

# EFMLS NEWS

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



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## IT IS GETTING CLOSE!!

As the annual meeting and convention approaches here are a few reminders.

According to the by-laws club registration forms (see page 10) need to be received by me at least 15 days before the meeting, March 12 this year. I have already received a few. They may be mailed to me at 394 Hivner Road, Harrisburg PA 17111 or scanned and e-mailed to me [beisenacher@comcast.net](mailto:beisenacher@comcast.net). Remember they must also be signed by a club officer!

As Secretary I need officers' and committee chairs' reports for the annual meeting packet by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The packet will be sent out by e-mail at least ten 10 days before the meeting. This will give people a chance to look through it and be prepared if there are any questions or comments.

Convention Registration forms are also due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The convention packet can be downloaded from [www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention](http://www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention) (scroll down to download and follow the directions to download the convention packet which contains forms). Send your convention registration forms along with convention fees to Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, c/o Terry Russell, 5254 Olde School Drive, Hickory, NC 28602. When sending in your forms, please e-mail copies of your forms to [cvgmcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:cvgmcsecretary@aol.com).

Catawba Valley puts on a great show as well as being marvelous convention hosts. Hope to see many of you in Hickory.

*Beverly Eisenacher, EFMLS Secretary*

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Hampton Inn Hickory

1956 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr., SE

Hickory, NC 28602

Hickory Convention Center

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Hickory, NC 28602

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
Fri., Mar. 27	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Catawba 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gem Show!	Convention Center
Fri., Mar. 27	4-5:00 PM	2020 Field Trip Programs Overview (EFTA & EFAC)	Convention Center
Fri., Mar. 27	5-6:00 PM	State of the Federation Address	Convention Center
Fri., Mar. 27	7:00 PM	EFMLS Annual Meeting	Convention Center
Sat., Mar. 28	8:00 AM	EFMLS Editor's Breakfast--BEAC & Website Awards	Hampton Inn
Sat., Mar. 28	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Catawba 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gem Show!	Convention Center
Sat., Mar. 28	10:00 AM	Facebook, Social Media & Technical Workshop	Hampton Inn
Sat., Mar. 28	2:00 PM	EFMLS Annual Auction	Convention Center

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
Sat., Mar. 28	7:00 PM	EFMLS Awards Banquet Buffet Dinner (Cash bar)	Convention Center
Sun., Mar. 29	10:00 AM -5:00 PM	Catawba 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gem Show!	Convention Center
Mon. Mar. 30	8:30 AM	Field Trip to Propst Farm for Sapphires	Convention Center

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### 2020 Convention Delegate Registration Form

Deadline is **March 12, 2020**. Form available at [www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention](http://www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention) or see page 10.

### 2020 Convention Registration Form

Deadline is **March 1, 2020**. Form available at [www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention](http://www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention) or go to [www.EFMLS.org/activitiesandresources](http://www.EFMLS.org/activitiesandresources), scroll down to Convention, scroll down to download and follow the directions to download the convention packet which contains forms.

### 2020 Convention Competitive and Non-competitive Exhibit Forms

Deadline is **March 1, 2020**. Guidelines and forms available at [www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention](http://www.EFMLS.org/annual-convention) see pages 11-12

**NOTE:** If you have problems accessing or downloading any of the above, contact the EFMLS Webmaster, Heather Shields, 845-649-9623 or at [hmshields at optonline.net](mailto:hmshields@optonline.net)

## CORRECTIONS TO FEBRUARY EFMLS NEWS

- Michelle Renné was noted as President of the Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches in Club Spotlight of the Month. Laura Simmons is the President of the club and Michelle wrote the article.
- Region VII Vice President is Joe **COOPER** not Cooker as listed on pages 3 and 12.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for election at the upcoming convention's annual meeting on Friday, March 27:

## OFFICERS:

**Ellery Borow** for **President**.

**Laura Simmons** for **1st Vice President**.

**Bill Stephens** for **2nd Vice President**.

**Gary Bergholdt** will run for another two-year term as our **Treasurer**.

**Mark Kucera** will run for the **Secretary** position.

## Nominating Committee:

**Dan Record** will run for one of the two open positions on the **Nominating Committee**.

**Carrie Meyers** will run for the remaining **Nominating Committee** position.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Collins  
Nominating Committee, Chair

## CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR (ACROY) SUPPORTING SLOWLY

Some extraordinary club members support their clubs slowly and proportionally over time — a little bit at a time. They support their club one smile, one effort at a time month by month, year after year.

