

EFMLS NEWS

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



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

The Convention will be here before we know it and a lot of deadlines are coming sooner than some would like. With the end of the year fast approaching, the holidays in the middle of it all, insurance and membership forms deadlines, contest materials to be submitted, etc.; it is all too easy to forget a deadline or something important that needs to be done or submitted. Below are a few of the important deadlines for your club that are coming up:

- November 15** Insurance forms and premiums due to the Treasurer, Gary Bergholdt. See page 2 for contact information. The form can be downloaded from efmls.org.
- January 8 Webmaster contest entries due. Contact Alison Pacut at pacutgarnet@gmail.com or 1-854-902-8562 for more information. Also, see October 2019 *EFMLS News*.
- January 10 Bulletin Editors contest entries due. Contact, Mary Bateman at mbateman1@verizon.net or go to efmls.org for copies of the guidelines and forms.
- March 1 Convention Registration Forms due to Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club. See October 2019 *EFMLS News* or go to the *EFMLS* website at efmls.org
Deadline for both Competitive Exhibit and Non-competitive Exhibit forms. For forms go to efmls.org or the October 2019 *EFMLS News* pages 7-8, or for questions contact either Barbara Sky (see page 3, Uniform Rules Committee) or George Max (2020 13th Street, E, Hickory, NC 28601).
- March 12** **Deadline for convention Delegate Registration forms to be received by the Secretary, Beverly Eisenacher. For the form, see attachment to this newsletter or go to www.efmls.org.**

In addition to the above, Membership Renewal Forms and dues will be due after January 1. More information as to deadlines, forms, etc. will be announced in the *EFMLS News* in the near future.

YOUR HELP AND INPUT IS NEEDED – COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The annual process of appointing committee positions is ongoing and individuals will take office upon their selection. As they are appointed, the positions will be announced in the *EFMLS News* on the Committee and Chairpersons list. If you are interested in volunteering for an office, chair and/or a committee, please let us know. Send us an e-mail at the Federation's Communications address, efmlsinc@gmail.com. See pages 10-11 for a listing of committees.

David Noch, President

Communication and Involvement Are the Keys To Our Success!

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President's Message

by David Nock, President

WANT TO GET VOLUNTEERS? Well, be like a Gemstoner!

I stumbled upon this Mineral Society over the summer and discovered that they came up with a novel idea of how to get their members to help. The following is from their Membership Application.

"As a Member you will be expected to participate and support our activities. There are many opportunities that require help in order to keep your organization functioning smoothly. Field Trips, Promotions, various committees, Officers, our Annual Rock & Gem Show. Volunteering is a fun way to get to know other Members and get the most out of your Membership. By signing you are agreeing to our Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Rules."

Upon inquiry to this organization, I learned that they do not have the common that so many Societies do of getting help from their members, simply because they included this as an expectation of membership. Could it really be as simple as that? What if your organization were to try this? What would your organization have to lose?

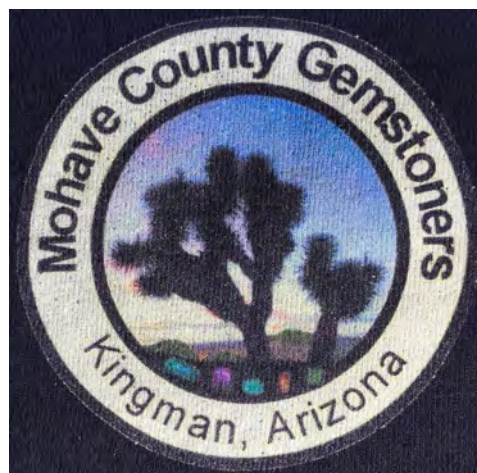
On a related note, the 2020 Federation Business Year begins on November 1st, 2019. We are currently looking for individuals who have been dreaming (yeah, I know, quite a stretch, right?) of becoming involved in the Federation. If you or someone you know would like to help all of us by helping other Mineral Societies, please drop me a line...

COMING IN DECEMBER:

Humble Gratitude &
2020 Vision

Always Sincerely,
David

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Picture me wearing this shirt.

And yes, I did buy one!

