigns  
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The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society

George Klein  
The Takeover Part I  
*NJPS Paleontograph*  
New Jersey Paleontological Society

Ed Mattson  
Lapidary & Metal Arts of Middle Earth  
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and Geology  
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Georgia L. Olmstead  
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*Mineral Minutes*  
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District of Columbia

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Original Non-Technical Articles  
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Jack Rowland  
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The Gem, Lapidary & Mineral  
Society of Washington, DC

### Fourth Place Award

Cathy Gaber

Franklin, NJ, April 26-28, 2002

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National Capital Area

Mitchell Portnoy

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Urban Turzi

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Roadcut

*The Mineral Mite*

Micromineralogists of the  
National Capital Area

### Fifth Place Award

Georgia Olmstead

"Sappheiros" — Sapphire

*The Mineral Newsletter*

The Northern Virginia Mineral Club

### Sixth Place Award

John Carson

Be Sure to Check It Out

*Fossil Finder*

American Fossil Federation

### Seventh Place Award

Clyf Bourne

Che-Hanna Goes to Senior Expo 2002

*Shin-Skinners News*

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

### Eighth Place Award

Carl Miller

Asbestos

*The Collecting Bag*

Richmond Gem & Mineral Society

### Ninth Place Award

Bill Hoefer

My, What Big Teeth You Have!

*The Coral Geode*

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

### Tenth Place Award

R.J. Harris

Unceremoniously Dumped

*Rock Buster News*

Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club

### Honorable Mention

John & Marilyn Baumlet

Fine Show in Florida

*Crack 'N Cab*

Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY

Roland Bounds

Tucson Show 2002

*The Geogram*

Delaware Mineralogical Society

Stella Cerruti

Untold Story of Big Brook

*Newsletter of the NYPS*

New York Paleontological Society

Howie Cohn

November Field Trip to the

Centerfield Biotherm in PA

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New Jersey Paleontological Society

Gloria J. Dick

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Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club

Bill Ellis

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*Collector's Corner, Keene Mineral Club*

Ed Fisher

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Rockhound—Ouray, Colorado

*Mineral Minutes*

The Mineralogical Society of the

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Susan Fisher

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*Mineral Minutes*

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Bill Gilbert

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Gary Grenier

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Wanda Hodges

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Mel Hurd

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Paul Lutz

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Ed Mattson

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*Crack 'N Cab*  
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Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society
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The Foundation of Geology—The  
Map that Changed the World  
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To Make an Omlet  
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Jay Tinker  
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*Crack 'N Cab*  
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The Evolution of Art Deco Style  
Jewelry  
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Trophy Award  
Paul R. Murdoch, Jr.  
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*The Rostrum*  
Maryland Geological Society
- First Place Award  
Wanda Hodges  
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Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
- Second Place Award  
Glenn Harbour  
Shaft Raider  
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New Jersey Paleontological Society
- Third Place Award  
Cathy Gaber  
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District of Columbia
- Fourth Place Award  
Brenda Hankins  
What's It Like Being a Kid Today  
*Rocky Echoes*  
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society
- Fifth Place Award  
Judith Krotki Putterman  
A Tribute to Carl Krotki  
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- Seventh Place Award  
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First Place Award  
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Second Place Award  
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Third Place Award  
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First Place Award  
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Second Place Award  
Melissa Whistleman  
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Third Place Award  
Jennifer Clary  
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Fourth Place Award  
Laurie Stewart  
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Maryland Geological Society

First Place Award  
Terry Cirrincione  
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Gem & Mineral Hunters

Second Place Award  
Terry Cirrincione  
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*Hound's Howl*  
Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

Third Place Award  
Terry Cirrincione  
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Fourth Place Award  
Rick Smith  
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Fifth Place Award  
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Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

### Eighth Place Award

Irene Bulterman

May Program Report

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New Jersey Paleontological Society

### Ninth Place Award

Mitchell Cohen

Mineral Books

*Bulletin of the New York*

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New York Mineralogical Club

### Tenth Place Award

Kim Mayer

The Gem Show

*The Coral Geode*

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

### Honorable Mention

Terry Cirrincione

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*The Dopstick*

Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society  
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Alex Kane

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Delaware Mineralogical Society

Chrissy Meier

Roland

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Delaware Mineralogical Society

Mitchell Cohen

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*Bulletin of the New York*

*Mineralogical Club*

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## A THANKSGIVING POEM

*sent by Shirley Leeson*

Twas the night of thanksgiving  
But I just couldn't sleep  
I tried counting backwards,  
I tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned -  
The dark meat and white  
But I fought the temptation  
With all of my might.

