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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

EFMLS MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY RENEWAL

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, AGAIN. As chair of the EFMLS Directory Committee, I am begging, nay pleading for your utmost help in returning your club's membership form ASAP.

NOTICE: The Annual EFMLS Member Society Information Form has been updated. Two (2) forms are now required:

1. Membership Renewal
2. Society Information for Annual Directory

Member Societies are required to complete both forms. Please read below before getting your forms at <https://efmls.org/documents-and-forms>. (Continued on page 2)

IMPORTANT JANUARY EFMLS DEADLINES

2020 Membership and Directory Forms – IMPORTANT See Above

The Directory Form due **January 15** and the Membership Form due **March 1**. See article above and the forms for details of submission at www.EFMLS.org/documents-and-forms

Website Contest

Deadline is **January 8, 2020**. Guidelines and forms available at www.EFMLS.org/website-contest

Bulletin Editors Contest

Deadline is **January 10, 2020**. Guidelines and forms available at www.EFMLS.org/beac.

Each One Teach One Nomination

Deadline is **February 4, 2020**. See Each One Teach One on page 3

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1st REQUIREMENT: 2020 EFMLS Membership Renewal

Your check and completed Membership Renewal Form must be mailed to Gary Bergholdt, EFMLS Treasurer, 152 Ransone Street, Hampton, VA 23669.

From the Office of the Treasurer, Gary Bergholdt (gbergholdt at gmail.com) – The dues for 2020 remain at \$1.75 total per each individual society member. Of the \$1.75 total, \$0.75 goes to your membership in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) which entitles your Society and your members as affiliates of the AFMS. **The Membership Renewal Form is not complete without the required Society Information Form on the second page of the form.**

2nd REQUIREMENT: Society Information for Annual Directory

From the Office of the Annual Directory, Christine Colon (efmls.directory at gmail.com) – Your Society's Information Form is now required to be e-mailed to the Chair of the Annual Directory. You can now complete your Society's 2020 information in a fillable PDF, then save the form and e-mail it to me. We ask that you please e-mail the form by January 15, 2020. **IMPORTANT: Please do not print out your Directory information and mail it with your Membership Renewal. It will not be accepted and will be discarded.**

To download the complete Renewal and Information Form, go to <https://efmls.org/documents-and-forms>. Please ensure accuracy and completeness when filling in the forms. All 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.)

Compiling the annual EFMLS Directory has many moving parts and it takes a considerable effort and time to put it together. We need your help in this aspect of the process and the sooner you can return this information, the easier you will make my job! My hairdresser will thank you for not making her change the formula to cover up extra grey hair.

On behalf of the Treasurer, Directory Chair and the Eastern Federation, thank you for your assistance in completing the forms and sending the forms to the appropriate offices.

Christine Colon, Directory Chair (efmls.directory at gmail.com)

BUDGET INFORMATION REQUEST EFMLS MEETING

Yes, it is that time again. The First Vice President is preparing a budget for the 2020 EFMLS Annual Board of Directors' meeting. Your help is requested and will be appreciated with this endeavor. According to the By-laws and Operating Procedures, all officers and committee chairs are required to report their operating expenses for 2019 and their planned expenses for 2020 to the office of the First Vice President. Even if there are no expenses submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement, to prepare a proper budget and future expenses, expenses must be accounted for in the budget. Please contact Ellery Borow if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention, promptness and assistance in this matter.

Ellery Borow, First Vice President (rocknellery at fairpoint.net)

The February and March issues of EFMLS News will be containing details for the Convention, thus, the following are a reminder of the deadlines for these issues.

Deadline for February EFMLS News is no later than January 10, 2020.

Deadline for March EFMLS News is no later than February 5, 2020.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE's



Really? He's giving another pic of another bad haircut?

