

# EFMLS NEWS

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

*HAPPY NEW YEAR*



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## **WILDACRES 2021**

If all goes well, the dates for the EFMLS Wildacres Spring Session are May 17-23. The unknown, of course, is the situation regarding the Corona virus. Because of this, we are not including a registration form, and asking everyone not to send in checks at this time.

Tentative classes include wire wrapping, chain mail, cabochon making, micromount preparation, faceting, beading, and PMC. These may be subject to change as conditions change. Cost for the entire week will be \$435 which includes room and board, classes, lectures, and other activities.

We hope to know by March if Wildacres will be able to open and if the conditions in the eastern states permit travel. Stay tuned.

*Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Director*

## **ARE YOU OR YOUR CLUB PARTICIPATING IN THE FEDERATION?**

Each Club has the opportunity to participate in any of the Federation's many activities. Some are mandated by the Bylaws while others are voluntary. As part of a club's annual review of activities, is your club participating in some or all Federation activities? How about you? Below is a list of activities you or your club can participate in at the Federation (EFMLS) and national level (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies) level. Chairpersons and contact information can be found on page 13 for each Committee.

### **MANDATED IN THE BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES:**

Each club is allowed one director (the president of the club or appointee) who has the authority to vote on behalf of the club in elections, the budget and other matters concerning the administration of the Federation. Those elected by the Directors are responsible for the day-to-day running and administration of the Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

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## EFMLS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

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60 Federation officers and committee chairs divided by 9715 members = about 0.6%

How is it possible 0.6% can perform all the duties of a federation? Librarian, convention advisory, web, supplies, juniors, each one teach one and so much more by 0.6%? It is truly amazing. In this time of celebrating a new year, we would like to thank the tiny percentage of dedicated, devoted, determined people for their amazing work. Unsung heroes, never seeking praise, tirelessly working to make the best federation possible - we thank you all.

But wait, there is more.

In looking at several clubs in the Eastern Federation Directory of Member Clubs – 12 officers/70 members, 17 officers/42 members, 8 officers/114 members -- 17%, 5%, 7% How can so few club officers and committee chairs do so much? Same answer - dedication, devotion, determination. Some club presidents are presidents of several clubs, some officers and committee members in clubs do double duty, some positions are open yet the club functions. Who thanks these amazing people for their years of service, their desire to make the best club possible, who monitors the club website so it is always on top of current club activity? We should all be thankful for the effort of our club officers.

In the new year let us offer a word or two of thanks to these small but oh so dedicated groups of people who devote countless hours to make our clubs work so very well. Clubs are about collecting, lapidary, shows, and

great programs. They are just as much about people - people leading field trips, people teaching lapidary classes, people organizing shows, and people seeking the best program speakers. Volunteering people make our clubs work so well. Thank you!

Clubs are encouraged to select their Club Rockhound of the Year for special recognition. Yet every club succeeds by the combined effort of everyone and led/organized by a dedicated few. The few officers and committee members so love this rockhound community that they devote many hours and attention to their effort. How can one not be amazed, inspired, and thankful for the work of these people?

Well, enough, the club officers and committee chairs probably just want to get back to work and do what they do best - make our clubs work so everyone, including the invited public can enjoy the experience, learn new things, collect new treasures all with but the modest thank you offered here. Thank you all, new and returning people, thank you for your service. Please stay strong in 2021 as you manage the additional challenges of having to deal with COVID-19 issues.

## **AFMS NEWS**

### **AFMS CONVENTION CANCELLED -- April 21-25**

Due to the COVID restrictions in the township of Sandy, Utah, the AFMS Annual Convention scheduled for April 21-25, the township will not allow the hosting club to hold the joint convention with the Rocky Mountain Federation Mineral Society (RMFMS). The good news is that the RMFMS is hosting a convention in 2021. The RMFMS Board have been actively seeking a viable solution – whether the convention will be held later in the year at Sandy or elsewhere. Stay tuned for details as they become available or check the AFMS website at [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org).

*Cheryl Neary, AFMS Central Office*

### **AFMS WEBSITE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Over the past nine months, a group of AFMS people from across the nation have been working on a redesign of the AFMS website and looking at web-based tools that may be useful to AFMS affiliated clubs. To ascertain the interest in the possible tools that might be provided, AFMS is interested in surveying clubs within their member regions. Your club will be receiving the questionnaire in the near future. Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible when you receive it. If you would like to see the questionnaire before you receive it, it is currently posted on the web at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T5ZKVLV>

*Sandy Fuller, Ad Hoc AFMS Website Planning Committee*

## **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES: 2021 NATIONAL YOUTH POSTER CONTEST**

### **“ROCKIN’ AROUND THE USA”**

Calling all artists! The North Lakes Academy Rockhounds of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies is hosting a National Youth Poster Contest. It is open to any kids in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

across all seven AFMS regional federations and beyond. The theme is “Rockin’ Around the USA.” Participating kids should pick a rock or mineral found in the USA that they are passionate about, create a poster about it, and provide a brief explanation of why they like that particular rock so much. **OR** they can pick a location in the USA where they love to go rockhounding and craft a poster around that while providing a brief write-up about where it is, what they have found, and why others should go there.

