



# EFMLS NEWS

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

## THE KICK-OFF

*by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Committee Chair*

January 1 marks the opening bell for registering for one or both of our upcoming EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres. Each week long session is held in Little Switzerland, NC thanks to the auspices of Wildacres Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to the betterment of human relations.



Let me share some of the wonderful things about our EFMLS Workshops. Nestled on its own private mountaintop, the Wildacres Retreat is located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway about an hour north of Asheville, NC. The buildings are modern, yet blend in well with the rustic scenery of the mountains. Bedrooms feature private baths, comfortable beds and generally accommodate two people. Meals are served family style in a lovely dining hall and the food is ample and good. A well stocked salad bar is available for most lunch and dinner meals and a variety of special diets can be accommodated by the kitchen staff with advance notice.

Wildacres is quiet! There are no radios or TV's and while there is internet service, it's limited and totally unavailable should there be heavy cloud cover or storms (satellite does that!). There are wide porches and a large patio complete with rocking chairs as well as a canteen (open in the evenings) for snacks, playing cards, ping-pong, or just talking.

Each of our workshops features a guest speaker and a variety of classes for participants to take. Our week is divided into two parts (semesters) of 2 days each with an activity day between the halves. Activity day affords all a chance to leave campus and participate in a field trip, explore the region, visit Asheville with its fabulous Biltmore Mansion and unique craft shops, or whatever else you wish to do. There is also a tailgate session that afternoon for you to swap or sell items you have made or brought. One evening is devoted to an auction of donated hobby related items while another to "show and tell" so everyone can see the projects completed during the week. Wildacres is always a relaxing, fun and educational week.

Our spring session will feature **Bob Jones** as Speaker-in-Residence. Always a popular speaker, Bob will regale us with tales of his adventures in rockhounding around the world. Dates for this week are Monday, May 22 - Sunday, May 28.

Fall will feature Dr. Timothy Morgan as Speaker-in-Residence. Tim's specialty is gemstones and we're sure you'll drool over the tales and images he

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shares during his talks. Dates for fall are September 4 - 10.

Tuition for each week is \$410 per person and includes room and board. Your only extra expenses will be for materials fees paid to the teacher plus items you may purchase at the auction or tailgate.

Take a look at page 7 for a listing of spring classes and page 8 for a registration form. Register early so you won't be disappointed.

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

*by Dave Korzendorfer, President*

### How is the Health of Your Club?

About 10 years ago, Bob Livingston wrote a 3-part series in the EFMLS Newsletter about assessing the health of your club. In his article, he wrote about the life cycle of a club from inception, the growth years, a period of sustainable healthy activity, and an eventual decline. The end of the life cycle is the death of a club when it may ultimately dissolve, but Bob wrote about how to recognize when your club is in decline and offered some suggestions for avoiding death and dissolution. His articles were well-thought out, and provided some useful observations and suggestions for growing and sustaining a healthy club that are as pertinent today as they were when first printed. Bob was kind enough to re-send them to me so that I could summarize his thoughts again in this Newsletter.



So what are some of the clues to look for to see if your club has a problem? Bob wrote about a number of obvious ones such as the trend of your club membership, is the average age of your club membership like that of Rip VanWinkle, do you meet in a public location, and do you have a newsletter, bulletin or some other means of communication to inform members of club activities? Another sign of health is your club treasury. Is it large enough to support the ongoing needs of the club as well as some growth ideas? My understanding is that having about one year of your annual club revenue is considered a safe level to support ongoing club activities, and amounts above that can be used to support new activities to build growth. One of the ideas Bob put forward as an indicator of a healthy club was having a "rallying point" activity that club members supported as a common way to keep members involved in the club. Many clubs would consider their show to be that "rallying" activity, but it could also be a picnic, swap, kids' day, annual trip or something else. The important aspect is that is an activity supported by a majority of your club members. Lastly, Bob wrote about the importance of youth for a sustained healthy club. By youth many of us think of the kids that are future enthusiasts, but it is also those members who bring energy and new ideas to your club regardless of their age. It is vital to grow your core group of members who are volunteers and who make things happen. One of things Bob did not write about, but is critical, is how broad the core group of volunteers is in your club. Relying too much on one or two individuals to assume responsibility for getting things done is a recipe for ultimate decline.

