

EFMLS NEWS

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THE 2018 "HOW GREAT IS YOUR WEBSITE" CONTEST!

by David Nock, Acting Web Site Contest Chair

Yes, yes, I know the name of this contest is supposed to be "EFMLS Web Site Competition". But, wouldn't you agree that this name sounds a little more (I don't know) inspiring?

Any Club website rather than no website is great! What is actually great and commendable is those of you who (you know who are, but the rest of the Federation may not) hold offices of your Club in one position and then also take on the role of Webmaster. You all deserve an award in of itself.

My interest in running this year's contest as the "Acting" Web Site Contest Chair is that; first, it really is important, second, there's a lot of great work being done by you all that needs to be recognized, and third, the world of online exposure is changing even as you read this and this competition will evolve into something broader because web sites can't stand alone anymore. We are living in the social media world.

I have seen all of your websites and I have a good idea which club web sites are the most impressive. The idea if this contest is to have others evaluate your work and offer suggestions to you on how to improve what you already have. However, here's the deal... the committee can't award your club web site unless a nomination is submitted.

To submit your Club's web Site, nomination, go here to review and download the form. <http://amfed.org/web/2018Contest.htm>

Review the forms and fill out the entry. Nominations must be received by 12:01 am on 11/15/18. Please email efmlsinc@gmail.com for any questions. It's all done via e-mail so entering is quite simple.

"Great" luck!
(Oh, and let's show up the other Federations)

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Gobble till ya



WOBBLE!
Happy Thanksgiving!

JUST A REMINDER...

by Mary Bateman

Due to the early AFMS Convention, all entries for the 2018 Bulletin Editors' Contest are due by October 1, 2018.

For your convenience, a copy of the updated 2018 forms are included with this e-mail.

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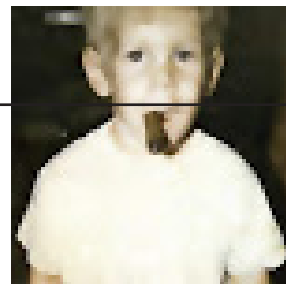
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by David Nock, EFMLS President



PLEASE DON'T READ THIS MESSAGE

...until November 1st. At that point, barring any unforeseen events, I will officially be your President. But if you just can't wait until then, please read on.

First, I would like to give a HUGE thanks to President, Barbara Ringhiser for all her work this past year. Thank you Barbara for steadying the ship and a personal thank you for keeping me on task. As you recall from her last President's Message, Barbara has been keeping a group of our Federation officers on task to update our Operating Procedures and By-Laws. A monumental task and a much needed endeavor. A big thanks also goes out the committee!

Starting in December and through the rest of my term, a theme (or *food for thought*) will be presented for each of my President's Messages. To start off, December's theme will be COMMUNICATION. If anyone has any thoughts, ideas, suggestions and rants (yes, rants), please feel free to email your Federation at efmlsinc@gmail.com

There's too much for me to cover here in my opening salvo. So for now, I give you this... My vision is that I will give my best to give all of you a closer, responsive, supportive and ultimately, a greater Federation. I hope you will help me on our journey.

Always sincerely,
David

UPDATE YOUR CLUB INFO PLEASE....

from Carolyn Weinberger

Now that we are sending our EFMLS News out to each club via e-mail it becomes more important than ever to have your correct club officers.

What we need is the name, mailing address and e-mail for each of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Editor, Club Liaison, and Webmaster.

We want to be certain that each club receives the monthly newsletter as well as any important messages that need to be transmitted to you.

Please, as soon as you hold your club elections for 2019, take a moment and e-mail me the info. My e-mail is in the column at the left,

WELCOME TO ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK!

by Mark Kucera



Lying in the geologic province of the Hudson Highlands, east of the Schunnemunk Mountain, is the town of Monroe, Orange County, New York. The Orange County Mineral Society is the proud host of the 2019 EFMLS Convention in conjunction with our annual show in Monroe. Come and experience a different type of venue for this year's convention.

Our show is an outdoor show, held at Museum Village in Monroe. Museum Village is a historical museum, with a real Mastodon skeleton! The show is held rain or shine with a multitude of vendors.

Reservations have been made at our host hotel, which is the fairly new Comfort Inn & Suites in Goshen, just a few miles to the northwest of the show. Goshen lies in the Great Valley geologic province. The group rate is \$129.00 per night for 2-Queen standard room or \$139.00 for a King bedroom suite (limited number) honored from 5/29/19 – 6/4/19; allowing you time to explore the area either on your own or through our planned field trip. Please call 845-291-1282 and ask for the group rate under Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies.

The Comfort Suite offers a wonderful complimentary hot breakfast; with other amenities including free WiFi and an outdoor pool. Additionally, the hotel is located near:

Woodbury Common Premium Outlets
Bear Mountain State Park
Bethel Woods Center for the Arts (the original Woodstock Music Festival)
Sterling Forest
Sterling Hill Mine
Brotherhood Winery

The annual meeting on Friday night, May 31, 2019 will be held in the meeting room downstairs at the Comfort Suites. The Meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Previous to the meeting from 6:30 pm -6:50 pm will be the sign-in and you will receive your Wel-

come Packet. Welcome packets will be available earlier for our guests who check -in earlier.