CORRECTION from the 2019 Oct newsletter- At the 2020 Convention, a **Field Trip Forum** will take place of the Cracker Barrel Roundtable session Fri 3/27/20 at 4:pm. **Sat 3/28 at 10:am**, the Technology & facebook workshop is scheduled after the Editor's B-fast.

COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH – UNIFORM RULES COMMITTEE

I have lived Uniform Rules for so long that it was a shock to learn that some people in the EFMLS did not know what the committee does!!!!

The Uniform Rules is the committee which oversees competitive exhibiting. The committee gets its name from its purpose. Long ago (50 years?) each Federation had its own rules so a competitive exhibitor might get a score of 95 in one federation and 82 in a different one. It was decided that rules should be “uniform” for competitive exhibits so that an exhibitor could expect to get similar scores in different locations. This does not mean that a competitive exhibitor would necessarily get the exact same scores since judges sometimes see things differently, but probably scores within 1-3 points of a previous judging.

The EFMLS committee is a sub committee of the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee which meets annually at the AFMS convention to make corrections to existing rules (if needed) and approve newly proposed sections to the rules. The AFMS committee is made up of the seven rules chairmen of the seven federations plus one additional member from the federation currently hosting the annual meeting and one member each of the next two host federations. The eleventh (or tie breaking) member is the credentials chairman who keeps the records of who won when in what category.

The EFMLS committee is also responsible for overseeing non-competitive exhibits at the convention. Forms for the EFMLS 2020 Convention for both competitive and non-competitive exhibits can be found at www.efmls.org or in the October 2019 *EFMLS News* pages 8-9. If you have any questions about the Uniform Rules Committee, don't hesitate to contact me.

By Barbara Sky, Chairman (bskysky@aol.com)

[NOTE: Barbara has been an exhibitor for many, many years and was originally appointed Uniform Rules Committee chair in 2009. At the convention you will find her and her team faithfully judging the competitive showcases.]

AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

What is the Endowment Fund? Why should you support it?

The interest from the monies generated is used for AFMS special projects, such as junior badges, judges training and the digitizing of slide programs.

At the Annual AFMS Convention this year, being hosted by the Southeast Federation, the potential winners will be drawn. The number of winners depends on the number of donations received from individuals and clubs. Please consider donating a rock, mineral or fossil with a minimum value of \$75.00 with a maximum of five (5) pounds.

You can also purchase tickets -- \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. You can reach me for tickets by e-mailing me at ldhuff314@embarqmail.com.

By Larry Huffman, EFMLS Representative

ANNUAL EFMLS AUCTION

This past year, 2019, the EFMLS had, once again, another successful auction. The reason why is quite simple – great donations and supporting participants. This year, we held the auction at the Museum Village during the Orange County Mineral Society, Inc. annual show.

In 2020, the auction will be held at the Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Show held at the Hickory Convention Center at 2:00 pm, Saturday, March 28. Be prepared to purchase some wonderful items and help support the EFMLS.

If you are interested in donating rock related items to the auction, please e-mail me at ciervo.neary@gmail.com. Once you contact me, I will be able to make the arrangements to receive the items. So, what are rock related items? Rocks; minerals; fossils; lapidary items; books related to geology, earth science and lapidary; as well as, jewelry, beads and findings.

The auction is a live auction. Pending the number of items donated, the auction generally is approximately an hour. Imagine—an hour of fun and possibly the new owner of one of the great donations we usually receive!

Please don't disappoint – donate and plan on attending the Annual Convention!

By Cheryl Neary, Auction Chair

AFMS ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR (A ROY)

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Yes, time is growing short in which to act. There are but weeks before the end of your opportunity to select and honor your 2019 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year (ACROY). In the remaining time it is not too late to select and honor one of your members as your 2019 ACROY honoree.

The ACROY program was established to offer organizations the opportunity to select one of their best, most outstanding, most creative, most, well ... whatever you choose as your criteria, member who exemplifies the best of your members each year. Any member may be selected as your ACROY using whatever criteria you choose. For examples. Over the years, clubs have selected their best new member greeter, their best program speakers, their best treasurer, their best all round volunteer. You select who best exemplifies the club's goals.