Most big things in a club garner attention and are praised by their being big. Being the greatest dig leader, the most interesting program organizer, the most thoughtful newsletter editor, the best lapidary workshop instructor — these wonderful club members are very noticeable in their praise-worthy endeavors. They often garner attention, praise and thank you.

There are many, perhaps less glamorous, activities that also help support the workings of our clubs. The less glamorous activities are more apt to be less noticeable amongst the plethora of activities occurring in a club. Positions of prospective new member greeter at club meetings, the faithful refreshment table folks, the ever-accurate membership coordinator, the dedicated club historian, while often somewhat in the background, are no less deserving of attention, praise and well deserved thanks. No job that is done well, carefully, thoughtfully, faithfully, with dedication and determination should escape notice — nor praise. Some praise-worthy folks hardly ever make noise, they seem to mostly escape all notice whatsoever. While they may not seek praise or congratulations, they certainly deserve it. So, how about making a little noise and offer your club's thanks for the less grand of service to our clubs. How about making these dedicated persons your club rockhound of the year honorees?

And that's where we come in. We on the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year Committee offer you the opportunity to publicly laud the effort of your deserving and dedicated members for their effort to serve their club. The public announcement we offer is to have your honorees name and dedication mentioned in the pages of the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters. We would appreciate being of service in honoring your dedicated members. All we need from you is a brief description of your honoree's effort, their name, the name of their club, and the name of the submitter. Then send the information to me to do the rest. My contact information is listed at the end of this article.

There are only a few rules we need to follow:

The club may only submit one honoree per year for their Club Rockhound of the Year (or two names in the event of a couple). The club may, in addition, also offer the name of a junior member. Anyone in the club may offer the honoree's name. The club may use any selection criteria they wish to select their honoree. Those are some fairly easy rules.

Please, let us work together to honor your dedicated members. Thank you for letting us help.

*Ellery Borow, Chair EFMLS CROY Committee*  
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## **FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS INFORMATION AT THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE**

Today there are so many sources of information available about anything. For example: rocks and minerals; books, TV, friends, local clubs, and of course computers! My favorite is still the members of our clubs! You can read the facts and look at the pictures but hearing someone tell you about how they found the rock and some cool properties of it is just so cool. So, what are you waiting for? SHARE with your kids, neighbors, junior members, grandchildren, etc. OK, so this youth column is for adults and how you can create a future with our passion and perhaps change a child's life. The future is in your hands...don't waste it. We stayed at a campground out west and, as I was gathering dolomite crystals, the son of the campsite owner came to see what I was collecting...I explained and he was thrilled to help me and had so many questions! Weeks later we stopped back on the way home, and he came running out to show me what he found for me, and more questions. Yes, I planted a seed. What a wonderful thought....NOW, IT IS YOUR TURN!!

*Betsy Oberheim, Chair, Junior Activities Committee*

## **COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH WILDACRES WORKSHOP COMMITTEE**

The Wildacres Workshop Committee has the huge task of overseeing the operation of and responsibility for the two sessions (spring and fall) of the EFMLS workshops held at Wildacres, near Little Switzerland, NC. The functioning of the Wildacres workshops falls to the Chairman (Steve Weinberger), Director (Pamm Bryant) and Registrar (Suzie Milligan) who work with the Wildacres staff, set up the schedule, procure instructors, make sure equipment is available, help plan the meals, publicize the sessions, register participants, arrange accommodations, and the list goes on. The committee consists of the Chairman, Director and Registrar and six (6) members of an advisory committee. The Chairman is appointed by the EFMLS President and the Chairman appoints the Registrar and Director. The six (6) other members of the committee are selected for a three-year term and may serve for two consecutive terms. Two members are selected each year. The six current members of the committee are: [The number of years left in each member's appointed term are listed in parentheses after their names.] K.C. Foster (1), Ken Valko (1), Gary Bergtholdt (2), Mark Kucera (2), Valerie Johnson (3) and John Milligan (3).