Saturday night, June 1 we will be treated to a great dinner event at Limoncello in Goshen, located a short distance from the hotel. This will also be the host for the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters on Sunday morning.

We are currently planning a field trip to the Sterling Hill Mine (part of the Franklin, New Jersey Mining District) for Monday June 3rd.

If you are planning on exhibiting a showcase, please contact Cheryl Neary @ ciervo.neary@gmail.com

we will be posting the registration packet listing the rates and times of all the events to the EFMLS Web Site shortly.

We hope to see you at our Annual show! We are happy to host the convention and know you will enjoy the convention and our beautiful geologic and geographic and historic surroundings!



Preliminary Schedule:

Friday, May 31 - EFMLS Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 1 - gem and mineral show
EFMLS Annual Auction
Awards Banquet
Sunday, June 2 - Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters
Monday June 3 - Field trip to Sterling Hill Mine

SAFETY MATTERS – WHERE IS SAFETY?

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair

Where is safety? A short story if I may. Of the 6 or so folks who read these Safety Matters articles, one of those readers related a story of a recent safety matter she experienced. While digging a hole in her back yard to plant a plant, she encountered a large rock. Being a rock person, she gathered her rock cracking hammer and chisel and proceeded to reduce the size of the rock using her tools. She related what I might call a "thought bubble" over her head which read "Shouldn't I be wearing my safety glasses?"



That one reader thought of safety glasses while breaking a rock to plant a plant is what I would call, a success. Safety is a full time responsibility.

Where is safety? Safety matters relate to planting a plant, breaking a rock, driving to a field trip, and grinding a stone. Safety matters do not end when one leaves the quarry, or the office or drives back in the garage.

Where is safety? Safety matters are everywhere.

In the many and varied areas of our rock hobby, safety matters are everywhere - at our club meetings; our shows; our workshops; our collecting trips; our talking about the hobby in school, church, or civic groups; our rock trimming and identification activities. Safety matters abound in all aspects of our hobby. Some safety matters are well documented and clear. Some safety matters hide in the dark and are unique to a situation. Being safe means being mindful of rules, guidelines, obvious and less obvious hazards, and, perhaps most of all, being prepared and well aware of the potential danger in every situation.

Being safe is not complicated. We pretty much know what we need to do to be safe so it mostly a matter of doing that which we know is the right thing to do to remain safe.

Please, be safe in and with all you do. Your safety matters.

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A JOY TO BEHOLD

by Ellery Borow, EFMLS ACROY Chair

A joy to behold is a smile. Throughout our hobby are smiles. Smiles at club meetings, shows, field trips and just about everywhere rockhounds are present,abound.



Smiles are particularly noticeable when folks help others, members teach others, people support those new to the hobby, and when great finds are found. Of those smiles., they most often appear when people are serving other people.

Here in the AFMS Club Rockbound of the Year Program we like to serve up more smiles by offering clubs an opportunity to publicly recognize those deserving members who most serve the people in the hobby. Who is your club member who most often gives specimens to newcomers, who puts on the best programs, who guides the best field trips , who writes the best articles for the club newsletter, who creates the most smiles in your club? We would like you to name the person in your club who you want to be your Club Rockhound of the Year.

If you gather a modicum of information to put together a brief write-up of whoever you choose as your best at whatever you choose, and send us the write up, their name and their club affiliation. Then we will place the information into an ACROY article in the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters. Space for such articles is limited so we request your write-up be no more than 100 words. If your ACROY honoree selection is a couple, please mention both names. Also, we offer a category for junior members as well.

We like creating smiles and what better way to create smiles than to recognize folks for the good work they do, no matter how they serve our clubs.

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VISIT A SHOW

from Carolyn Weinberger

If you are an EFMLS member club and would like to have your show or swap listed here, send information to Carolyn Weinberger, EFMLS Editor at PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302 or e-mail at <cscrystals2@gmail.com>.

October:

19-21: 62nd Annual Desautels Micromount Symposium, The Friends School of Baltimore, 5114 North Charles St; Baltimore, MD 21210. Info: www.baltimoremineralsociety.org/desautels-symposium.html
Registration: BMS, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071.

20-21: 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show and Sale sponsored by the Kanawha Rock & Gem Club. So. Charleston Community Center, 601 Jefferson Rd; S. Charleston, WV 25309 (just off the Jefferson Rd exit of I-64). Info: [Facebook.com/Kanawha Rock and Gem Club](https://www.facebook.com/KanawhaRockandGemClub) or wvyooper@frontiernet.net

20-21: 46th Annual Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Beals Community Center, 240 Stafford Ave; Bristol, CT (off Rt 6 near Stephens AutoMall). Info: dkorzend27@comcast.net or www.bristolgem.org

27: Ultraviolation 2018 sponsored by the Rock & Mineral Club of Lower Bucks Co. First United Methodist Church, 840 Trenton Rd; Fairless Hills, PA. Hours: 9 am – 4 pm. INFO: uvgeologist@yahoo.com

November:

17-18: 51st Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show sponsored by the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. So. Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East; 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33411. Info: Walt Triche 561-626-1031 or wtrich@gmail.com

17-18: 27TH Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. The HUB Ballroom, George Mason University, 4400 University Dr; Fairfax, VA 22030. Info: www.nvamineralclub.org

March:

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