There are many things that a club can do to breathe new life into a club, and Bob's third part of the series had many ideas to consider. One of his ideas, which is available to all clubs, is to take full advantage of the help that is available from the federation. Each club of EFMLS has a Regional VP available to work with clubs one-on-one to bring ideas to a club that have proven successful with other clubs. In fact, one of the ideas from a recent teleconference call for all Regional VPs was to put together a list of those ideas that have proven successful to help other clubs grow. We'll include that list in an upcoming EFMLS Newsletter.

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## EFMLS CITATION AWARD

by Betsy Oberheim

The 2016 EFMLS Citation Award was not presented during the convention in Rochester due to an oversight on my part. I apologize for my error!

Our 2016 honoree has been very active in his local club and in the EFMLS for many years. He's served as president and editor of his club for many, many years and in a variety of EFMLS offices including president in 2008. Since then he's served on the Eastern Bylaws Committee, as Safety Chair and the local coordinator for the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year program.

His investment of time in writing articles for his club and for the Eastern Federation is well recognized with reprints of his safety messages appearing in club publications across the U.S. His most recent work for EFMLS was chairing a review committee of our Bylaws.

This gentleman is without a doubt devoted to our hobby and Federation! We're honored to recognize Ellery Borow as our 2016 EFMLS Citation Award recipient.



## RENEWAL TIME

by Jean Charsky, Treasurer

It's once again time to renew your membership in the EFMLS. Forms and a "call" for dues were mailed out to all clubs in early December, but for your convenience, a copy of the form is included in this issue on page 9. Since your dues are calculated on your membership as of December 31, 2016, we'd appreciate having your renewal information and check mailed to us by January 15th. Doing so would save the Federation time and money!

Our dues remain at \$1.75 per member of which 50¢ is forwarded to the AFMS. Checks should be payable to "EFMLS" and mailed to me at the address shown on the information form. A 2nd copy of the form should be mailed to Carolyn Weinberger for use in the 2017 EFMLS Directory.

## THE EASTERN FOUNDATION FUND

by Michael Kessler



The Eastern Foundation Fund would like to recognize the generous donation by the Island Rockhounds this November in the memory of 2 lost members recently. Tom Gangi and John Anderson contributed so much to the Island Rockhounds, and were held in high esteem. Their loss will be felt. The Rockhounds acknowledged these two members for their willingness to share knowledge. Their wish is for this donation to benefit young Earth Scientists of the future in the names of these two gentlemen.

The Eastern Foundation Fund is a fine way to acknowledge those who have passed away. We are accepting donations at this time. Make your checks out to **The Eastern Foundation Fund**, and mail it to Michael Kessler, 4 Longfellow Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

We wish you joyous holidays and a happy New Year.

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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ter and I encourage you to share it with your club membership (when people see a problem and a possible solution they may become a more active member). Each club has their own unique needs and situation, and club size is an important determinant of what can be done to promote growth. Even if your club doesn't seem to have problems, I encourage all of you to contact your Regional VP and talk to that person about any club issues (or successes) and learn if, and how, another club may have successfully dealt with that issue. If you are unsure about which Region your club belongs to, or who your Regional VP is, the information can be found in the EFMLS Directory which is mailed to each club President. All contact information for the club officers can be found on the website ([www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)) and following the link to the Eastern Federation.

That's enough from me before the holidays. If you want to share your club success stories or issues you are dealing with, please let me know. The Federation is for us, and we can all make it better.

Dave

# INTERNET SAFETY FOR LAPIDARY (MINERAL AND FOSSIL) CLUB MEMBERS

by Mark Nelson from CFMS Newsletter, December 2016

As we approach the holiday season and the new year we will see a lot of advertising on the radio, television and Internet – seeking to get our attention and our cash for our gift purchases. Internet sales have increased an average of 15% per year over the last 3 years, and it is likely that we will make some of our purchases over the Internet this year. Unfortunately, this is also a time when Internet thieves seek to get our attention and our bank and credit card information! Here are five simple rules to safely operate our computers and internet-connected devices.

