

The following information is for anyone attending the 2020 EFMLS Convention, October 23-25 in Hickory, NC.

**By registering and attending this Convention in person, you are acknowledging and accepting responsibility for the potential risk of exposure to the Coronavirus. You also agree to hold harmless, the EFMLS, in the event of contracting Covid-19 as a result of attending this Convention.**

**PLEASE check all available information resources for traveling to North Carolina. You may wish to start here: <https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/covid-19-travel-resources>. Check all resources from state and local Public Health Agencies that may help you plan your trip and your stay so that you can protect yourself and your fellow human.**

**From the EFMLS Convention Advisory Committee:**

*The following are based on the recommended CDC Guidelines.*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

**The EFMLS Convention Attendees shall adhere to the following guidelines during all EFMLS Events.**

- All participants must wear a mask at all times during all EFMLS Events. Only exception is when distanced by a minimum of 6 feet and when food is served at a scheduled EFMLS event (Editor's Breakfast and Annual Banquet on 10/24).
- All participants must socially distance at a minimum of 6 feet.
- All participants are expected to use the provided hand sanitizer when handling objects. In addition, the Committee recommends the use of latex gloves.
- All participants will have their temperature taken before entering any EFMLS event at the Convention.

Information on the following pages were published in the August/September 2020 issue of the EFMLS News. The following **highlighted** information is the recent updates.

## CONVENTION – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is scheduled for October 23-25, 2020, sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Society in Hickory, North Carolina. Please note the following regarding the Annual Meeting:

### DELEGATE REGISTRATION:

Even though your Society may have registered for the March meeting, a new Director and Delegate form needs to be filed with the secretary to be able to vote at the October 23, 2020 meeting. Note, the form needs to be signed by an officer of your Society to be valid. The **deadline** for receipt of the form is **October 8, 2020**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [beisenacher@comcast.net](mailto:beisenacher@comcast.net). The Director and Delegate Registration Form can be found on page 11.

*Beverly Eisenacher, EFMLS Secretary*

The Director and Delegate Registration Form (Annual Meeting Registration Form) can also be found in the 2020 Convention Packet here: <https://efmls.org/annual-convention/>

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION, FEES, HOTEL, AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

### Welcome Letter EFMLS Delegates

The Catawba Gem and Mineral Club welcomes all delegates and guests to our 50<sup>th</sup> annual Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Show to be held in association with the annual EFMLS Convention in Hickory, NC on October 23 - 25, 2020.

The show is held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center at 1960 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Dr SE. exit 125 from I-40 east/west. Friday and Saturday show hours are 9 am to 6 pm, and Sunday show hours are 10 am to 5 pm. Over 20 quality vendors will have an array of merchandise that include minerals, fossils, meteorites, finished and unfinished jewelry, and more....hourly door prizes are offered as well as demonstrations of faceting/cabbing/wire wrapping, kiddie mini-mine, hands on exhibits for children, educational talks for school groups – competitive and non-competitive exhibits will be shown for the public's education. The special feature exhibit will be The First Gold Rush in NC.

EFMLS Convention Hotel: the Hampton Inn is well suited since it is adjacent to the Hickory Metro Convention Center and a walk of one to two minutes. It is located at 1956 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr. SE. A block of rooms has been set aside for convention delegates at \$119 plus tax. Mention that you are with the EFMLS Convention when calling 828.624.2000.

Hickory is in the foothill's region of North Carolina between the piedmont and mountain sections – a medium sized town with a diverse economy, a liberal arts 4-year university, and an ideal location which is equidistant

from Charlotte (a major financial and travel hub), Winston Salem (with a major university and tertiary medical center), and Asheville (historic and a favorite destination of many tourists).

### EFMLS Convention Schedule of Activities:

~~Friday, October 23... Presidents round table @ Hampton INN Center at 4 PM CANCELLED~~

Friday, October 23...annual business meeting @ Hickory Metro Convention Center at 6:00 PM (cash bar at 6:30) & AND @ ON ZOOM. Go here to register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdOyorD0qEtyK\\_DnwwnflER8eMQKqyp50](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdOyorD0qEtyK_DnwwnflER8eMQKqyp50)

Saturday, October 24...Editor's breakfast @ Hampton Inn at 8:00 am. (\$5.00)

Saturday, October 24 ...EFMLS Auction @ Hickory Metro Convention Center @ 1:30

Saturday, October 24...Awards Banquet @Hickory Metro Convention Center at 7 pm (Pulled pork BBQ, BBQ chicken, and Salmon/potato salad/baked beans/cold slaw/apple cobbler with ice cream ...\$40)

Other Banquet Events (awards, speakers, etc.) will be also be presented by Zoom at 8:pm. To join these events, go here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcfruCqgDivH91VjWFz5FY1eXWNvS8YDdpX>

Monday, October 26...Field trip to Propst Farm for Sapphires. Meet in Lobby of the Hampton Inn at 8:30am. \$20.00 **dig fee payable at site**. (cash only).