Did you know? We also started 2 more Field Trip Programs 4 months ago. See September issue for yourself...
efmls.org/newsletter

Connect with us on:



@ [LinkedIn.com/in/efmls](https://www.linkedin.com/in/efmls)

NOTICE: My future messages in upcoming editions of the EFMLS News will be limited. In the following months, you will be able to get these messages at: BreakingRockNews.org

Happy New Year

The purpose of Winter is to plan Field Trips!

**The Eastern Field Trip Alliance
EFTA**

...is underway!

In mid December, we held the 1st Q&A Session in a series of Teleconference Calls to give our Affiliate Societies Field Leaders the opportunity to learn and participate in the FT sharing program.

EFTA is a field trip sharing program where your Society can host a field trip every couple of years (depending on the number of Societies that participate) and in return, your Society gets to go on multiple trips throughout the year. Learn more at efmls.org/efta-field-trip-sharing-1 Stay tuned for your chance to participate in upcoming Q&A Sessions..

2020 Convention Update -----

WORKSHOPS ADDED.

Before the Annual Meeting:

- Field Trip Programs Overview (EFTA, EFAC & Inter-Federation trips
- State of the Federation Address

****There will be no Cracker Barrel Session before the Annual Meeting****

Saturday morning, after the Editor's Breakfast:

- Technology/Social Media Workshop

Always Sincerely,

David

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The Federation is proud to present our newest Program Chairperson, Andy Brodeur, who will be leading the

Eastern Field Access Council

Andy is a member & Field Trip Director of the CT Valley Mineral Club. Welcome Andy and thank you for making the Federation stronger. For more info on EFAC, see September EFMLS News
efmls.org/newsletter

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OTHER IMPORTANT EFMLS DATES

2020 Convention Registration Form

Deadline is **March 1, 2020**. Form available at www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention or see October 2019 *EFMLS News*.

2020 Convention Competitive and Non-competitive Exhibit Forms

Deadline is **March 1, 2020**. Guidelines and forms available at www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention or see October 2019 *EFMLS News*.

2020 Convention Delegate Registration Form

Deadline is **March 12, 2020**. Form available at www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention and December 2019 *EFMLS News*.

2020 Wildacres Registration

January 1, 2020 begins the registration for the 2020 Wildacres sessions. The registration form for both spring and fall sessions and a listing of the spring classes can be found at www.EFMLS.org/wildacres or see December 2019 *EFMLS News*. The fall session will be August 24-30. The class schedule for the fall session is not available, however, *EFMLS News* will publish it and it will be on www.EFMLS.org/wildacres as soon as it is finalized.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

Share Your Passion

When is a door not a door? When its ajar! When is a rock not a rock? When it's a passion! And a passion is easy to share! Our rock club meetings are a wonderful place to share our passion. We are to leave the church where we meet at 9:00 PM, but people just enjoy talking to each other about rocks, field trips, new finds, etc., that it is difficult to leave. There are always members with questions and wonderful teachers with answers. Which brings me to my point: Each one teaches one!!! Whether it is at a meeting or at someone else's meeting, a club, scouts, rock show, school, day care, or dozens of other organizations that enjoy learning and listening to the wonderful stories, demonstrations, etc. All our rock clubs should be growing as we share. You all have someone knowledgeable, a go-to to identify rocks, etc., in your club. Those people deserve recognition and Each One Teach One (EOTO) will do that if you let me know with a short paragraph. Thank you for acknowledging them, and I'll do the rest.

Betsy Oberheim, Chair EOTO (aoberheim2 at comcast.net)

Final Call for 2019 Each One Teach One Nomination

The deadline is approaching for the Each One Teach One Award for 2019! You hear me pleading all year for you to recommend a member of your club who "teaches!" No, it doesn't have to be a "certified" teacher. One winner is a "certified Santa." Not only does he look like Santa, he has the giving spirit of Santa. When he played Santa at a local mall, he would come in early for his job to walk around, talk to the kids and give them a polished rock, telling them about the club, rocks, etc. When he leads the field trips, he spends extra time with the kids and Newbies—even giving them his best specimens. THAT is teaching! He also has maned a table at our club's Rocks4kids to teach and share. Never miss a chance to see your friends share their interest and please tell me about it. They deserve the recognition. Just remember **February 4, 2020 is the deadline** for your nomination.