Posters will be judged by grade level with ribbons and prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each grade. Overall Champions will also be selected and will receive a prize.

Here are the rules:

- All entries must be presented on 12” X 18” paper.
- Include name, address, and school grade of participant on BACK of the poster.
- A title should be on the FRONT of the poster.
- Artwork can be done by pen, ink, crayons, magic markers, paint, print, photography or any other artist’s medium, but no three-dimensional posters will be accepted.
- Accompany the poster with the background information requested in the first paragraph above.
- Posters will not be able to be returned.
- Posters postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted. (Please allow a week for mailing.)
- All entries become the property of the North Lakes Academy Rockhounds and AFMS.

Judges will award points as follows: 30 points for originality and artwork, 10 points for title (including theme organization, design, spelling, grammar), and 20 points for background information, facts, and details provided.

Posters and accompanying background information should be sent to Michelle Cauley, c/o North Lakes Academy Rockhounds, 4576 232Street North, Forest Lake Minnesota 55025. Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2021. Direct any questions to Michelle by email at [mcauley@northlakesacademy.org](mailto:mcauley@northlakesacademy.org) and see further contest information on the AFMS website at <http://www.amfed.org/kids.htm> .

Please help spread the word to your junior activity leaders and to the kids themselves!

*Michelle Cauley & Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Junior Programs Chair*

## **CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR (ACROY)**

### **THE NEW YEAR**

2020 is over. But our work is not done. 2021 is starting out with many of the same challenges. Our member club leaders and volunteers are trying their best to manage in these difficult times. We are not just maintaining our clubs as best we can, many if not most of us are helping in our communities in ways great and small as well. Thank you.

2021 will offer a new opportunity to select your club's Club Rockhound of the Year (CROY). Please take this opportunity to honor one of your own some consideration. If you look closely, it is likely you will find many worthy candidates for your CROY. Please do not let pass an opportunity to say a public thank you for your honoree's service to club and community.

Contact me for details on how to avail oneself of the program.  
Please stay well and be safe.

*Ellery Borow, Club Rockhound of the Year Committee Chair*

## **WATCH OUT FOR COVID-19 VACCINE SCAMS**

Although many of us are not at retirement age, we should all heed the warning issued by Medicare.gov. As the country begins to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, there is no doubt scammers are already scheming. Medicare and the Federal Trade Commission posted the following warnings:

- (1) You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- (2) You cannot pay to get early access to the vaccine.
- (3) Do not share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for a fee.

If you come across a COVID-19 vaccine scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission or call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE. Check out [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) for “trustworthy” information.

*Email from Medicare*

## **SAFETY**

### **SAFETY MATTERS -- In the New Year**

Some believe COVID-19 is hokum. Some believe it is quite genuine. That will not be discussed here.

But what if... What if mask wearing, social distancing and observing safety guidelines saves a life. What if minding state guidelines protects a club. What if protocols for COVID-19 keep from bringing it home or from taking it out of your home if it's already there. What if procedures for safety really do curb spread to family, friends, or community.

Does mask wearing violate rights? Does respectful distancing dishonor relationships? Does hand washing hurt the community? Only you can decide for yourself. But it is not only just about yourself, it is for all those around you.

What if... What if a price for COVID-19 is too high? What is the price? There are many such questions. The job of safety is to be mindful of what ifs and prepare for them.

What else can a mask do? One can go a few days without shaving and no one in public will care. One could wear a mask that looks like a majestic orangutan's jaw and lips. One can wear a mask to make a statement of art - there are a great many artful mask designs out there. One can wear a mask to be brave in facing a pandemic and take charge of their care. One can wear a mask because the CDC, WHO, NIH, NIAD say it is a good idea -- and they care about saving people. One might wear a mask because a friend got sick or worse. One can wear a mask to make a stand because the numbers are not going down. One can wear a mask until vaccines start taking effect. One can wear a mask to help keep the flu numbers down. One can show their bravery by wearing a mask. Masks can do a great deal. How about making them work for you? How about making them work for those around you?

