

EFMLS NEWS

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



EDITOR'S CORNER

by Mary Bateman, Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair



The packets for the 2019 contest (December 2017 through October 2018 bulletin issues) were e-mailed to all clubs on July 31, 2018. The exception was for those clubs that had information missing for their editors and editors who did not have e-mail. In those cases, the information was either mailed to the president of the club and asked to pass the packet along to their editor or packets were sent by snail mail. Ironically since last year, the number of editors who do not have access to the internet nor e-mail, has drastically gone down—only four this year.

Entries are due to the BEAC by **October 31, 2018**. All the files are in .pdf format—if you would like to have them in a .doc or .docx file, let me know and I will e-mail them to you. On the other hand, if you cannot or don't want to download the files, again, please let me know and I will send you a hard copy via mail.

I did not do something I am always reminding you to do (proof, proof, proof, have someone else proof, proof, and proof again). Even though the files were proofed numerous times, in my haste to get the information out, I did not take the time to have someone else proof the information. I apologize to all of you because as many times as I proofed everything before it went out, there are still errors that someone else may have picked up. The moral of this is that proofreading it very important, it is extremely difficult to proof your own work, and there ARE errors that spell and grammar check may not pick up. A second pair of eyes is important. Perhaps the worse error is on the second page of the Guidelines file (titled IMPORTANT: Changes from 2017 Contest). It should have read:

Bulletins from December 2017 through October 2018 only are eligible for the 2019 contest. [November and December 2018 issues will be eligible for the 2020 contest.] (Use Forms A and B)

For the 2020 BEAC contest (November and December 2018 and 2019 bulletins) the information will be up on the internet with fillable forms when the information on the 2020 contest is available. You will be notified by e-mail and through the EFMLS News as soon as that information becomes available.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Barbara Ringhiser, President

I first heard about Wildacres when I joined my club about 19 years ago. It took me 19 years to get there. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay.

Most days consist of having breakfast, then a talk by the speaker in residence, class time, lunch, class time, dinner, and another talk (usually by the speaker in residence). They feed you well. You never can go hungry. After that, there's socializing. There's also a free day to explore the area, with scheduled field trips. One night there's an auction and a show and tell night where you get to display your classwork. There's also a tailgate sale where you can spend lots of money! The speaker during the session I attended was Helen Serras-Herman, the famous glyptographer (gem sculptor). I've heard her speak several times before and always enjoy her talks.

In my opinion, the quality of the instruction was outstanding. I took Viking knit and wirewrapping from Val Johnson. I had previously taken both of these classes a number of years ago from instructors in my club. I completed absolutely nothing. At Wildacres, I completed all projects and would like to do more.

In recent years, the attendance at Wildacres by Eastern Federation members has waned. I want to encourage those who haven't attended or haven't attended in a long time to give it a try. I think you'll thoroughly enjoy your stay. Don't wait 19 years like I did!!!



EACH ONE TEACH ONE

by Betsy Oberheim, EOTO Chair

Now school is started and we breathe a sigh of relief and can really concentrate on upcoming shows, rock-hounding, culling our collections, etc! But some members of our clubs are working hard teaching club members, other clubs, schools, etc. about our rocks, fossils, lapidary skills, etc.



Do you have someone in your club who demonstrates their skill at your show, club meetings, or elsewhere? You know how fascinating it is to watch an artist make a cab, wire wrap, or create a gem tree. You just know some of the audience is thinking "I would love to do that." Inspiring others by demonstrating is a wonderful way to eventually add new members to your club. Then there are those members who lug many pounds of rocks to clubs, schools, libraries, scout meetings, and share their knowledge.

We treasure those teachers and would like to reward them. But, we don't know who they are and need your help. Please send me a paragraph of why your members deserve the EOTO award, and they will be very pleased that you acknowledge their contributions.

INVOLVING OUR PEBBLE PUPS

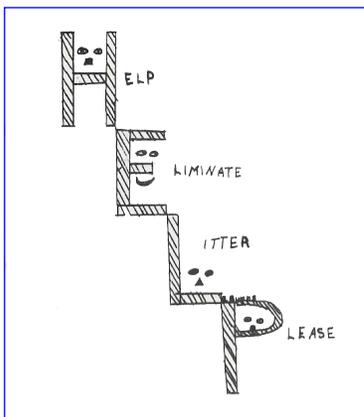
by Betsy Oberheim, Juniors Chair



For those of you on facebook, there is a site called the *Rockhound Connection*. Its so easy to join and so rewarding. As I write this, the week ahead will be a great experience, as the subject is Fluorite. (every week is a new suggestion; I love agates, crystals, etc.) Already the specimens are stunning! To me it is a visual treat, and learning experience.

The wonderful part of the Connection is that the 3rd Saturday of the month ; Richard, Cheryl and their group present "the Pebblepup contest". Very odd, interesting, and unusual specimens are presented and the pups are encouraged to name them, or comment on what they are doing, draw, etc. Many kids from all around the world, from age 3 to about 12 show how creative and sometimes how funny they can be! We send out rock specimens to the winners and often their parents post them with happy smiles showing off their new rocks. Its a busy weekend but so rewarding and exciting.

Sorry if I sound like a commercial, but it is so worthwhile, and if you are reading this now its because you, too, enjoy the kids and love to see them involved. I'm always looking for ways to introduce kids to rocks, the parents follow, then other relatives and friends. Its how we grow!!



ALICE "JOY" BOURNE

EFMLS (2000-2001) and AFMS Past President



Joy Bourne (2009) passed away on June 29, 2018. Joy rose through the chairs of both EFMLS and AFMS and held various committee positions for both Federations.

Joy spent time teaching mathematics in a local Pennsylvania high school, and then, when husband Clyf retired from GE, they moved to Towanda, PA where they purchased and became proprietors of the Crystal Springs Motel.

While in college, Joy became interested in geology and fossils and minerals and often spent family vacations searching for both. She and Clyf eventually joined the local club - the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, where Joy served in many, many capacities. At one point, after her children moved away from home, she opened her house to club members to serve as a workshop.

Joy is the only person to date to serve two consecutive terms as EFMLS president. As Vice President she moved into the top spot at the resignation (for personal reasons) of then president Reivan Zeleznik and then served a year in her own term. Things were certainly busy during her terms and EFMLS membership in clubs grew as a result.

Joy was a good friend to many and was well thought of throughout the Eastern Federation and the American Federation. She was quite a gal!

She is survived by her two daughters, three sons, eight grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, c/o Patrica Benish, 9516 North Rome Rd., Athens PA 18810.or to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation %Steve Weinberger.

Carolyn Weinberger

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

Please add the following information to your 2018 EFMLS Directory. The Augusta Gem & Mineral Society has regrouped and is rejoining the EFMLS. We welcome them back.

Augusta Gem & Mineral Society

Website: www.agams.club

Meetings: 3rd Friday of each month - 7:00 pm

Georgia Military College

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AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

- I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

- I will leave all gates as found.

- I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

- I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

- I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

- I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.

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VISIT A SHOW

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September:

15-16: 53rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club. Harrisburg Consistory (beside the old Zembo building), 2701 N Third St; Harrisburg, PA. INFO: aoberheim3@comcast.net

22-23: Annual Atlantic Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore. Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Rd; West Friendship, MD 21794. Info: www.gemcuttersguild.com

October:

5 – 7: Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society annual show sponsored by the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society. Florida National Guard Armory, 2809 S Fern Creek Ave; Orlando, FL 32806.

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.

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 wtriche@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