Send your nomination to *Betsy Oberheim, Chair EOTO (aoberheim2 at comcast.net)*.

COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The EFMLS has planned ahead and your club should, too. When they realized that the future of our clubs is in the hands of the youth, a committee called "Youth Activities" was formed (many years ago) and made a regular addition for the

newsletter. When I was asked to chair, I took it literally and researched activities for our pebblepups. Then I realized that the most important activity is to be the FUTURE of the rock clubs. Many of the original members are slowing down and not as willing and able to plunge in and accept new ideas and work for the betterment of the club. If we listen to the kids, they have so much to offer and can keep the club alive. Getting on Facebook was a big step in spreading the word about our club meetings and show. Advertising on Home School and Cyberschool posts has helped, too. So, listen to the “kids” (yes, some kids are in their 20’s to 50’s) and let their activities help push your club over the top. And I will try to help with ideas to keep the kids busy and increase your membership.

Youth Activity: I guess I’m a little old to qualify as a pebblepup, but I am as anxious as any pup for my latest issue of Diamond Dan’s Miniminer’s monthly! So many cool ideas and interesting facts. I guess we are never too old to learn and benefit from an intelligent man who talks to kids and adults and shares his knowledge. People have asked me where I get my ideas to do fun things with our pups, and I readily admit directly and indirectly it is Diamond Dan!!! I save all his newsletters and love his coloring books. Check online for more information and broaden your horizons!

Betsy Oberheim, Chair Junior Activities Committee (aoberheim2 at comcast.net)

CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

The Stars!!

Yes, this time of year, especially in the northern latitudes, the night sky exhibits exceptionally bright, clear, crisp stars in the long, dark skies. The stars mentioned in the title, however, are the ones right in our very own rock clubs. The stars in our clubs are those bright, shining points of brightness that illuminate the joys in our clubs. The stars do more, create more, teach more, offer more, share more, smile more, exhibit more, work more, organize more and, otherwise, are the bright lights in our clubs.

The night sky and our clubs are filled with stars. In 2020 we have a new opportunity to recognize those stars and share their accolades with other clubs via the *EFMLS News*. January 20 is the start of your opportunity to recognize those bright lights in our clubs, our shining stars.

No surprise – there are guidelines for sharing those stars in the *EFMLS News*:

The AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year (CROY) program was established to offer clubs the opportunity to select one of your best, most outstanding, most helpful, most creative, most... (well, whatever you choose as your criteria) member who exemplifies the best of our members each year – your shining stars. Any member may be selected as your CROY using whatever criteria you choose. You choose who best exemplifies the club’s best stars.

The rules: to participate in the CROY program, simply put together a brief (70 words or so) write up of whoever you choose for your honoree, send us the write up with their name and the club name. We will then place the information into a CROY article in the *EFMLS* and *AFMS* newsletters. If your CROY honoree selection is a dedicated couple, please mention both names. Also, we offer an additional category for junior member members as well. We ask that you only select one honoree (or couple) and one junior per year. You will have another opportunity in 2021.

Together we can honor our own – one of those so very dedicated shining stars in our clubs. Their dedication deserves to be a bright spot in our newsletters. Please share your shining stars with us by sending your CROY honoree to me. Thank you ahead of time for sharing news of your member’s good work with all of us.

All the best to you and yours in 2020 and to remember that special star.

Ellery Borow, Chair, Club Rockhound of the Year (rocknellery@fairpoint.net)

Last 2019 Rockhounds of the Year – Jim Smigel and Tony Pilla

On behalf of the Lapidary and Mineral Society of Central Connecticut, we would like to honor two of our longstanding members for the 2019 Club Rockhound of the Year – Jim Smigel and Tony Pilla. They help with many of our activities, especially our collecting sites. In addition to prepping our Societies Fonda Herkimer Claim, they have also hosted over ten (10) *EFMLS* Societies in the region to collect at the Hewitt Quarry in Connecticut. Tony and Jim gave countless hours and significant effort to arrange these visits. The Lapidary and Mineral Society of Central Connecticut hopes the *EFMLS*

will recognize Jim Smigel and Tony Pilla for our own Society but also their efforts in promoting the good will of field collecting among other member societies throughout the Eastern Federation.