I am not here to judge, but to simply help people stay safe. It seems the right thing to do.

The alphabet soup:

WHO - World Health Organization

CDC - Center for Disease Control

NIH - National Institute of Health

NIAD - National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases

The disclaimer - understand that this article does not profess to offer medical advice, but merely compiles data from several sources about masks and the COVID-19 virus. For current information please check with trusted sources.

*Ellery Borow, Safety Chairman*



Our thoughts, prayers and condolences continue to be with the grieving loved ones and friends of those who have lost the battle with their lives to the coronavirus.

### **DEE HOLLAND, AFMS PRESIDENT 1997-1998**

For those of you who attended the 1997 EFMLS Convention or attended a Wildacres session that had a session training competitive judges, you may remember Dee Holland.

Dee Holland passed away December 9, 2021. He was the last of a group of pioneers in the Northwest Federation. He was involved in faceting, competitive rules and exhibiting, and the formation of the ALAA, American Lands Access Association. He was the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies 1987-1988 president and went on to be AFMS president in 1998. In his later years he was president of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation.

His great love was judging competitive exhibits in regional federation shows and worked hard to update the AFMS rules. Along with Jay Bowman, they created the first program of bringing people from all the regional federations to Wildacres for week-long seminar of teaching how to judge competitive exhibits. Both Dee and Jay always said, "You are not a judge. YOU are a teacher." ...

He leaves a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

*Excerpted from an email by Shirley Leeson, AFMS President 2008*

## EDITORS CORNER

A reminder that it is time to submit your newsletter/bulletin, articles, poems drawings, etc. for the EFMLS Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee's Annual Bulletin Editors Contest. Entry forms and guidelines were sent to all editors on November 28. If you are an editor and did not receive the e-mail containing this information or were unable to download it or have any questions, please let Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair, know ([mbateman1@verizon.net](mailto:mbateman1@verizon.net), 973-993-3192 or 52 Harrison Street, Morristown, NJ 07960). **Entries from January 1 to December 31, 2020 bulletins are due January 10, 2021.**

Looking forward to receiving your entries.

*Mary Bateman, Chair, Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee*

## ARE YOU OR YOUR CLUB PARTICIPATING IN THE FEDERATION?

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Each club also has the opportunity to participate directly or indirectly in the numerous committees of the Federation. While Committee chairs are appointed by the President, the members of each club can participate in the committees by contacting the chairman. Committee chairs: A listing of the Committees, their chair and the chair's contact information are printed in each issue of *FMLS News*. (See page 13.)

### **PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:**

**AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND:** Raises funds, the interest of which is to be used to offset the expenses incurred by the AFMS and special project such as funding the kids and video programs that all clubs can use. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to participate through the Endowment Fund's annual auction or by donations in honor/memory of someone.

**AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:** Monies are donated by clubs and individuals and are passed on to AFMS for scholarships to college graduate students who are studying and researching in the earth sciences. Letters to donors are written, records are maintained as to the level of participation for each club.

**AUCTION:** An auction at the annual meeting raises funds that help support the operating expenses of the Federation. All materials auctioned are donated by members of the Federation or occasionally by dealers at the show. An auction is also held at each session of Wildacres, funds collected are used to help keep the costs of Wildacres down -- equipment and supplies, instructors, etc. Again, auction items are donated by members.

**BULLETIN EDITORS ADVISORY:** Each year the committee conducts a bulletin editors contest for both bulletins and their editors and contributors to bulletins. BEAC not only evaluates and rewards editors and writers, but also assists them in making their newsletters better, even the ones that are already great. There are twelve categories. Top winners of all but one of the categories, are sent on to compete in the AFMS' national contest. EFMLS and AFMS winners are acknowledged at a special awards breakfast during the annual convention with trophies and certificates. All EFMLS club editors are eligible to submit their newsletters or any part thereof.

**CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR:** Each club is eligible to submit one person (or a couple) and a junior member each year who has done an outstanding job or is worthy of recognition to be eligible for the

Rockhound of the Year. Each month submissions are printed in both the *EFMLS News* and the *AFMS Newsletter*. Any club member may nominate an outstanding rockhound.

**CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATION:** Assists with advising the membership of impending legislation and rule-making at the Federal level which may impact collecting and the hobby. Clubs and individuals can help the chair by letting them know of pending legislation and/or writing letters to or communicating with elected officials.

**CONVENTION ADVISORY:** Works with member clubs in selecting sites for future EFMLS conventions. Any club can nominate their club as a possible site for a future EFMLS convention.

**DIRECTORY:** Each club is listed in the annual Directory along with its officers and contact information. The Directory also contains valuable information regarding EFMLS including officers, a history of the Federation and various awards and acknowledgements, a committee list with a description and contact information, and much, much more.