The ACROY program encourages clubs to honor their best members. What we do, once we have your honoree's name, club name and a brief 70 word or so write up of their deeds, we take the information and place a write up of the information into the pages of the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters.

We on the ACROY Committee like to encourage a club's honoring of their most dedicated, volunteering, high spirited as your club's rockhound of the year. Part of the joy in making the selection each year is that your club has the opportunity to honor another deserving member next year as well. To honor your deserving honoree simply send us the necessary information and we will do the rest.

But wait, there is more, more of those ever-present rules that is. The rules:

To participate in the ACROY program simply gather a modicum of information to put together a brief (70 word or so) write up of whoever you choose for your honoree, and send us the write up, their name and their club affiliation. Then we will place

the information into a ACROY article in the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters. If your ACROY honoree selection is a dedicated couple, please mention both names. Also, we offer an additional category for junior members as well. We ask that you only select one honoree (or couple) and one junior per year.

Together we can honor our own -- one of those so very dedicated people in our clubs. Their dedication deserves to be in the spotlight. Thank you for sharing news of your member's good work with us all. Please leave no stone unturned in selecting your honoree. Thanks.

The below is the November's EFMLS ACROY submissions for the Club Rockhound of the Year Program for both the AFMS and EFMLS. We have quite a list. As usual, the honoree accolades deserve page after page to describe their accomplishments.

By Ellery Borow, Chair, rocknellery@fairpoint.net

Honorees are:

Anna Markevitch - Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club
Addie King - Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club (Junior Member)
Tom Pankratz - Delaware Mineralogical Society
James E. Rumrill - Morris Museum Mineralogical Society
Judy Cook - Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse

Anna Markevitch - Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club

Anna joined the club in 2018 and has become one of our hard-working club members. She exhibited her fossils at our local shows and helped with every job needing to be done. For the 2019 show Anna spent many hours on Friday preparing cabochon blanks for people coming to the show. In her first use of dop wax she learned quickly and did at least 300. She presented fossil talks to several libraries, the Science Olympiad team, and brought her fossils to health care facilities for residents to enjoy, learn about and touch fossils. Anna was elected club secretary in a time where it is hard for clubs to attract and keep new members, we are very grateful to have Anna as a club member and wish to honor her with The Rockhound of the Year Award.

Inga Wells, President

Addie King - Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club (Junior Member)

We would like to nominate Addie King as Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club's Club Junior Rockhound of the Year 2019. Addie has been a Junior Rockhound member for many years. She is 14 now and volunteered to take charge of the club's mini-mine at this year's show. She saw a post on Facebook that the club was in need of some youngsters or anyone to help at the mini-mine because most of the Junior Rockhounds were busy with a Science Olympiad event or at their school and Girl Scout cookie sales. She volunteered to work the whole weekend and even made her older brother run the ore cart up the tracks. The club's mini-mine is a big attraction at our show. An ore cart comes up the tracks and dumps a load of un-popped popcorn, minerals, tumbled stones, fossils, shark's teeth, plastic dinosaurs and other goodies into a screen, the popcorn is returned through the screen and the kids can pick up their treasures. When asked by a reporter why she volunteered to do this all weekend, she replied. "I have been attending the show all of my life and have enjoyed it, especially the mini-mine. It makes kids and everyone happy. I love seeing all of the kids enjoy it as much as I did." Abby has volunteered at our previous shows. She has blossomed into a young lady that wants to take on more responsibilities, give back to the club and make sure kids will enjoy coming to our show. She gave up her weekend of going on a fun field trip to work at the show. That is why we nominate her as our Club Junior Rockhound of 2019.

Inga Wells, President

Tom Pankratz - Delaware Mineralogical Society

The Delaware Mineralogical Society is honored to have Tom Pankratz as a member who constantly gives of his time and energy to making the DMS a huge success in the Diamond State. Tom is our VP of Field Trips and works with other area clubs

in setting up great field trips. He is our "Go to" person. Tom processes donations, cleans specimens, fixes equipment, slabs, rocks, gets minerals/fossils ready for sale at our show's Junior Booth, conducts our online silent auction, sets up fluorescent exhibits for DMS, and always answers our junior member's mineral questions. He is a joy to work with and always has a smile. Every organization needs a person like him and this is the first time DMS has ever nominated someone for this honor.