Submitted by Mike Zagieski, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Central Connecticut Vice President

SAFETY MATTERS

The Season of Giving

Yes, it's the season of giving, but giving to whom? Everyone is more than aware of the spirit of giving woven into the fabric of the season. In this day and age we now have this thing called the internet that makes giving even easier. The question is, with the giving spirit all around us, giving to whom?

Internet scams are targeting almost everyone and everything -- including rock clubs. The latest scam comes from what reads as a reputable person, organization, or member of a rock club and directs the recipient to purchase gift cards of various sorts and asks they be sent to some address so that a needy cause can be supported by you or your club's generosity. It is difficult to be specific of the details because the scams are presented in many flavors, with numerous wordings. The theme, however, is the same: a scammer ends up with money and not a deserving cause or charity.

With the giving spirit all around us and our generosity in high gear, it is sometimes easy to become lost in the spirit and thus devote insufficient attention to the details of that giving. Truly, the scammers are adept at making the request appear to be sound and the giving most appreciated.

So with the season full of worthy charities, please be mindful of the diligent effort scammers use to part us from our hard earned funds. We want our giving to be given to the desired charity or cause, and not to line the pockets of those nefarious internet charmers.

Best wishes to you and yours in 2020. Remember that your safety matters, always.

Ellery Borow, Chair, EFMLS and AFMLS Safety Committees (rocknellery@fairpoint.net)

DID YOU KNOW...

-- stalagmites in caves can help in determining if and even when a region was struck by an earthquake? Some scientists surmise that stalagmite pairs were created when an earthquake(s) shifted the ground and altered the water drip flow. (smithsonianmag.com, September 12, 2016)

-- Betelgeuse, the bright star in the Orion constellation's shoulder, is abruptly changing its colors? A sign that it is about to, or has already, exploded into a supernova, however this is not an easy conclusion because the star is around 600 light years from earth and most astronomers believe this will not happen anytime in the near future. (CBS News, ABC News, CNN New, Smithsonianmag.com 12/29/2019)

-- *Rock and Gem Magazine* (www.rockngem.com) is the official magazine of the AFMS and its senior editor is none other than our spring Wildacres speaker, Bob Jones?

-- China is the leading country for producing mercury? Most of it comes from the mining of cinnabar which contains arsenic. The second leading country to produce mercury is Mexico, most of which is illegal coming from mines' water used to produce silver. A side benefit is that some silver remains in the water. (www.rockngem.com)

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-- special sensors are being used to detect volcanic eruptions before they erupt? 15 of the 150 most active volcanoes received gas sensors. Excessive heat and lungs getting singed by corrosive gases make placing the sensors risky. (www.smithsonianmag.com October 13, 2016)

-- the Smithsonian Global Volcanism Program has put together a visual record of the world's earthquakes and volcanoes? (www.smithsonianmag.com October 4, 2016)

-- a new type of Arctic dinosaur was discovered in Alaska—the duck-billed, crested lambeosaurine containing a large yellow hollow crest on its head? According to *Scientific Reports*, it was found along the Colville River in Alaska's North Slope known for its duck-billed dinosaur fossils. (www.smithsonianmag.com April 3, 2019)

LINKS TO EXPLORE

The following are links that contain information relating to the hobby. If you have a favorite go-to link for information, please send it to efmlsnews.editor@gmail.com and you may see it here.