Next to the Annual Convention, the two sessions of the Wildacres Workshop are the largest gathering of EFMLS club members each year. The Committee works hard and diligently to make sure there is a wide range of classes and programs to attract a variety of interests of possible participants. Each session has a guest speaker who does numerous presentations during the session. The spring session guest speaker this year will be Bob Jones. Sign up today!

One trip to Wildacres and participants are usually hooked. The atmosphere is casual and relaxed, you learn something new, meet with old friends and make new ones. The instructors are top notch and, because most classes contain students who are new to whatever is being taught, are very patient explaining how to do whatever.

The 2020 Spring and Fall Session Class Schedules, registration forms and other information can be found on the EFMLS website at <https://efmls.org/wildacres> or by contacting the Chairman, Director or Registrar of Wildacres.

*Wildacres Committee Members*

# SAFETY MATTERS

## THE SPEED OF SAFETY

When I ask folks about the speed of safety, I usually receive odd looks in return. Indeed, the question may be divided into two parts. The first part of the issue is about the time it takes to set up an accident.

How long does it take to assemble all the necessary bits of an accident? Let us assemble a simple accident: Get the coffee, place the coffee by the cabbing machine, turn the machine on, crack the cooling water drip line valve, the machine reaches working speed, touch the dopped stone, the first wheel and boom, the awkward position of one's elbow knocks the coffee into ones lap. I'm rather unamused as the coffee is piping hot. Air turns several shades of blue. The accident is over and it is mostly pride that is hurt, clothes to launder..., and the wallet emptier because that was an expensive latté. Elapsed time for the accident's set-up was perhaps 10 minutes. There is no standard timetable for accident preparation. Assembling all its bits may take seconds — or years.

The second part of the issue is about the speed of safety's accidents. In the above accident, the latte in the lap took perhaps a second of time. A misdirected hammer strike landing on a knuckle, the necktie caught in the elevator door, the trip one makes on an electrical cord run along the gem show floor, the spill of rock cleaning chemistry on the clothes, the breaking of the rock collecting bag strap all take mere seconds. The speed of safety, the accident part, is usually rather short, in the blink of an eye short.

When one looks at the discrete and separate parts that make up the accident, they may or may not actually lead to an accident. Instead, it often takes one additional ingredient — the catalyst. The reaction time with any of the preceding parts is usually not an issue, the reaction time to the catalyst is vital. Suppose the latte cup could have been caught with the spilling of nary a drop, the hammer strike been quickly re-directed, or the trip recovered without a fall, while good reaction times might not prevent the accident, they could mitigate the worst of the effects.

True, it is best in matters of safety, to evaluate potential hazards, questionable situations, and likely outcomes regarding safety outlooks. It may also be wise to also be aware of one's own abilities, limits, and tiredness with regard to safety matters. To further the thought, the reaction times in common activities such as driving a vehicle have been extensively studied. To summarize, in many of those studies, it appears we often think we are more capable than is actually the case. One particular area of concern is tiredness. Tiredness is a frequent contributor to breakdowns of proper safety measures. Tiredness is a frequent contributor to many situations and oft times not favorably.

The final comment is to, please, remain vigilant with ensuring all aspects of being safe because your safety matters.

*Ellery Borow, EFMLS/AFMS Safety Chairman*

## LINKS TO EXPLORE

Traveling and want to attend a show in the area you are visiting? Click on the following URL from *Rock and Gem Magazine* or just copy and paste it: <http://www.rockngem.com/sjpwdatesfiles.showdatesdisplayall.php?showstate=all>

## 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 March 2, you may want to submit it on January 1 so that it appears in two issues of EFMLS News (February and March). 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](mailto:EFMLSNews.editor@gmail.com).

March 7-8 – 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Science Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show sponsored by Delaware Mineralogical Society. Double Tree by Hilton, 4727 Concord Pike (Route 202), Wilmington, DE. INFO: Gene Hartstein, gene at fossilnut.com or [www.delminsociety.net](http://www.delminsociety.net).

March 7-8 – Spring 2020 New York City Gem & Mineral Show hosted by the New York Mineralogical Club. Watson Hotel Ballroom, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York, NY. March 7 – 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, March 8 – 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Lectures at 1:00 PM on both days. INFO: [www.newyorkmineralogicalclub.org](http://www.newyorkmineralogicalclub.org).