Teddi Silver, President

James E. Rumrill - Morris Museum Mineralogical Society (MMMS)

The Morris Museum Mineralogical Society (MMMS) nominates James E. Rumrill for 2019 AFMS Club Rockhound of the year. Jim is a 29-year member who is a prolific writer, photographer, and contributor of articles (460 to date) to the Rockhound Register, the Society's newsletter. Jim reviews shows, speaker presentations, field trips he has attended and earth science topics. Jim has served the MMMS as President for eight (8) years and Vice President for seven (7) years. He volunteers at the MM's annual Rock and Mineral Weekend and contributes generously to the Society's annual Tricky Tray raiser.

Kathy Francis, President

Judy Cook - Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse

The Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse is pleased to recognize Judy Cook as our 2019 Rockhound of the Year. Judy has been our dedicated Facebook editor for a number of years. She photographs and posts Society events regularly. Concerned about our new show location Judy posted new pictures and tidbits about the show every day for several months preceding the show. This played a big part in our having the largest show attendance in the history of our Society. Facebook posting engagements were up 846% over the month of June. We have over 2,255 regular followers as of July. Thank you, Judy, for helping make our show a success, and for all you do behind the scenes throughout the year to make our organization all that it is!

Cheryl Brown, President

AFMS ACCREDITED JUDGES TRAINING

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS) is planning on sponsoring AFMS accredited display case judging classes in conjunction with their NFMS meeting in Ogden, Utah in April 2020. They have invited to attend the classes prospective students from other federations. As more details are known, updates will be forthcoming. Below is an excerpt from a news release from Beth Heesacker, NFMS First Vice President:

The Federations Need You!

We currently have a need for AFMS-certified Judges to evaluate and critique the competitive display cases at our annual shows. This is an important function that enables us to continue support for our members, and to improve their skills as exhibitors. It also seems that most of the other regional Federations desperately need more certified judges.

Plans are in the works to hold AFMS-certified training classes in conjunction with the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society Show and NFMS meetings next year in Ogden, Utah. The training takes four (4) days and would start before the Ogden show and continue throughout the show. The tentative dates are April 9-12, 2020.

..... There will be a fee for attending the classes to cover the cost of the instructors, plus the attendee's travel, room and board. These costs are not finalized yet. We need to get some idea of how many people are interestedIf you are interested in being trained for this vital position.....please email Beth Heesacker, NFMS 1st VP at heesacker@coho.net and let me know. If you have questions, please email also. As details come together, I will keep you posted and forward the registration form to you. Thank you so much for considering serving in this very important capacity.

IRONIC TWIST TO MY SEARCH FOR MAGIC PUZZLE PIECE TO BOOST ATTENDANCE AT OUR CLUB SHOWS

In my EFMLS News article last December, I had high hopes somebody in some Eastern club would fill us in on how they uniquely used social media like Facebook to a great "show draw" advantage. This is my promised report of findings. I had just two email replies -- one from somebody who was really wanting mention (exposure) for his rockhounding business and the other from a West Virginia club member who found Facebook did help with show attendance. No breakthrough details. But alas --.

Ironically, round robin, a new trial by our home Syracuse club proved to work very well and helped us set a sizable new record for attendance at our 63-year old show. The conclusion is a little clouded in that we also returned this same year to the show location we had for 30 years until 2012. So, we are saying each produced half the numbers boost.

Sticking strictly to Facebook here is what a dedicated, promotion-minded lady, Judy, from our club did: Rather than hit-or-miss intervals between, she began three (3) months prior to the show **daily** postings of things a mineral, fossil or jewelry / lapidary person might like to see. In the past, we were use to 300 to occasionally 700 views from a posting. In short order, we noted that the number of views soared like a rocket. We had one posting get over 3000 views. A half dozen over 1000 and a couple dozen make the 500 to 999 list.