## 1. Never give strangers access to our computer!

An elderly client of my wife called her to help him get back on his computer after having repairs done. She helped him with all of his Internet and financial affairs and was unaware that anyone had called a computer service company. The client's operating system was Microsoft Windows 7 and he said that Microsoft had contacted him via email and notified him that his computer required an update. They gave him a toll-free phone number to call and said that they could fix it from their offices without his needing to bring his computer - he would just give them access to his computer. After the "Microsoft" tech was done, the computer password had been changed and the client no longer had access to his own property. Further, the credit cards he had used for on-line purchases were being used for unauthorized purchases around the world! Remember that Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication they have with you must be initiated by you.

## 2. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know!

Another scheme going around is for the thieves to use a sender name, such as Susan Dayton, to send us a Word document, or photo, as an attachment. We may not know the name of the sender, or it might be something vaguely familiar. The reference section of the email is vague, and we may not remember why they would be sending us a document file. But what you might not know is that viruses can sneak in through the Microsoft Word files that receive via email. Your own documents could be an open door for viruses to wreak havoc on your computer. Computer viruses are like small software programs. Typically, they are downloaded inadvertently, buried within a file. When you open the file, the virus activates. The virus could damage your system, steal your identity information, infect files that you send out or even send itself to everyone in your email address book.

## 3. Never use a thumb drive that you get for free at a convention or store!

The latest craze in computer storage, the thumb-sized USB drive, is so convenient and small that it's become a fashionable accessory. The drives come on key fobs and in such novelty designs as Lego bricks or sushi. They're given out at conventions and trade shows on lanyards complete with promotional materials you can download later. USB storage devices have gotten so popular that cyber criminals are starting to write viruses and worms that specifically target them. If someone plugs an infected USB drive into their home computer they could inadvertently upload the bug and potentially cripple the machine. If they connect to their office network the worm can upload and replicate itself.

## 4. Never conduct private business on a public WI-FI system!

We occasionally connect to an open Wi-Fi hotspot in coffee shops, libraries, airports, hotels, universities, and other public places - they are convenient, but often they're not secure. Such Wi-Fi networks are generally unencrypted – you can tell because you don't have to enter a password when connecting. Your unencrypted network traffic is then clearly visible to everyone in range. People who have certain computer tools can see what unencrypted web pages you're visiting, what you're typing into unencrypted web forms, and even see which encrypted web sites you're connected to – so if you're connected to your bank's website, they'd know it. They can pick up everything that you type, although they may not know what you were doing, and study it later. To protect your information when using wireless hotspots, send information only to sites that are fully encrypted, and avoid using mobile apps that require personal or financial information.

## 5. Never post vacation plans on Facebook or Twitter

There may be no better way to say "Rob me, please" than posting something along the lines of: "Count-down to Maui! Two days and Ritz Carlton, here we come!" on Twitter. But it's hard to think of one. Are you only sending the information to Facebook "Friends"? Do you personally know all 600+ friends (and their friends) enough to trust them not to steal from you? There are many reasons to stay off Facebook while on vacation, returning to find your house robbed is a good one. Robbers are searching Facebook and Twitter for people away from their homes on vacation. For examples, put "facebook robbery vacation" in your Internet search engine! Post the photos on Facebook when you return, if you like. But don't invite criminals in by telling them specifically when you'll be gone.

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### 6. Protect your computer devices

Make sure that your computer has a good anti-virus protection software installed – and that it is current. A few well-known anti-virus programs are those by Norton Security by Symantec, McAfee® AntiVirus and Trend Micro™ Maximum Security.

Sources for this article include:

Frank Abagnale, AARP Fraud Watch Network Ambassador  
[www.microsoft.com/en-us/safety/online-privacy/avoid-phone-scams](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/safety/online-privacy/avoid-phone-scams)

Brett Scudder, owner at The IT Security Suite Network, a New York City computer security consultant.