March 13-14 – 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Micromount Symposium sponsored by the Leidy Microscopical Society. Advent Lutheran Church, 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA. Friday 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM. INFO: Don McAlaren, 610-584-1364, donmcalarnen@outlook.com .

March 14-15 – 2020 Tampa Bay Fossil Club, Tampa, FL. INFO: [www.tampabayfossilclub.com](http://www.tampabayfossilclub.com)

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

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

March 27-30 – Annual EFMLS Convention hosted by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Hickory, NC INFO: [www.efmls.org/annual-convention](http://www.efmls.org/annual-convention). A field trip to collect sapphires at Propst Farm is scheduled for Monday, March 30 (\$20 dig fee). INFO: [efmls.org/annual-convention](http://efmls.org/annual-convention). See next entry for show information.

March 27-29 – Annual show sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Hickory, NC Metro Convention Center, 1960 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Dr. SE, Hickory, NC. 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. INFO: [www.cvgmc.com/SpecialEvents.html](http://www.cvgmc.com/SpecialEvents.html). See previous entry for Convention information.

March 28-29 – 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Gem, & Mineral Show sponsored by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Wysox Volunteer Fire Co. Social Hall, 111 Lake Road, Wysox, PA. Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. INFO: [www.chehannarocks.com](http://www.chehannarocks.com).

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

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

April 3-5 – 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Micromounters' Conference sponsored by the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area, Inc. Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22303. Speakers: Michael Pabst, Scott Duresky, Steve Stuart, Michael Seeds. Special recognitions to John Ferrante, PA and Erich Grundel, NY. Sunday, April 5 – Private tour of Victor Yount's mineral collection. Lunch provided, silent and live auctions, geo fellowship. Advance Registration \$30.00, at the door \$35. REGISTRATION AND INFO: [www.dcmicrominerals.org](http://www.dcmicrominerals.org), Kathy Hrechka, conference chair, [kshrechka@msn.com](mailto:kshrechka@msn.com).

April 4-5 – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual North Jersey Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at Midland Park High School, 250 Prospect Street, Midland Park, NJ, sponsored by the North Jersey Mineralogical Society. 4<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. INFO: <http://nojms.webs.com>.

April 4-5 – 2020 New Haven Mineral Club Annual Show. Amity Middle School, 100 Ohman Avenue, Orange, CT 06477. April 4 – 9:30 AM -- 5:00 PM; April 5 – 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM. INFO: Arthur Doyle, [www.president@newhavenmineralclub.org](http://www.president@newhavenmineralclub.org).

April 18-19 – Southeastern New Hampshire Mineral Club's show. Dover Elks Lodge #184, 282 Durham Road, Dover, NH. INFO: Larry Heath [heathlg@comcast.com](mailto:heathlg@comcast.com) .

May 2-3 – North Shore Rock and Mineral club 57<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Gem & Mineral Show. Saturday, May 2 (9:00 AM--5:00 PM), Sunday, May 3 (10:00 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](http://www.northshorerock.org) or [nsmc@verizon.net](mailto:nsmc@verizon.net).

May 23 – The Earth Science Show & Sale sponsored by The Rock and Mineral Club of Lower Bucks County, PA. Christ United Methodist Church, 501 Wistar Road, Fairless Hills, PA 19030. Donation \$2.00, children 12 and under, free. Dealer tables are currently available. For more information contact Brian Schwab at 215-788-3993 and leave a message, or via e-mail at [www.holschw2@aol.com](mailto:www.holschw2@aol.com) . Visit <https://sites.google.com/view/lowerbucksparocks/home> or <https://www.facebook.com/LowerBucksPARocks/> .

June 6-7 – GemFest 2020, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mineral, Gem, Fossil and Jewelry Show sponsored by the Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club. Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N. Bloomfield Road, Canandaigua, NY. Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, exhibits, hourly door prizes, free crafts, soapstone carving, wire wrapping, rock painting, sluice and much more including scavenger hunt for kids of all ages. Adults \$3, Children under 12 are free. INFO: Fred Haynes, [fredmhaynes55@gmail.com](mailto:fredmhaynes55@gmail.com) or [www.wcgmc.org](http://www.wcgmc.org).

