

EFMLS NEWS

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETIES



REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1

Just a reminder that registration for the spring and fall EFMLS Wildacres Workshops opens January 1. Always popular with limited space in classes to ensure outstanding instruction, we encourage you to register early. A list of our spring classes can be found elsewhere in this issue along with a registration form.



Each session is divided into two parts (called semesters) with a day "off" in the middle to allow participants the chance to do some field collecting, museum visiting, or just exploring the Little Switzerland or Asheville area.

Students are pre-enrolled (based on their choice) in one class for the first semester and another class for the second. Students have opportunities in each to learn new skills and/or produce amazing projects.

Each session also features a "Speaker-in-Residence" who gives six talks related to the hobby and their specialty during the week. Spring will feature author Reneé Newman and fall, Elise Skalwald. Details about both are on our website (efmls-wildacres.org) (or will be there shortly). Both were also reviewed in the December EFMLS Newsletter.

Cost for each session is \$425 per person which includes room and board as well as semi-private rooms. In addition, there is a modest materials fee for the class or classes you are enrolled in and of course you get to take home the project or projects your complete.



Consider Wildacres for 2019. It's an experience you'll not soon forget.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by David Nock, EFMLS President



"Resolutions"

*If you don't read this message,
then how can we help you?*

It's that time of year again when many of us attempt to improve ourselves. Any time is a good time to take action to improve our clubs. Many clubs in our Federation are struggling to grow and some to just survive. Growth can be membership (adult & youth), show attendance, social media presence or whatever your needs may be. So what do those successful clubs do? Over the next few months, we will take a closer look at some of the success stories and even put out calls for help. That is *if anyone or any club is willing to share*. If so, please contact your Federation at efmlsinc@gmail.com.

Of course there's no one size fits all remedy. If there were, we'd all be content and I probably wouldn't be writing this. We understand there are issues and dynamics particular to each club. But please keep in mind, we are all a part of a much larger group. We are just one (of course we are the best) of 7 Federations in the American Federation. Collectively, we can learn from each other if we are willing. Last week a Florida member helped out a club in West by-God, Virginia.

If we all make a resolution to make our clubs better, our clubs will be better for it. I'm always surprised by those stories when success is attained by the power of positive thinking. Can't hurt, right? We are all in this together. Your Federation's purpose is to help and that's what we're here to do!

Wishing you the Happiest of New Years!

Always Sincerely,
David
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HELP SANTA CHOOSE WISELY THIS YEAR

by Betsy Oberheim, Juniors Chair



With all the toys promoted, and over promoted by commercials on TV, kids are bombarded with what they can have to play with! They must have what everyone else has, and of course it must be electronic.

What did you play with as a child? I know Nature was my favorite playmate...my brother was second!! But today it seems presents must be wrapped up, cost a lot, and be interactive. It's sad that very few kids would want a microscope, telescope, even a butterfly net. But if you gave them something that encourages interacting with the natural world, you are opening a whole new world to them.

Another wonderful gift is a trip to a museum, zoo or park. Give of yourself, your experience, your interests and it will be remembered much longer than a new electronic game.

Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the children in your world and give them a rock!!!

THE MONTH OF GIVING GIFTS

by Betsy Oberheim, EOTO Chair

December is such a busy month...some delight in planning and giving gifts for different holidays, others worry about what to buy, and is it the right thing! That can put a damper on gift-giving! Some can't afford to give the way they would like to, that too is sad.

What if you could give someone a wonderful present for free and with no shopping or trouble? Well you can (just not this month!). There are many deserving people who go out and share our wonderful hobby with other people. Maybe they teach at a school, church, scout group, or other organization receiving no financial remuneration for their time or effort.

They give of their knowledge and often give samples of their rocks and encourage others to take an interest in rockhounding, lapidary, fossils, collecting, etc.

And you can give them an honor; recognition, a plaque or certificate that tells everyone how great they are. But you must let us know what they do and why they deserve this honor before this can happen.

Please write a paragraph telling about him or her, or even them (a couple), by April 20, 2019. I know that sounds like a long time away, but it will be here sooner than you think!

EFMLS DUES FOR 2019

from Gary Bergtholdt, Treasurer

Each club should already have received their "call for dues" letters and forms for renewing EFMLS membership for the coming year. Dues remain at \$1.75 per voting member. Of that amount \$.50 is forwarded to the AFMS, thus making your club and members affiliates of the AFMS.

We've enclosed an information form elsewhere in this issue. **Please fill it out legibly** and forward it along with your dues check to me at the address shown on the form. A second copy of the form should be sent to Directory Editor Carolyn Weinberger. All club renewals must be received no later than March 1, but it would be most helpful to all, if you would submit your forms and checks by January 15. (It takes time to compile the Directory).