**EACH ONE TEACH ONE:** Honors individuals who have taught the hobby to others with no financial remuneration for doing so. This may include school classes, workshop classes, scouts, club members, seniors, the community, etc.

**INSURANCE:** Clubs can purchase liability and accident insurance to cover their activities including field trips, meetings, shows, etc. Such insurance often is the difference in whether or not a club is accorded access to collecting sites. Clubs participating in the insurance program receive a certificate stating they have insurance.

**JUNIOR ACTIVITIES:** Assists member clubs in obtaining information about junior clubs and activities. Assists clubs in setting up junior activities such as special meetings, the badge program, etc.

**LIBRARY:** The EFMLS library contains many programs for clubs for use at their meetings. In recent years, the Library has been updated and put in a digital format. Materials from the Library are available for each club's use by simply contacting the Librarian.

**SAFETY:** Advises members of safety procedures that affect the hobby. The committee has over one hundred resources that it uses to collect and disseminate materials. An article appears in each issue of the *EFMLS NEWS* and the *AFMS Newsletter*. Clubs or members can contact the Committee on any safety issue.

**SUPPLIES:** Maintains a full supply of EFMLS and AFMS supplies for purchase by member clubs or individuals. Included are low costs pamphlets, Federation badges and pins. Most are available to any accredited club member for a nominal fee.

**UNIFORM RULES:** Supervises and handles the judging of displays at the annual show. Has a group of judges that it trains specifically for the purpose of judging showcases.

**WEBMASTER:** Maintains and helps disseminate information about the Federation via the website, *EFMLS.org*. Clubs can send information to the Webmaster for disseminating on the website advertising their club shows, swaps, etc.

**WEBSITE CONTEST:** Each year the committee conducts a website contest. Top winners are sent on to compete in the AFMS' national contest. EFMLS and AFMS winners are acknowledged at a special awards



breakfast during the annual convention with trophies and certificates. All EFMLS club webmasters are eligible to submit their websites. Winners are announced in both the *EFMLS News* and the *AFMS Newsletter*.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

**EFMLS NEWS:** There are several areas that a club may participate in the *EFMLS News*. Your club or one of your members can participate in almost any of the above activities and the chairperson of that committee will acknowledge that participation in the newsletter. Each month, the newsletter lists (advertises) clubs' shows, swaps, etc. that anyone can attend. It also contains committee information, notices of upcoming EFMLS and AFMS meetings, deadlines for contests and information on participating in various activities, etc. Your president, editor, or whoever can send the *EFMLS NEWS* to your members.

**AFMS NEWSLETTER:** The AFMS publishes a newsletter each month, except for a few months out of the year. Your editor, president, or someone else can send the newsletter out to your membership, keeping your membership up to date on the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies activities.

**WILDACRES WORKSHOPS:** Each year two week-long workshop sessions are held in the Blue Ridge Mountains at Wildacres. See page 1 for more details on what transpires at Wildacres. Classes on the hobby are top quality and everyone participates in the numerous activities of the week whether that be spring or fall. Everyone goes home having enhanced or learned a new skill having to do with the hobby.

The above list is by no means a complete list. Check with your Regional Vice President (see page 13 for the list) to see if there is any other way(s) you or your club can participate in Federation activities.

## **VISIT A SHOW OR SWAP**

**Editor's Note:** *If you are considering attending any of the events listed below, not marked cancelled nor postponed, please check with the contact listed before leaving home.* The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has forced many clubs to either postpone or cancel regularly scheduled events which include meetings, shows, swaps, etc. Not all postponement dates have been re-scheduled.

If you would like to see your club show, swap or other public event listed here, please send your information to the editor no later than by the tenth of the month preceding the event.

**January 16, 2021** – Newton, MA -- Boston Mineral Club Annual Auction, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, American Legion Nonantum Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton, MA. Includes voice auction of more than 200 lots of mineral specimens, gems, equipment, and reference material, with a silent auction of more than 100 flats of mineral specimen, lapidary rough, equipment and books. INFO: Mike Haritos, 857-991-2294, [mharitos@comcast.net](mailto:mharitos@comcast.net), [www.bostonmineralclub.org](http://www.bostonmineralclub.org).

**March 27-28** – Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Show. March 27 9:00-5:00, March 28 10:00-4:00. Wysox Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall, 111 Lake Street, Wysox, PA. Exhibits, door prizes and dealers selling minerals, fossils, lapidary and jewelry. Admission adult \$3, students \$1, under 8 free. Contact Bob 570-928-9238; website – [www.chehannarocks.com](http://www.chehannarocks.com).