*Larry Huffman, CVGMC EFMLS Liaison*

The Advanced Convention Registration Form can also be found in the 2020 Convention Packet here: <https://efmls.org/annual-convention/>

### **COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS:**

If you registered previously or plan to enter an exhibit for either competitive or non-competitive showcases, you, too, need to re-register. The registration form containing information on exhibiting and registration can be found on page 13.

The Competitive & Non-Competitive Exhibits form is also available in the 2020 Convention Packet here: <https://efmls.org/annual-convention/>

## **AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND**

**Why the AFMS Endowment Fund?** Monies generated from ticket sales are invested and the interest generated from these investments is used for a variety of projects that benefit the regional federation member clubs. The AFMS Junior Program, chaired by Jim Brace-Thompson is a wonderful example of how the interest is utilized!

Each federation has a representative which is appointed by the AFMS Chairperson. This is the only AFMS committee in which the individual federation does not appoint a person.

Over the last years, Carolyn Weinberger, EFMLS representative, always managed to have the EFMLS as the leading seller of tickets and the most amount of money collected for the Endowment Fund. Let's keep this run alive!

Prizes to be won in the annual drawing are all donated by individuals and clubs from across the United States. If you would like to make a donation, please contact me as soon as possible. Donations are advertised via the AFMS Newsletter (if received in time for the next issue) and on the AFMS website with the donor receiving credit. The specimen has a weight limit of five (5) pounds and a minimum monetary value of \$75.00.

The specimen may be a piece of jewelry, rock, mineral, fossil or lapidary tools – again the weight limit and monetary value are key factors but remember – we want people to purchase the tickets because the articles are worth it!

Clubs and individuals interested in purchasing tickets (**\$5 each or 5 for \$20**) may do so by sending their check (payable to AFMS Endowment Fund) to me at:

PO Box 2444

Hickory, NC 28603-2444

Please be certain to include your name, address and phone number with your request as well as a self-addressed, stamped envelope. **Deadline for mail purchase is October 3, 2020.**

Several EFMLS clubs purchase blocks of tickets using any prizes won as door prizes at club events. This is a nice way to support the Endowment (and programs your club may benefit from) and possibly reward members.

However, this year, after polling all the Federation Representatives, it was decided to postpone the actual drawing to next year (2021). The reason was due to the fact that many shows were cancelled due to concerns of COVID-19. Without the opportunity to ask for donations, whether through the sale of tickets or through receiving specimen donations, it was decided to hold aside the tickets from this year separately. Tickets sale were extremely low. We will be holding a special raffle next year for the 2020 ticket holders (for every 100 tickets that have been sold in 2020 there will be a gift card value at \$100.00).

*Larry Huffman, AFMS-EFMLS Representative*

## 2020 ANNUAL AUCTION

What do I hear for this great specimen? Let's start with \$5.00- Anyone \$5.00!

For those of you who have participated in this event, can't you hear the words of our auctioneers, who over the years since I have been the chair included, Larry Huffman, Matt Charsky, RJ Harris and Carl Miller. My first year as chair of the Annual Auction committee was at the Joint AFMS and EFMLS convention held in Syracuse, NY. That was at least nine or ten years ago. Every year I am amazed at the wonderful items donated and the generosity of the participants. I also know that you can get some very amazing items for a great price.

Why do we have the annual auction?

All proceeds fund the principal of the Eastern Foundation Fund. The interest generated from the fund is used to support a variety of EFMLS special programs, which you and your club benefit from!

I would hope that all the clubs would make a donation. In the future, if not this year, perhaps next -- perhaps if you have a show (don't we wish!) you can solicit items from your dealers. Items will be identified from donors, unless the donor prefers to remain anonymous. So, please ask your dealers -- it is an advertising event for them!

If you are interested in donating items, please email me at [ciervo.neary@gmail.com](mailto:ciervo.neary@gmail.com) or call or text me at 516.449.5341 to inform me what items you will be sending and I will give you an address to ship them to. The auction is to be held on Saturday, **October 24, 2020 at 2:00pm**. Hope to see you there! **Bring money!** Thank you all in advance for your participation.