WILDACRES SPRING CLASSES – MAY 20 – 26, 2019 – SPEAKER-IN-RESIDENCE: RENÉE NEWMAN

Class & Instructor	Description
Cabochons – Basic Bernie Emery	Learn to transform a piece of rock into a shiny, well-formed cabochon. You will learn the use of the trim saw as well as basics of grinding, sanding and polishing. Slabs are provided or students September use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cabochons - Intermedi- ate Bernie Emery	Learn to cut different shapes and the techniques needed to do so. Slabs are provided or students may use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. Prerequisite: Students must have prior experience with cabling and use of the trim saw. 2-day class offered second semester.
Faceting Reivan Zeleznik	Students will learn to cut and polish a 57-facet round brilliant gemstone. In addition, they will learn how to identify well-cut stones, select rough material and see whether or not they enjoy this fascinating aspect of the hobby. Students are asked to bring an optivisor if they have one. Jeweler’s loupe needed and will be available from the instructor for purchase. No prior experience is necessary. 4-day class.
Fold Forming/ Cold Con- nections Micah Kirby	The class will introduce intro to fold forming and connecting base metals without heat (cold). We will cover how to use forming tools and hammers, wire, tubing, and rivets as fasteners. Hinging and tab setting also be covered. We will explore design concepts with texturing, using stamps, hammers and rolling mill. Forming and tab setting techniques will be implemented as well. Class will learn a to design an air chased cuff from copper tubing and a pair of matching earrings. Gain knowledge of texturing and forming the cuff. Class will produce a one cuff and 1 pair of earrings and finish with tumbling. 2-day class offered first semester.
Fold Forming / Cold Con- nections II Micah Kirby	Class will Learn to design and fabricate a pair of earrings and pendent. Combing multiple pieces and connecting with wire, tube or rivet. Using stamps, hammer or rolling mill to texture. The pendent will involve the same techniques also a tab set stone/ found object and finish with tumbling (pendent will tumble before setting). 2-day class offered second semester.
Geology Rob Robinson	A basic introduction to rocks and minerals and the study of the earth. The class will include a discussion and class activity about how geologists interpret rocks to tell geologic history related to their formation, deformation and sequence and timing of events. Weather permitting there will be a field trip to local rock exposures to illustrate local rock types, the deformation types, and how a geologist maps and interprets structures (limited walking is required.) Please bring a loupe or other magnification, hiking boots or sturdy shoes and outdoor clothes for the half-day field trips. Geologic hammer and safety glasses are also desirable. (Do not bring a nail hammer – they are unsafe to hit rocks.) 2-day class offered first semester. No experience needed.

2019 WILDACRES SPRING CLASSES - CONTINUED

Class & Instructor	Description
Geology II Rob Robinson	<p>An overview of plate tectonics, geologic history and the geology of the Blue Ridge region and its minerals. We will discuss the geologic environments hosting mineral and gem collecting sites. Come prepared to identify some of your collecting localities to be part of this exercise. Weather permitting there will be a field trip to the Blue Ridge Museum showing local rocks and geologic history and another to see local geology. (A one-mile walk over gentle trails is required for the geology trip.) Some knowledge of basic geology preferred. Please refer to Geology I for suggested tools, clothing and magnification. 2-day class offered second semester</p>
Introduction to Inlay Chuck Bruce	<p>Students will construct an inlay box pendant and student choice after. Students can bring basic silver tools, pocketknife or scribe, will have all tools needed. Students need to bring or purchase 2-3 slabs of rock that are similar hardness, Woods, Fossil Ivory and can be combined for inlay. Pattern stones do very well with plain colored stone. Expect waste rock. 2-day class offered first semester.</p>
Introduction to Inlay - II Chuck Bruce	<p>Student will finish fabrication of small trapper folding knife. Students can bring basic silver tools, pocketknife or scribe, but will have all tools needed. Students need to bring or purchase 2-3 slabs of rock that are similar hardness, woods, fossil ivory which can be combined for inlay. Pattern stones do very well with plain colored stone. Expect waste rock. 2-day class offered second semester.</p>
Silversmithing Richard Meszler	<p>Have fun learning the basics of working silver sheet and wire to fabricate jewelry. The projects will introduce you to annealing/bending/shaping/texturing metal, soldering, piercing and polishing. Students will receive a kit containing the necessary metals and supplies to complete these projects as well as a detailed written step by step description of each project. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.</p>
Silversmithing II Richard Meszler	<p>Continue your education working with metals by doing a more complex project. You will learn to make a bezel setting & bail into which you will set a cabochon to make a pendant. Students will receive a kit containing the necessary metals and supplies to complete this project as well as a detailed written step by step description of each project. Prerequisite: Basic silversmithing experience including soldering. 2-day class offered second semester</p>
Soapstone Carving Sandy Cline	<p>This class will provide a general introduction to the carving of soapstone. You will develop a working knowledge of the material, tools, safe handling issues and the methods used to complete a carving. You will produce a simple piece and progress to making a more advanced sculpture of your choice. The development of your own personal style will be encouraged. No prior experience needed. 2-day class offered both semesters</p>
Wirewrapping Jacolyn Campbell Session I - Basic Session II - Intermediate	<p>Using pliers, gold-filled or sterling silver wire, assorted beads or gemstones, and a few basic wirecraft techniques, learn how to create your own fashion rings, bracelets, pendants and earrings to add that perfect accent to your jewelry wardrobe or to give as gifts. All tools and materials will be provided.</p> <p>Session I: Designed for beginners, participants will make an adjustable ring, two bracelets, a pendant and two pairs of earrings. 2-day class offered first semester.</p> <p>Session II: Designed for those with some experience (or a brave beginner) participants will make a fitted ring, two pairs of earrings, a cabochon pendant and a bracelet. 2-day class offered second semester.</p>