**June 5-6** – Monroe, NY – Orange County Mineral Society's Annual Mineral, Gem Jewelry and Fossil Show, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM outdoor event, rain, or shine. Museum Village, 1010 Route 17M, Monroe, New York 10950.

**July 9-11** -- Mark your calendars for the 2021 EFMLS Annual Meeting Syracuse, New York. Sponsored by the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse, New York. As the date draws nearer, more information will be forthcoming.

## **CLUB OF THE MONTH**

If you would like your club to be highlighted as a Club of the Month, please contact the editor at [efmlsnew.editor@gmail.com](mailto:efmlsnew.editor@gmail.com) or 973-993-3192.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Cast of thousands, many thousands. A refreshment committee may do refreshments, a field trip committee may do field trips, a show committee may do shows, but a safety committee involves everyone. Everyone deserves, expects and participates in being safe.

There is a committee that is charged with the effort to promote safety in the Eastern Federation member clubs. But first here is the Operating Procedure Index IV: L description of the job:  
The Summary - Gather and keep safety information, write articles for the newsletter, assist field trip chairpersons if called upon, answer member club questions, urge clubs to have their own safety chairpersons, urge use of a safety manual, keep updated with current safety measures.

All that last bit sounds easy but there is more to it than one might notice on cursory glance. Clubs regularly deal with all manner of safety issues. Meeting hall safety, show safety, field trip safety, refreshment safety, lapidary shop safety, travel to the dig site safety, safety in mineral collections, collecting tool safety, hiking to the mine safety, hearing safety, eye safety, and well it is a mighty long list. Each of the areas just mentioned have different areas of concern - electricity, chemistry, physiology, physics, psychology, building codes, equipment manufacturer recommendations, MSHA guidelines, etc. Who knew? Well, hopefully your safety chairperson will.

Thankfully there are innumerable guides and aids to assist with being safe. In the Eastern Federation there are hearing specialists, chemistry teachers, physicians, engineers, COVID-19 specialists, therapists, manufacturer reps, and a whole host of sources of safety ideas and information. That information ends up in articles written for the EFMLS News. Why? Why not? Why not be safe when it is so easy, so well documented, well thought out, so practical, so cheap, so ... safe.

Safety may be a little committee, but it can be a big influence on a club, or a federation, or a federation member club. It is our committee, it is your committee. All of us on the safety committee hope you stay safe. We hope you help others be safe, too. It is what rockhounds do.

*Ellery Borow, Safety Committee Chairman*

# ***A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE 2021 TO ALL***

## SHOWS IN TIMES OF COVID-19

Can a show go on in 2021 with the continuing concerns of COVID-19? Can a club follow all the guidelines and have a show, or is it just too much effort to make it safe? These are difficult questions for a club to address. This is especially so when your state's guidelines may have some say in the matter.

In 2020 several clubs successfully held shows. In a short series of articles show chairpersons who have successfully conducted shows will talk of how their clubs managed to hold shows... they were different kinds of shows but they were shows.

There are many reasons for having a show - keeping in the public eye, keeping the clubs' coffers adequately supplied, keeping people aware that there can be shows in time of COVID-19, keeping club members engaged, all while keeping members and the public safe.

Will the public attend a show when COVID-19 is still with us? People are likely to be cautious but still look for and want safe activities to enjoy - such as our safe, safe, safe gem and mineral shows.

Even with the availability of vaccines, there may still be some safety recommendations which will need to be observed. Will a larger hall be needed for greater spacings between tables? Will there be restrictions on the number of people in the hall? Clubs will need to keep on top of changing circumstances.

One can throw their hands in the air, say it is too much risk, call it a day, and go home. Or, one can say, sure there are challenges... and then address those challenges. This series of articles will speak of challenges and risks and offer ideas about what to do to mitigate them. The biggest hurdle to manage is usually the decision to move forward. The articles will discuss how to do so.

Social distancing, mask wearing, money exchange, barriers, hand washing, eye protection, and more are all addressable and, indeed, may still need to be addressed until vaccine usage is widespread. Again, almost everything is addressable as long as planners make members, volunteers, dealers, and the public feel every safety precaution is being taken on their behalf.

Good luck with your plans, keep on top of the regulations and be as safe as you can for yourself and those around you. Stay tuned.

*Ellery Borow*

## AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or 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 such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.

- I will build fires only in designated or safe places 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 supplies.
- 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.

Revised July 7, 1999 at the AFMS Annual Meeting

*From AFMFED.org AFMS Code of Ethics*

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***DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2021 ISSUE – JANUARY 10, 2021***

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