Going, going, sold!

*Cheryl Neary, Auction Committee Chair*

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM**  
**70<sup>th</sup> EASTERN FEDERATION CONVENTION**  
**Hickory, NC                      October 23-25, 2020**



Primary Registrant (Registration will be recorded under this name—please print name and title as you want them to appear on your name badge.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federation or Society Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:	AFMS Officer _____	Delegate _____	Judge _____
Demonstrator _____	EFMLS Officer _____	Alt. Delegate _____	Competitive Exhibitor _____
Dealer _____	Past President _____	Editor _____	Noncompetitive Exhibitor _____

**ALL TICKETS WILL BE IN YOUR DELEGATE BAGS**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club**

Please send this form and remittance to: **Terry Russell,**  
**5254 Olde School Drive, Hickory, NC 28602**

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER REGISTRANT; PAYMENT CAN BE COMBINED	NUMBER of people at Hickory	AMOUNT \$
Attendance at EFMLS Presidents round table, 4 PM, Friday, Oct. 23 — Hampton Inn Meeting Room <b>CANCELLED</b>	N/A	N/A
Attendance at EFMLS Annual Meeting, 6 PM, Friday, Oct. 23 Hickory Metro Center. Attendance also accepted via <a href="#">Zoom</a>	_____	N/A
EFMLS Awards Banquet, 7 PM, Saturday, Oct. 24 @\$40.00 Pulled Pork BBQ, BBQ Chicken, Salmon, Potato Salad & Apple Cobbler <b>8 PM Awards &amp; Presentations</b> (also available via <a href="#">Zoom</a> )	_____	_____
EFMLS Editor's Breakfast, 8 AM, Saturday, Oct. 24 @\$5.00 Hampton Inn Meeting Room	_____	_____
Convention Registration Fee @ \$5.00 (Show Admission)	_____	_____
Field trip on Monday 10/26/2020 Meet in lobby of Hampton Inn 8:30 am. Propst Farm for sapphires. \$20.00 dig fee. <b>Pay at site. (Cash)</b>	_____	N/A
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>	_____	_____

**Deadline for receiving REGISTRATION forms October 1, 2020**



# Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies, Inc

Affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



**All Safety Practices will be observed for all Convention Events. See Page 1: 2020 EFMLS Convention Packet**

**70th Annual EFMLS Board of Directors Meeting Host:**  
Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club  
Hickory Convention Center, 1960 13th Ave Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602  
**Friday, October 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm**

**\*\*For those who are attending by Zoom**, you must ALSO complete and send this form by October 8!

## ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Members of all EFMLS Affiliate Member Societies in good standing are welcome to attend Meeting.  
A maximum of two (2) Society Representatives can vote at Meeting.

*Please type or print clearly all information requested.*

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

**DIRECTOR:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(The President of each Affiliate Member Society is a Director of the EFMLS Board of Directors. Please list the President's name **only** if the President plans to attend this meeting.)*

**DIRECTOR'S ALTERNATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(To represent the Affiliate Member Society if the President cannot attend the meeting)*

**DELEGATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Elected by Society Members)*

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(To represent Society if Delegate cannot attend meeting)*

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**SIGNATURE OF SOCIETY OFFICER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER**

### 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.*

**RETURN Form by October 8, 2020 Please Type or Print Clearly, then scan and EMAIL to: [beisenacher@comcast.net](mailto:beisenacher@comcast.net)**

**If you can only send by regular mail, please send form to:**

**Bev Eisenacher**  
EFMLS Secretary  
394 Hivner Rd

**Please also notify Bev by email if you are**

**If form isn't received by 10/08/20, voting privileges are restricted!**

**Harrisburg, PA 17111  
717-558-9487**

**sending by regular mail**

**2020 Annual EFMLS Convention**  
**Convention and Show Host:**  
**Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club**  
**50th Annual Show, October 23-25, 2020**  
**Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC**



Application for Competitive and Noncompetitive Exhibits

Competitive Yes  Non-Competitive   
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Federation or Society 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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, October 25, 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, October 25, 2020. 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, October 22, 2020 and must be complete and ready to be judged by Friday, October 23, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Cases may not be taken down until 5 PM on Sunday, October 25. Please return forms to:

George Max 2020 13<sup>th</sup> St NE, Hickory, NC 28601

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