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) – www.amfed.org

American Lands Access Association (ALAA) – www.amlands.org

American Geological Institute (AGI) – www.americangeosciences.org

Gemological Institute of America (GIA) – www.gia.edu

Mineralogical Society of America – www.minsocam.org

National Speleological Society – www.caves.org

Smithsonian Magazine Online version (daily) – www.smithsonianmag.com/smartnews

Society of American Silversmiths (the care of silver, glossary of silversmithing terms and tools) – www.silversmithing.com

US Geological Survey ((USGS) provides information on “current conditions and earth observations” – earthquakes, water, volcanoes, landslides, etc.) – www.usgs.gov

Web Sightings from 2019 (from Maryland Geological Society, “A wealth of articles and news reports...appears on the web every day. As a service to our membership and others interested in paleontology and geology, links to some of these articles and news report appearing in 2019 are gathered here...Links are arranged by publication date (latest to oldest)) – www.ecphora.net/mgs/new_interesting_articles.html

VISIT A SHOW OR SWAP

If you'd like to see your club show, swap or other public event listed here, please send your information to the editor by the first of the month preceding the event. For example, if your event is February 2, you may want to submit it on December 1 so that it appears in two issues of EFMLS News (January and February issues). In any event, the minimum amount of time needed is the first of the month preceding the event, i.e. if event is January 2, to have it listed, your information should be in by December 1 to be listed in the January issue. Send to EFMLSNews.editor@gmail.com.

January 11 – 2020 Philadelphia Mineralogical Society Swap and Sell, Cathedral Village Center, 600 E. Cathedral Road, Philadelphia, PA. Free admission. INFO: John Rateike at 215-476-0741 or jdrat at comcast.net.

February 22-23 – 27th Annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show and Sale sponsored by Capital District Mineral Club and the New York Academy of Mineralogy. New York State Museum, 4th floor, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 10:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. INFO: <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/programs/minerals>.

March 7-8 – 57th Annual Earth Science and Mineral Show sponsored by Delaware Mineralogical Society. Double Tree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pike (Route 202), Wilmington, DE. INFO: Gene Hartstein, geneatfossilnut.com.

March 21-22 – Buffalo Geological Society's 52nd Gem-Mineral-Fossil Show. The Fairgrounds in Hamburg, Market, Grange & State Police Buildings, Hamburg, NY. INFO: Jerolde Bastedo, jcbastedo@gmail.com.

March 21-22 – 56th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Building 6, 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sunday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. INFO: www.glmsmc.com.

March 27-30 – Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Hickory, NC INFO: www.efmls.org/annual-convention.

March 28-29 – 51st Annual Gem, & Mineral Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Wysox Volunteer Fire Co. Social Hall, 22 Lake Road, Wysox, PA Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. INFO: www.chehannarocks.com.

March 28-29 – Western Mass. Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club of Springfield, MA. Hadley Farms Meeting House at the Hampton Village Barn Shops, 41 Russell St. (Rt.9), Hadley, MA. INFO: www.WesternMassMineralShow.com.

March 28-29 – 2020 Philadelphia Mineral Treasures & Fossil Fair sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. INFO: www.phillyrocks.org.

May 2 – North Shore Rock and Mineral club 57th Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show. Saturday, May 2 (9:00 AM--5:00 PM), Sunday, May 3 (1:00 AM—4:00 PM), Topsfield Fairgrounds, Coolidge Hall, Route 1, Topsfield, MA (GPS: 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA. Free Parking. Admission \$6.00, seniors \$4.00, children under 12 free. INFO: www.northshorerock.org or nsmc@verizon.net.

GETTING OUT OF THE COLD, GOING TO FLORIDA?

Visit a Show in Florida

If you are going to be in Florida, why not visit a show while there. The list is from the Florida Panhandle Gem and Mineral Society's *The Agatizer* November 2019.

February 1-2 – 2020 Central Brevard Gem Society, Merritt Island, FL. INFO: www.centralbrevardgems.org

March 6-8 – 2020 SFMS Rockhound Round-Up Spirit of Suwannee Music Park, Live Oak, FL. INFO: www.amfed.org/sfms

March 14-15 – 2020 Tampa Bay Fossil Club, Tampa, FL. INFO: www.tampabayfossilclub.com

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