The bottom line we learned from this is the importance of posting interesting hobby-related news, photos, videos, short articles with **regularity** that viewers can look forward to. We concluded they gain an expectation that they will find something interesting to them on our Facebook page. Our likes, comments, people telling other people, etc. were up well over 500% in the week prior to our mid-July show. And our number of regular followers is up quite a bit as well. So, posting regularity is vital it seems.

I suggest that your club find a person who can post news-worthy stuff with great regularity. Try it, and there is a decent chance it will help you get more people coming through your show door and/ or meeting door. If so, like us, you should like this new, tweaked way.

Bob Livingston, Past President of EFMLS

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: If your club has found a way to improve its show, membership, meeting attendance, field trips, whatever, why not share that information with other clubs? Just send an article to the EFMLS News and, pending space in the next issue, we will publish it for others to see in either that issue or a forthcoming one. Send to efmlsnews.editor@gmail.com or contact the editor for more information at 973-993-3192.

OLD MINERAL CLEANING TIPS FROM THE 60'S

I found these in an old "How to Clean Minerals" booklet published by West Essex Mineral Club dated 1968. I have checked and all the products listed are still available.

Crystals (Non-water Soluble)

Use a solution of "Dip-it," a coffee pot cleaner. Cover the mineral with the solution, then heat it and allow to cool. Scrub the crystals and rinse in clear water.

"Polydent," a dental cleaner, can also be used. Add one teaspoon of the Polydent to each cup of water.

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Our club Banquet, which was scheduled for October 16th, the very next night after he died, unexpectedly became a powerful expression of appreciation, respect and a joyful sharing of moving memories of the man no longer with us: who he was for each of us and what he did over the years that so enriched our club. Mitch was a club member for 25 years, bulletin editor for 20 and president for approximately 15. During this time, he built a thriving club. At the same time, he organized the club's archives for the benefit of future generations. He also took great pleasure in designing the club's note cards and posters. His graphic artistry was superb. It was a skill he freely shared. In truth, he made himself available to anyone and everyone. He was a very warm, kind-hearted and gifted man.

Beyond the realm of the NYMC, stones, minerals and artifacts, Mitch was also extremely well versed in music, movies, stamp collecting, the Yankees and his college major, Art History. Mitch was one of a select few who were tasked with deciding which graphic art posters were hung in the NYC subway trains and elevators. Yet, personally, he preferred to ride his bicycle when he needed to get around town (despite the fact that his bike was stolen numerous times). One learned early on not to call Mitch at 7 PM. It was time for Jeopardy, during which he proceeded to answer every question (mostly correctly, too!) It is hard to appreciate how wide a net was cast by this one man. He will be sorely missed. Everything about him, from his special hand-crafted gifts of appreciation for our speakers, mineral locality games, all the way to his sing-along songs played before our club lectures, made him special to us. His generosity made him special to many, many others.

Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him has lost a dear friend. The New York Mineralogical Club was genuinely blessed to have called him one of our own. He left us too soon. May he rest in peace.

Diane Beckman, Treasurer, the New York Mineralogical Club

NOTE: Donations in memory of Mitch are asked to go to mindat.org, a 501(c)(3) organization.

SOPHIE RODNEY PYLE HOMSEY – Sophie Rodney Pyle Homsey of the Delaware Mineralogical Society died on June 24, 2019. Sophie was one of the first people to collect Cretaceous fossils on the C&D Canal and was the first librarian of the newly created Delaware Museum of Natural History (DMNH).

She was also a talented artist and illustrator, and drawings of the C&D fossil collecting areas were put into various publications on the site. Her personal fossil collection was extensive and has been donated to the DMNH.

She was honored to have a fossil named after her, because of her contributions to fossil collecting - a Cretaceous barnacle, *Cretiscalpellum homseyi*. In October 2019, an exhibit on her life began at the DMNH. She was an extraordinary member of the Delaware Mineral Society.