Tossil and turning with anticipation  
The thought of a snack became  
infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen,  
Flung open the door  
And gazed at the fridge,  
Full of goodies galore.  
Gobbled up the turkey and buttered  
potatoes,  
Pickles and carrots,  
Beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling so plump and  
so round,  
"Til all of a sudden, I rose off the  
ground.

I crashed through the ceiling,  
Floating into the sky  
With a mouthful of pudding  
And a handful of pie.

But I managed to yell as I soared  
Past the trees...  
Happy eating to all -  
Pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty,  
May your turkey be plump.  
May your potatoes in gravy  
Have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious  
May your pies take the prize.  
May your thanksgiving dinner  
Stay off of your thighs.



## HAIL CAESAR

*by Sir Barkley Bigfoot, Assistant Editor*

As you've undoubtedly noticed from my byline, I've been promoted. After hearing from my friend Beau how he helps herd cows when he's in Idaho and looking at all the things my friend June Zeitner has written, I decided to apply myself so I could get rid of that "in training" tag that I've worn for the past three years.



Hard work has paid off so well that I've even been allowed to "hire" an assistant! His name is Caesar and I found him at the doggy shelter where his owner had left him. Seems that the fellow lost his job and home and just couldn't take care of his companion any longer. Caesar is a black French Poodle who is a lot bigger than I am, but definitely not smarter.

Caesar has already shown me that he's good at shredding papers and emptying the trash, but I know that he will learn. I'm already working on him to learn to ignore "those people I live with" when they call, just like I do.

So Hail Caesar. Welcome to my house. Just don't try to sleep in my spot on the bed.

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## VISIT A SHOW

from George Everett

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### November

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

1 - 2: Rochester Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society and Mineral Section, Rochester Academy of Science. Monroe County Fairgrounds, 2685 Calkins Road, Henrietta, NY

1 - 2: 12th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Student Union II Building, George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA.

8 - 9: Annual Mineral, Fossil, Gem, and Jewelry Show, sponsored by the Smoky Mountain Mineral Society. Jefferson County Rescue Squad Building, 915 Industrial Park Rd, Dandridge, TN. Exit 417 off I-40, go south 0.8 mi. turn left, 2nd building on right.

8 - 9: 41st Annual Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Nassau Mineral Club, Inc. Clark Center, SUNY College at Old Westbury, Long Island, NY, North State Pkwy (35N), Route 107 North to the College.

15: First Annual Gem/Mineral/Fossil - Swap/Sell, sponsored by the Tidewater Gem and Mineral Society. 1296 Credle Road, Virginia Beach, VA (Rte. 615 [Oceana Blvd.]).

15-16: 37th Annual Gemstone and Mineral Show and Sale, sponsored by the Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center, 9067 Southern Blvd., State Road 98, West Palm Beach, FL.

21-23: The Carnegie Gem & Mineral Show, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA.

22 - 23: 28th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Worcester Mineral Club. National Guard Armory, 701 Lincoln St., Worcester, MA.

28-30: 24th Annual Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Show at the Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Mineral & Gem Society.

### February

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

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

### March

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

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

27-28: 14th Annual Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show, sponsored by the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club. Harmony Hall Regional Center, Fort Washington, MD

### 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: 36th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Buffalo Geological Society. Erie Co. Fairgrounds, Market & Grange Buildings, Hamburg, NY.

### 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).

**Please Note:  
We have a new show coordinator.  
See info above.**