2019 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

For Office Use Only

ID # _____
Date Rec'd" _____
Amt. Paid: _____
Ck #: _____
Amt. Paid: _____
Ck #: _____
Paid in Full: _____

CHECK ONE: May 20 - 26: _____ Fall: September 2 - 8: _____

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to SUZIE MILLIGAN, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320. **No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2019.** (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You September photocopy it as needed.) Please write legibly!

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 \$425.00 per person. Deposit is \$215 per person, payable with registration. Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of fee is due 30 days prior to start of session. No postdated checks will be accepted.

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 paying your tuition? Yes _____ No _____

Name of roommate: _____ (If none, one will be assigned).

Are you: Male _____ Female _____ (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes _____ No _____
(No smoking is allowed in any building)

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes _____ No _____
If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Class Pre-registration

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website (efmls-wildacres.org/) for class offerings.

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. All participants must take classes.

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? **Please indicate at least 3 choices** in order of preference for each semester. You will be preregistered for classes based on your choices, but no class placement is guaranteed. Should your preferred class be unavailable for any reason you will be preregistered for another of your choices. If no alternate class preference is indicated we will pre-register you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.

1st Semester or 4 day classe choices

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Second Semester

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2018)

Mail to: Suzie Milligan, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320

If you have any questions, please contact either

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Pamm Bryant, Director at <pjbryant6@juno.com> or 804-457-4698

2019 EFMLS Club Information Form

Please type or print clearly. Be sure to fill in all spaces!

Club Name: _____

Number of Members: Adults: _____ Juniors: _____ Total: _____

Are you paying for Juniors?: Yes: _____ No: _____

Months Offices are: Elected: _____ Installed: _____ Take Office: _____

Club Website: _____

Meeting Date: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Show and/or Swap Date: _____ Location: _____

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INFORMATION FOR THE EFMLS WEBSITE:

The EFMLS website will list the name, location and meeting time and information for your club as well as the date and location of your annual show or swap. We would like to list at least one contact person as well so that interested persons know who to contact for information about your club. Please indicate the name(s) of your contact people plus the info that you wish to have placed on the website for each. (i.e. Editor: Barkley Bigfoot, <milkbone at dogbreath.org>)

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Contact information for web: _____

Name: _____ Office held: _____

Contact information for web: _____

Do you need membership cards? Yes; _____ No _____ Are you paying for Juniors? Yes: _____ No: _____

If you are in need of Membership Cards please contact the EFMLS Supply Chair,

K.C. Foster, 114 Mayfair Lane, Boynton Beach, FL 33426; (561) 968-5287; <katrinkaper@yahoo.com>

Please verify your check is for the correct amount (\$1.75 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 Directory Editor. Checks should be made payable to "EFMLS".

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Signature of individual completing form: _____ Date: _____



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VISIT A SHOW

from Carolyn Weinberger

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March:

2 - 3: Annual Delaware Mineral Society Show hosted by the Delaware Mineral Society. NEW Location: Doubletree by Hilton (next to Concord Mall) 4727 Concord Pike (Route 202), Wilmington, DE 19803. INFO: <http://www.delminsociety.net/march-show/marchshow.htm>

23-24" 50th Annual Rock & Mineral Show presented by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Wysox Volunteer Fire Co, 111 Lake Rd., Wysox, PA. Info: Bob McGuire – 570-928-9238 or uvbob1942@gmail.com.

30-31: Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the **Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society**. LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA (PA Turnpike, exit 333 or I-476, exit 20). Info: www.phillyrocks.org

October

28-29: 55th Annual Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. Info: gemcuttersguild.com

November

2 - 3: Gemarama 2019 sponsored by the Tuscarora Lapidary Society. Hall D, Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, Oaks, PA. INFO: <https://www.lapidary.org/>

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2019