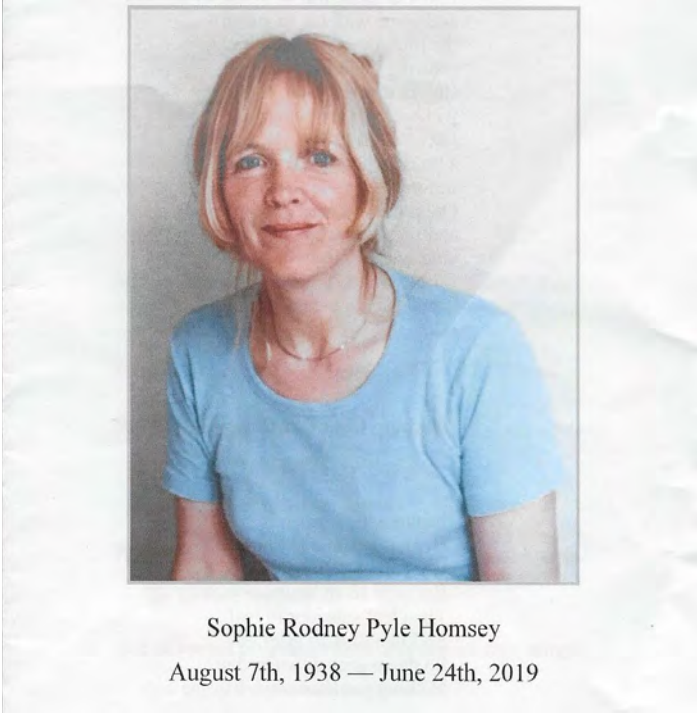
Teddi Silver, President, Delaware Mineralogical Society

Sophie Homsey *continued on next page)*



MITCHELL PORTNOY --
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On the evening of October 15, 2019, Mitchell Portnoy, the President of the New York Mineralogical Club, passed away peacefully after battling an aggressive and rapidly spreading form of cancer.



OLD MINERAL CLEANING TIPS FROM THE 60'S (Cont'd from page 7)

To clean fragile crystals, or those hard to reach recesses in some mineral specimens, use "Crew," a product of Johnson Wax Company. Just spray it on so the foam covers all the area. Let it set for a few minutes and then rinse with water. Works on fluorite and calcite and other non-water soluble crystals.

A detergent bath does not always remove all saw oil. Use "Fuller's Earth," place a slab or specimen in it—it absorbs all oil.

ACID TO CLEAN QUARTZ

"Oxalic acid" mix with warm water, then immerse the specimen and allow to stand overnight, then rinse in clear water after removing the solution.

"Tartaric acid: in crystal form, mix in warm water then immerse in solution overnight. Then rinse in clear water After removing from solution. Tartaric is stronger than Oxalic acid but milder than Hydrochloric acid.

Crystals (Non-water Soluble)

Use a solution of "Dip-it," a coffee pot cleaner. Cover the mineral with the solution, then heat it and allow to cool. Scrub the crystals and rinse in clear water.

REMEMBER – No chemical injury is due to "accident" or "bad luck," it is caused by carelessness!!!

By Larry Huffman from August 2019 Tar Heel Rockhound

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(1) Also EFMLS Representative to American Federation (AFMS) committee.

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.

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November 2-3, 2019 - Oaks, PA - Annual show; Tuscarora Lapidary Society; Greater Philadelphia EXPO Center, 100 Station Avenue, Hall D; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$6, two-day ticket \$9, children under 12 \$1, free admission for scouts in uniform when accompanied by scoutmaster ; 50th anniversary show: Gemarama 2019 - All That Glitters, featuring 27 vendors, demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, and activities for children; contact Linda Green, Tuscarora Lapidary Society, 24 Upland Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015, (610) 490-5252; Email: Information@lapidary.org; Website: www.lapidary.org

November 2-3, 2019 - Stamford, CT - The Stamford Mineralogical Society 31st Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show and Sale is Saturday, Nov. 2nd 9:30a -5p and Sunday, Nov 3rd, 10a to 4:30p at the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center, 90 Harding Road, Old Greenwich, CT 06870 Free Parking, short walk from Old Greenwich RR station on the New Haven line. Hourly Door Prizes - Grand Door Prizes - Mini-Mine for Kids. Donation \$6.00 - Under 12 Free with Adult; Scouts in uniform free Visit StamfordMineralSociety.org for more info and \$1 discount coupon with maps. 24 retail dealers and 1 wholesaler -please have your CT sales tax number

November 2-3, 2019 – Mountainside, NJ – New Jersey Mineralogical Society Inc., from 12 noon to 5:00 pm both days, rain or shine at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ. Additional information can be found at <http://njmin.org>.