June 6-7 – Annual Show of the Orange County Mineral Society of New York. Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M, Monroe, NY. Saturday and Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Admission for show and museum is adults \$5, seniors \$3, free for scouts in uniform and children under 12. Outdoor event featuring 65 vendors offering a wide variety of rock, mineral and fossil-related items, displays, exhibits, demonstrations, and activities for children. INFO: Ron Nelson, [m33@optimum.net](mailto:m33@optimum.net) . Visit [www.ocmsny.or](http://www.ocmsny.or) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/464623690971301> .

June 13 -- Annual Auction of the Boston Mineral Club. American Legion Nonantum Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton, MA. Saturday 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Admission free. Includes voice auction of more than 100 flats of mineral specimens, lapidary rough, equipment, and books. INFO: Mike Haritos, 857-991-2294, e-mail at [mharitos@comcast.net](mailto:mharitos@comcast.net). Visit [www.bostonmineralclub.org](http://www.bostonmineralclub.org) .

June 13 – Annual Show of the Danbury Mineralogical Society and the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association, Inc. Connecticut Antique Machinery Association grounds, 31 Kent Cornwall Road, Kent, CT (1 mile north of Kent on Route 7). Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Admission free. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Mineral and Gem Show to benefit the Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science. Rocks, minerals, fossils and jewelry available for sale or trade, tours of new exhibits at the mining museum. INFO: John Pawloski, 860-927-0050. Visit <http://www.ctamachinery.com/> .

June 19-20 – Annual Show of the Lancaster County Fossil and Mineral Club. Solanco Fairgrounds, Hoffman Building, 172 South Lime Street, Quarryville, PA. Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Saturday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Adults \$4, children (6-12) \$1, free admission for children under 6. INFO: Eric Miller, [emill1960@embarqmail.com](mailto:emill1960@embarqmail.com) . Visit <https://facebook.com/LancasterFossilandMineralClub> .



**WENDELL C. MOHR**, (1931-2019) Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD (GLMSMC). Wendell was one of the earliest club members and was a major contributor to the success of GMLSMC. His enjoyment of minerals, especially well-formed crystals; his stamp campaigns; his longstanding editorship of

the club's newsletter, the *Rockhounder*; his attention to detail to make sure the show would be as good as it could be; his leadership at meetings; his camera at the ready; his smile at the ready; his care and stewardship of the club; and his puns all help add up to Wendell. He helped to create a well-recognized club in the mineral and fossil sectors with an increasing membership, strong leadership, and an ever-increasing active participation of future young rockhounds.

Wendell was not all about rocks, minerals and fossils. His love for stamps led him to become the EFMLS Stamp Committee chairman for many years. As a friend to many and a very active club member, he shall be greatly missed.

- **Holly Heighes**, President GLMSMC. Extracted from her e-mail

Donations in Wendell's name may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (<https://www.ils.org>) ; the Asbury Benevolent Care Fund (<https://www.asbury.or/foundation/benevolent-care/> ) and/or Montgomery Hospice (<https://www.montgomeryhospice.org/>) .

## **CLUB SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH**

### **CATAWBA VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB**

The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club (CVGMC), founded in January 1969, is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem Show March 27-29. They joined EFMLS in 1973 and are hosting the 2020 EFMLS Convention in Hickory, North Carolina, March 27-30 and have hosted the EFMLS convention numerous times in the past. The mission of the club is to increase knowledge of the earth sciences; hold exhibitions, field trips to various sites, contests and lectures; promote fellowship and exchange of ideas; and aid development of lapidary and related arts/skills.

The CVGMC is a very active club holding not only a gem show each year, but an annual gem and mineral auction. In the past they have also held estate auctions. Their meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month and accompanied by interesting programs. Field trips are frequent occurrences for club members. The *Tar Heel Rockhound* is the club newsletter. In June of each year there is an annual picnic at Harry Polly's who has an extensive mineral collection that he opens to the club every year. In January in place of a field trip the club gathers for the annual packing of between 500 and 800 grab bags for their annual gem show.

CVGMC has their own website and Facebook page. They also have a show page on Gem and Mineral LLC.

*Slade Harvin, President, and Larry Huffman, EFMLS Liaison  
Of The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club contributed to this article*

## **A.F.M.S. NEWSLETTER**

The March 2020 A.F.M.S. Newsletter is now available on the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies website at [http://www.amfed.org/news/n2020\\_03.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/news/n2020_03.pdf) .

