



# UPCOMING SHOWS

February 2005

**26-27:** Albany, New York, the 12th annual James Campbell Memorial Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale will be co-sponsored by the **New York State Academy of Mineralogy and the Capital District Mineral Club, Inc.** It will be held in the New York State museum at the Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany, New York. The hours will be 10:00AM to 5:00 PM on both days. Free parking. The admission is \$5.00 which includes both the Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show and the New York in Bloom Flower Show which be held at the dates on the main floor of the museum. For more information, call Mike Hawkins, Geology Collection Manager of the museum at (518) 486-2011 or (518) 473-7154. His email address is [mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov).

*Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club will be sponsoring a bus to Albany for this event.  
See info inside.*



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# THE CONGLOMERATE

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.*

Monthly Club meetings held at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library, Montauk Highway, Bay Shore starting at 8:00pm

## CLUB OFFICERS

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The Conglomerate: *Editor* – Judi Wines *Co-Editor* – Marty Besso

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### Last Meeting

- The slate of officers for 2005 was elected.
- Tom Wines presented a slide show of photos from the annual show and the holiday dinner.
- Marty Besso lead the group in a hands-on demonstration on making a memory wire bracelet.
- Mitchell Gluck displayed many jewelry pieces from his personal collection.

### Next Meeting – February 14th

Due to the Holiday, the meeting has been moved ahead one week.

- Installation of Officers for 2005.
- Joseph DeChristoforo of Amazon Imports will speak on colored stones.



Joe last spoke to the Club in January 2002 on his numerous mineral collecting trips to Brazil.

- Edith Heinlein will again test attendees' knowledge of rocks and minerals. So bone up for the trivia quiz.

### New members

Paul & Tammy Gagliardi – Selden

### It's that time of the year

Dues are to be paid by the end of February. Save postage by handing your money in to Roberta at this month's meeting. Individual membership is \$10 and family is \$15. Applications are enclosed.

### Annual Show

Thank You cards were sent to all dealers for their donations to the January Silent Auction and their participation in the Annual Show in December. In addition, the Club presented the Besso's and Casani's with certificates for a free dinner in gratitude of their continued efforts in the organization of the Club's annual show.

### Dorothy Scott Recognition

Dorothy has been awarded a "life-time member" of the Club.

### One-day Bus Trip to Albany

Time is of the essence! The Club is sponsoring a trip to the Capital District Gem and Mineral Show\* on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. We are requiring members to make a firm commitment by reserving a seat on the bus for \$21.00. The Club will refund part of the cost to those members who attend. Seats will be offered to the other local gem & mineral clubs.

There is an admission charge at the door of \$5.00.

To reserve a seat, you must call Club Liaison Charles Runko (631-486-8903) as soon as possible.

At the end of the show, we will be stopping for dinner at the Albany area Cracker Barrel.

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\* See more information on the show on reverse side- "Upcoming Shows"

## Rutgers, NJ Show - Saturday, Jan. 29th

Rutgers University Geology Museum Annual Open House with lectures and mineral show. Call Club Liaison Charles Runko, who will be going, as soon as possible at 631-486-8903 if you are interested in carpooling.

## What is Wildacres?



Wildacres Retreat is a conference center offering its facilities to nonprofit groups that conduct educational or cultural programs and seminars. It is a true retreat, undisturbed by through traffic or noises of the city. In 1946, I.D. and Madolyn Blumenthal, of Charlotte, NC, dedicated it to the improvement of human relations and interfaith dialogue. Since 1972, Wildacres has operated as a public foundation.

Wildacres is situated on 1600 acres at an elevation of 3,300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob, near the Blue Ridge Parkway. It is halfway between Asheville and Blowing Rock in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains.

The primary support of Wildacres comes from its own resources and The Blumenthal Foundation. Wildacres receives gifts from individuals, businesses and foundations interested in the philosophy and programs that are held there.

The EFMLS sponsors two annual lapidary and jewelry making workshops at Wildacres each year. Each session lasts for one week during which classes are given in areas such as Mineral Identification, Cabochon Making, Faceting, Soapstone Carving, Chain Making, Wire-wrapping and Wirecraft Jewelry, Precious Metal Clay, Lost Wax Casting, Intarsia, Channel Inlay, Micromounting, and Pewter Casting/Fabrication. They also offer a course in Certified Judging and Exhibiting for those interested in improving their display cases or becoming judges.

## **What are the Requirements and Costs?**

Workshop attendance is open to any active member of a Club or Society that is a member of the Eastern Federation. Individuals from the other Federations may attend on a space-available basis.

All registration forms **MUST** have four (4) class choices listed, in the order of preference. There will be no registration for classes while at Wildacres. Enrollees will be placed in the classes, as registration forms are received and once a class is full, the next chosen class, with openings, will be assigned.

Fees for the 2005 sessions of Wildacres are \$280 per person. This fee includes room, board and classroom instruction. Most classes will also charge a nominal fee to cover materials and supplies.

The week at Wildacres is divided into two parts or "semesters". Students take one class lasting either the full week (4 days) or two different classes lasting 2 days each. The day between "semesters" is a day set aside to allow participants to explore the region, participate in an old-fashioned tailgate session and relax.

Each Wildacres Workshop also features an expert in residence who gives daily talks about a variety of topics in his field of interest. Speakers for 2005 are Bill Metropolis, Assistant Curator at the Harvard Mineral Museum (June) and Fred Ward, noted author and gem expert (September). These experts live on campus, often attend classes and interact with Workshop participants throughout the session.

A description of the classes to be held at the Spring session (June 3-9) and 2005 EFMLS Wildacres Registration form are enclosed. Additional information can be viewed at the EFMLS website: <http://www.amfed.org/efmls>.