“Your Security Resource” - Norton Anti-Virus Software, by Symantec

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission’s Consumer Information web site.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/media/6-things-you-should-never-share-on-facebook/3/>

<http://www.northeastern.edu/>

## OBTAINING INFO ON THE 2017 AFMS-CFMS SHOW & CONVENTION

*By Jim Brace-Thompson, 2017 Show Publicity Chair*

Members of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society are honored to invite rockhounds from across America to our hometown of Ventura, California to participate in the 2017 National AFMS-CFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11. At the 2016 California Federation Fall Directors Meeting, we performed a “Surfin’ USA” skit to kick off show promotions, and we distributed packets filled with info about the Show and about Ventura—how to get here, hotels and RV parks, basic show info, and things to do and see beyond the Show while on the southern California coast.

Rockhounds in all seven regional federations can get this info and more! To get the Advance Registration Form, competitive and noncompetitive Exhibitor Application Forms, and everything else that was included in the packet, please direct your members to our Show Website: <[2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com](http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com)>. You and your members can also contact VGMS directly at (805) 312-VGMS (8467)

## EACH ONE TEACH ONE

*by Betsy Oberheim, Eoto Chair*

The Each One Teach One Award for 2015 went to David Mills. A wonderful example of what makes our clubs grow and be so popular. I would like to quote a few of the comments that were said about Dave; In 2015 he literally had hundreds of hours involved in developing and teaching crafts and presenting mineral programs to the various clubs he belongs to {Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, Wayne County Club of Newark, NY, Che-Hanna of Sayre, PA, and St Lawrence rock & Mineral Club of Canton, NY} His innovative and creative crafts are responsible for creating interest in rocks and minerals for so many children and adults! At the picnics for these clubs; Dave sets up electric rock cutting saws connected to his generator and he provides small geodes free and teaches the folks how to orient and cut them open. Kids, especially, are ecstatic to see what is inside! Dave sets a fine example in the hours he spends teaching folks what a wonderful hobby we enjoy. His ways and beginning knowledge excite many folks to the point whereby they sign up to become members of that respective club.



A thank you to Bob Livingston for nominating Davis and letting us know there are wonderful people out there who are doing so much for our clubs. Don't you have someone in your club like Dave who is deserving of this honor? Please drop me a note in the next few months to let me know who you feel should be considered for the 2016 EOTO Award.

or at <[info@vgms.org](mailto:info@vgms.org)>. We invite and encourage newsletter editors of each and every AFMS-affiliated club and society to help us spread the word with a brief article directing your club's members to the website and inviting their participation. The National Show comes but once every seven years to California. Here's an opportunity to compete at the national level with an exhibit, to meet fellow rockhounds from all across the USA, and—in general—to have fun in the California sun! See you in June!

# EDITOR'S CORNER

by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair

## Bulletin Editors Contest

The committee is looking forward to receiving your entries by **January 10**—send them in!

Do you know how your club would react if one of your submissions to the BEAC Bulletin Editors Contest won a trophy? Second Place? Third Place? Even an honorable mention? After presenting many awards to entrants, I can tell you entrants are proud, happy, feel recognized, and may be even willing to do another submission. This is great by itself, but a possible side effect is when someone receives these awards and the club is made aware of this, members are also proud and happy to recognize a job well done. Perhaps it would also encourage others in your club to submit an article for your newsletter.

If you have not already submitted your entries for the 2017 **Bulletin Editors Contest (2016 bulletins)**, there is still time to do so. The **deadline is January 10, 2017**. The same rules and regulations apply for the 2017 contest that applied for the 2016 contest. If you have any questions or difficulty downloading the BEAC information, please let me know (mbateman1@verizon.net or 973-993-3192).

Also, a reminder that NO entries will be accepted by e-mail. Three copies of ALL entries must be mailed in hard copy format and accompanied by an electronic copy. Send all entries to me at 52 Harrison Street, Morristown, NJ.

While it is probably too late for your 2016 entries, a reminder of a few items to keep in mind for your 2017 newsletters that could mean mega point deductions:

- Copyrighted material not cited as such. Not only is this a huge point deduction, but it is against the law. This also includes material that is in quotes. If it is quoted, what is the source of that quote—it should be cited as to the who, what, when, where. Remember that material from the internet that is copied, is equivalent to copyrighted material. An entry that is completely copied from a source (book, internet, etc.) is in copyright violation if not cited.