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70<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EFMLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Hickory, NC March

27, 2020

*Please print all information requested clearly.*

**NAME OF  
SOCIETY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(The president of each society is a Director of EFMLS. Please list the president's name only if the president plans to attend this meeting.)*

**DIRECTOR'S  
ALTERNATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(To represent the society if the president cannot attend the meeting)*

**DELEGATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Elected by society members)*

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SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER

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**EFMLS Secretary**  
**394 Hivner Rd.**  
**Harrisburg, PA 17111**

**From the EFMLS Constitution**  
**(Article V, Sec. 3)**

*It shall be the responsibility of each Member Society to notify the Secretary in writing of the names of its Director, Delegate and alternate who expect to attend the Annual Meeting fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date.*

Please return by **March 12, 2020** to  
Bev Eisenacher, EFMLS Secretary

**Convention and Show Host: Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club**



**50th Annual Show, March 27-29, 2020  
Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC**

**Application for Competitive Exhibit**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Federation or Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate:

Exhibitor Group: Master \_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_ Jr. \_\_\_\_ Soc. \_\_\_\_ Jr. Soc. \_\_\_\_

Exhibit Division \_\_\_\_ Exhibit Class \_\_\_\_\_ If Junior, give birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please supply the following information to aid us in planning your exhibit space.**

I will use my own case, YES \_\_\_\_ or NO \_\_\_\_ . Case style: UPRIGHT \_\_\_\_ OR SLANT FRONT \_\_\_\_

Case Exterior Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ WIDTH x \_\_\_\_\_ DEPTH x \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT

Subject of Exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL ADULT AND JUNIOR EXHIBITORS:** I hereby certify that all material exhibited in competition by me is my own personal property and that all lapidary and jewelry work (except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules) was completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

**SECURITY AND LIABILITY:** The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will house all exhibits in a building with a security system and will take reasonable precautions to protect the property and person of each exhibitor. However, it is mutually agreed that the Federation, member societies, their members, their officers or authorized agents will not be liable to any exhibitor for any damage or loss to his person or property from any cause. The exhibitor expressly waives all claims for loss, damage, or injury. Submission of the signed application for exhibitor space constitutes acceptance of all rules and regulations as outlined. I agree to leave my exhibit on display until the show closes on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S SOCIETY: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify, as an officer of the above-named society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of the society and, to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

**CERTIFICATION FOR SOCIETY (GROUP) AND JUNIOR SOCIETY (GROUP).** I hereby certify, as an officer of the above named Society, that the materials and/or workmanship exhibited are the property of this Society or the personal property of at least 5 members of the Society and no more than 20% of the material or workmanship exhibited are the property of any one member, and that the lapidary and jewelry exhibited are entirely (except for minor findings or where otherwise allowed by rules) the work of members of this Society. It is agreed that the exhibit will remain on display until the show closes on Sunday, March 29, 2015. I further agree to the Security and Liability statement, as listed above.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

Use one form for each exhibit. All exhibits may be set up from 2:00-9:00 PM Thursday, March 26, 2015 and must be complete and ready to be judged by Friday, March 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Cases may not be taken down until 5 PM on Sunday, March 29.

Please return forms to: [George Max, 2020 13thSt NE, Hickory, NC 28601](mailto:George Max, 2020 13thSt NE, Hickory, NC 28601)

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING EXHIBIT FORMS IS March 1,2020**

**2020 Annual EFMLS Convention**  
**Convention and Show Host: Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club**



**50th Annual Show, March 27-29, 2020**  
**Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC**

**Application for Noncompetitive and Shared Exhibits**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Federation or Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY STATUS:** Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Shared (Partial) \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Please supply the following information to aid us in planning your exhibit space.**

I will use my own case, YES \_\_\_\_\_ or NO \_\_\_\_\_. Case style: UPRIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ OR SLANT FRONT \_\_\_\_\_

Case Exterior Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ WIDTH x \_\_\_\_\_ DEPTH x \_\_\_\_\_ HEIGHT

Subject of Exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you bring specimens for a shared case? Provide detail (number of specimens; approximate space needed, etc.)

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I agree to leave my exhibit on display until the show closes on Sunday, October 18, 2020.

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE (individual or shared displays)

CLUB OFFICER SIGNATURE & TITLE (club displays)

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITOR'S SOCIETY: \_\_\_\_\_

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