November 23-24, 2019 Fairfax, VA - 28th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show Sponsored by The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Inc. Show site: Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030 Club website: www.novamineralclub.org Hours: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4, Admission: Adults \$6, Seniors \$4, Teens (13-17) \$3, Children 12 and under FREE, scouts in uniform FREE. Featuring: Over 20 Dealers with Gems, Minerals & Fossils. Also, Demonstrations, Exhibits, Door Prizes, Kid's Activities & Mini-mines. Silent Auction on Sunday. Use parking lot A at Nottoway River Lane on campus. Contact Tom Taaffe (703)- 281-3767; e-mail: rockcllctr@gmail.com. GMU Map: <http://www.gmu.edu/resources/welcome/FairfaxMap2017.pdf>

VISIT A SHOW OR SWAP (Cont'd from page 11)

November 23-24 – Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches Show, West Palm Beach, FL. INFO: www.gemandmineralsociety.org

December 14-15 – Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild Semi-annual Show and Sale. 10:00 AM—5:00 PM daily. Evelyn Greer Park, 8200 SW 124 Street, Pinecrest, FL. Admission \$6.00, children under 12 free. INFO: www.miamigemandmineral.com or Sandy Mielke, VP, at www.miamigemandminderal.com

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March 7-8 – 57th Annual Earth Science and Mineral Show 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 27-30 – Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Hickory, NC.

May 22 – 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.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 31, 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Attached under 69th EFMLS Annual Meeting Minutes is a copy of the May 31, 2019 minutes.

SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

See last page!

COMING IN DECEMBER

The December 2019 issue of EFMLS News will include club and delegate forms for the convention. These forms will be due March 12 to Beverly Eisenacher, Secretary. Details will be included. Also, included in the December issue will be information, classes and registration forms for the Spring Wildacres session.


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Society Spotlight

Thames Valley Rockhounds, Inc.
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Our objective is to pursue knowledge of minerals, fossils, and lapidary arts. Assist in the collection and identification of specimens while keeping high national hobby standards.

Meetings: 7:00pm on the first Monday of April, May, June, Sept.*, Oct., Nov. in the Bill Library in Ledyard, CT.



Bob Reynolds with local FFA leader

A long, long time ago, far, far away in Southeastern Connecticut, a new rock and mineral society was formed. It was 1966 and the beginning of the Thames Valley Rockhounds.

The early years were the prosperous ones, lots of digs, great meetings and a club only show. For the show, specimens were sold by members and educational displays set-up. The real highlight was homemade pies made by the ladies. The club show gained new members but with its ending, membership fell.

Then our first commercial show came along. Show number one wasn't great but we were off the ground, and it was a big learning experience. After we were established our shows improved

and became successful, membership grew. But, members decided not to continue the show and another fall in membership occurred.

To build membership the solution was to get our name out to the public. In Groton, Pfizer R&D started an educational program called SAMJAM (Science and Math Jamboree) and it was here where TVR hitched a ride. All local middle schools from Southeastern, CT were invited to Pfizer to see 6 of 60 science experiments. Being an employee at the time I heard that we were short a few displays and Bob and Sue Reynolds came to the rescue with their meteorite display. From that beginning along with some TVR members we began teaching geology and doing as many as 50 presentations a year at schools, fairs, libraries, senior centers and other events. One presentation was at Fishers Island, NY, nice ferry ride. Minerals



and fossils were also on our list of presentations. Library displays became our biggest source of new members. While we were targeting the youth, adults also showed interest. Most of our presentations are in the central part of Connecticut, we support all clubs as well as TVR by passing out show fliers and information on all clubs.

Since we started with our displays and presentations we've had an increase in membership. Some former members have come back including one who was a TVR member when he was 8 years old. Our outlook now looks positive and hopefully will become a large prosperous club again. And we're not giving up!



Al Peret, Bob & Sue Reynolds were the 2018 recipients of the Each One Teach One Award (EOTO)

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