- Was permission given to copy the material? If so where did that permission come from (author, publication, etc.)

- Photographs need to be noted as to who took the picture. If it is from a published or internet source, be sure to give it the proper citation. While generally a judge will not take off for photos where persons in the picture are not identified, it is a good idea to do so. Five years (sooner or later) someone is going to wonder who that person in the photo is.

- Graphics and charts are also often overlooked for citation. Where did this information come from?

Besides the above three, please, please, please check spelling and grammar. Running a spell check is a step in the right direction, however, it cannot detect the difference between some words such as where, wear, ware and were. Grammar check is also a good first step, but you still need to read through for grammar errors such as capitalization, tense, etc. Many an almost-trophy winner lost the trophy spot because of a point being deducted for spelling or grammar. Don't let that happen to you.

Because they earned a trophy in 2015 or 2016, the following bulletins and authors are ineligible for the coming year:

Bulletins:

The Mineral Mite, Chippers Chatter,  
Gem & Mineral Journal, Crack ' Cab

Authors:

Al Pribula, Vivien Gornitz, Scott Braley, Gary Lohman,  
Hutch Brown, Diana Jarrett, Bob Farrar, Jake Slagle

Drawn Features:

Barbara Hadley, Eric Brosius

Junior Drawings:

Gage Schatz

Junior Articles:

David Shore, Isabella Brandon

Poetry:

Betsy Oberheim, Lyle Peterson

From all of us at the Bulletin Editor's Advisory Committee, a happy and healthy 2017.



# WILDACRES SPRING CLASSES – MAY 22 – 28, 2017 – SPEAKER-IN-RESIDENCE: BOB JONES

Class & Instructor	Description
Beading: New Beads Mia Schulman	You will be creating pendants and earrings using beads that have from 2 to 4 holes each! They will be square, triangular, and rectangular in shape in combination with regular one-holed beads. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Beading: Peyote Bracelet Mia Schulman	Pendants will be created using Delicata beads and the Peyote stitch (also called Gourd stitch). This is an off-loom bead-weaving technique using a fine needle and beading thread. People who look at your pendant usually want to feel it because it is so intriguing. 2- day class offered second semester. No prior experience necessary.
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 - Intermediate Bernie Emery	Learn to cut different shapes and the techniques needed to do so. Slabs are provided or students September use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. Prerequisite: Students must have prior experience with cabbing and use of the trim saw. 2-day class offered second semester.
Faceting Larry Heath	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 (#7 or #9) and an apron. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Introduction to Gemology Tim Morgan	What is the ideal color of ruby? Where do diamonds come from? What country is a leading producer of gems? What is gemology? How are gems formed? How are they classified? Answers to these questions, and more, offered in this class. Session includes discussion of organic gems and their appeal to the public. Lots of hands on-rough, specimens, finished stones-as examples. No Prerequisite. 2-day class offered 1st semester.
Intermediate Gemology Tim Morgan	How does one examine and evaluate a gemstone? How does a loupe aid such evaluation? A dichroscope? An emerald (Chelsea) filter? Course considers these questions and issues such as Mohs scale of hardness, inorganic gemstones, how gems are sold, what to look for when shopping for gemstones, and the care and feeding of your gems. Lots of hands on-rough, specimens, finished stones-as examples. Prerequisite- Introduction to Gemology. 2-day class offered 2nd semester.
Gem Trees - Basic Ellie Pitts	Students will learn the basics to create at least two gem trees with optional instructions and supplies available for more trees and patterns, as time permits. Students will learn to cut, twist, and assemble wire branches according to a pattern. Please bring either reading glasses or an optivisor. Tools will be available in class, but it would be helpful to bring your own jewelry pliers. Students may bring their own base rocks (Base rocks should be from 1-1/2" to 5" wide; small bases must have enough weight to hold a mini tree upright.) . No prior experience needed, but students must be able to work with small objects, twist wire, and handle the smell of adhesive glue. 2-day class offered 1st semester.
Gem Trees - Intermediate Ellie Pitts	Students with prior experience will create two gem trees in class from more complicated patterns, as well as recognize how their technique changes how the tree will look. Bring reading glasses or an optivisor. Tools will be available to share, but it would be helpful to bring your own pliers and cutters . If you bring your own wire, I recommend Artistic Wire 24ga, since generic craft wires can break when twisted tightly. You may bring your own base rocks (1 1/2" to 5"), Two day class, second semester. Prerequisite: Gem Tree 1 or prior experience with twisting wire and working with gem tree patterns. Advanced students may enroll during Gem Trees I or II and work independently with supplies and suggestions available. 2-day class offered 2nd semester.
Mineral Identification Mike Wise	Students will learn the basic skills needed to identify a wide variety of rock-forming and "exotic" minerals. This class will focus on "non-destructive" and "semi-destructive" tests that the beginner can use to aid in mineral identification. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Silversmithing - Basic Richard Meszler	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 1st semester. No prior experience necessary
Silversmithing - Intermediate Richard Meszler	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 2nd semester.
Soapstone Carving Sandy Cline	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.

# 2017 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

## For Office Use Only

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Ck #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amt. Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Paid in Full: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE: May 22 - 28: \_\_\_\_\_ Fall: September 4 - 10: \_\_\_\_\_

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, 2017.** (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 \$410.00 per person. Deposit is \$205 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.

Do you have a skill to demonstrate or a program to share (up to 40 minutes)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Pre-registration

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website ( [efmls-wildacres.org/](http://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 preregister 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, 2017)**

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

**If you have any questions, please contact either**

Suzie Milligan, Registrar at <[smilligan@stny.rr.com](mailto:smilligan@stny.rr.com)> or 607-687-5108 or

Pamm Bryant, Director at <[pjbryant@juno.com](mailto:pjbryant@juno.com)> or 804-457-4698



# 2017 EFMLS Club Information Form

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

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## VISIT A SHOW

*from Matt Charsky*

### March:

4 – 5: 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Science Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Delaware Mineralogical Society. NEW LOCATION: University of Delaware, Wilmington Campus, 2800 Penn Ave (Rt. 52), Wilmington, DE. Contact: Gene Hartstein <[gene@fossilnut.com](mailto:gene@fossilnut.com)>

11: 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Micromount Symposium sponsored by the Leidy Micromount Society. Northminster Presbyterian Church, 140 Trenton Rd; Fairless Hills, PA. Contact: Don McAlarnen <[don.mcalarnen@hpe.com](mailto:don.mcalarnen@hpe.com)> or 610-584-1364.

18-19: 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual GLMS/MC Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery Co. MD. Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St; Gaithersburg, MD. Contact: Doug Baum <[dbaum18@aol.com](mailto:dbaum18@aol.com)>, 240-888-7485 or <[glmsmc.com](http://glmsmc.com)>

24-26: Annual Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Show sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club. Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Dr SE; Hickory, NC 28602. Info: Dean Russell 828-303-1448 or <[cvgmcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:cvgmcsecretary@aol.com)>.

25-26: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock & Mineral Club Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. NEW LOCATION: Wysox Volunteer Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 Lake Rd., Wysox, PA. Contact: Bob McGuire at 570-928-9238 or <[uvbob@epix.net](mailto:uvbob@epix.net)>

25-26: CVMC 2017 Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Hadley Farms Meeting House, Rt. 9, 41 Russell St; Hadley, MA. Contact: Lee Champigny, 413-320-9741 or <[pullg4fun@gmail.com](mailto:pullg4fun@gmail.com)> or <[westernmass-mineralshow.com](http://westernmass-mineralshow.com)>

### May:

13: Annual Earth Science Show & Sale sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks Co. PA. Christ United Methodist Church, 501 Wistar Rd; Fairless Hills, PA. Contact: Brian Schwab at 215-788-3993 or Eric Brosius at <[ebrosiusrock@aol.com](mailto:ebrosiusrock@aol.com)>

### June:

3 - 4: 43rd Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society of Birmingham, AL. at the Tannehill Ironworks State Park 12632 Confederate Parkway Mc Calla, AL. 35111 Contact: Cathy Kellogg <[tannehillgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:tannehillgemshow@gmail.com)>

### October:

**21-22: 45th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and 67th Eastern Federation Convention. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave., Bristol, Connecticut.  
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