

UPCOMING SHOWS

2015- 2016

Oct. 17 -18 *Bristol 43rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show*
Beals Community Center, Bristol, Ct.

November 7-8 *Stamford Mineralogical Society's 27th Annual*
Gem , Mineral,Jewelry & Fossil Show
Eastern Greenwich Civic Center

November 14-15 *New York Mineral Club*
Holiday Inn-440 W57th NYC

December 5-6 *Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show*
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
North Ocean Ave., Patchogue

March 12-13 *Island Rock Hound*
Old Bethpage Village- Barn

For other Gem and Mineral shows: <http://www.amfed.org/EFMLS/calendar.htm>

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*To promote cultural, educational, and
scientific interest in mineralogy, and
develop member's skills in lapidary arts
and jewelry crafts*

October 2015

THE CONGLOMERATE

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

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

Refreshments served at 7:30 pm.

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Cell phones are to be turned off during all Club meetings.

More importantly, there should be no disturbances during any guest presentations.



Happy Birthday
Wishes!
May Your Year Be
Filled
with Hugs & Kisses!

Josephine Buttacy

Jessica Miller

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

2015-2016

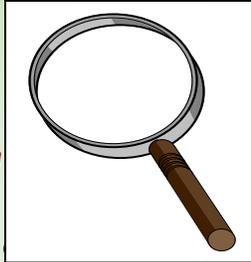
October 19- Rock Cycle- Igneous Rocks
Mica Project

November 16-Hands-On:
Chainmaille Bracelet

December 5-6: Annual Rock & Gem

December 21-Chinese Auction
January 2016- Date & place to be

Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Jan.3rd
Holiday Party



Ch-ch-ch-changes Ch-ch-changes

At our October Board Meeting we discussed several changes:

1. The Chinese Auction will be held at the December 21st meeting and open to the public. We will be advertising at our annual show
2. The Holiday Party will be January 3rd and held at the Olive Garden in Bay Shore. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. We will be having a silent auction with minimum bids posted
3. Members will volunteer their time teaching at a general meeting (lecture or hands-on)
4. Board meeting will be held at members' residence

This month we are hosting:

Igneous Rocks- Synopsis by Cheryl Neary
Hands- On Mica Project with Kerry Dicker

This month we will be making a beautiful pendant using mica. Please bring:

1. Photo – 1” in size (an old photo will work great!) or a pressed flower or a flat charm to insert into the pendant
2. You will also need a towel & scissors.

The cost for the project is \$1.00. In addition, each person will be going home with a piece of mica!

Let the Adventures Begin!

AFMS Scholarship Foundation – A Great Investment!

by Alice Cherbonnier, Scholarship Foundation
Coordinator (EFMLS October Newsletter)



What began as an idea in the 1960's has blossomed into an invaluable asset for almost 500 graduate students to date.

Back in the early 1960's, EFMLS President Richard Burnham suggested that it might be a good idea for the AFMS to establish a scholarship foundation to benefit graduate students in the earth sciences. The idea "stuck" and a committee was quickly formed to draft guidelines, incorporate the new "Scholarship Foundation" and get the ball rolling to collect funds for the project. The idea then as now, was to collect funds, deposit them in secure accounts and use only the interest to fund scholarships to selected grad students. The first grant was made in 1965 and the student selected received \$300.00. Since those early days, over one million dollars in scholarships have been awarded!

The AFMS itself does not make the selections for the scholarship recipients. Rather, each of the six participating regional federations selects an honorary recipient – usually either an individual who has worked tirelessly for their federation or a college professor in the earth sciences field. It is this individual who, working with a college or university, selects the two recipients for the awards.

In 2015 there will be twelve awards of \$4,000 each made - 2 for each federation.

You and your club members can certainly get involved in this program by contributing. "Credits" are awarded to each club equaling 1 credit for each \$1 sent to the Foundation. When your club contributes \$1 for each member, you get an award of 100%. These contributions are continuous so if your club sends in \$1 for each member 24 times, your club would be noted as a 2400% donor.

Many clubs send around a kitty at each meeting and ask members to contribute. Others, just simply take a lump sum from their budget each year, while others do a matching scheme. Club members may also contribute directly as recognition of a noteworthy event, or untimely memorial. Credit may be given to their home club.

Interest rates are down, and even though there's a substantial bank account, the interest generated from it, continues to be low. Obviously, the more funds deposited in the account, the more money there is available for scholarships. ***Your help therefore is needed and encouraged!***

Note: In 2013, two local recipients were selected by our honorary recipient- Dr. Gil Hanson of Stony Brook University at the Annual Convention hosted jointly by SGMC & IRH



Outside The Box

Last month we had our Show & Tell- **Thanks to all the participants!**

Thanks to both Kerry D. and Carol P. who will be teaching us in the following months-

Kerry had made several of the items we will be making this year- the mica pendant (October) and two different chainmaille bracelets (November and Spring)

Carol P., spoke about her trip to Wildacres and the class in gem-trees, which she will be teaching in the Spring-

Also- Pat S. shared her story with us how she became so sick while traveling to a field trip she was participating in out west - remember it is so important to stay hydrated, even while driving in an air-conditioned vehicle!

What is a Member in Good Standing?

One that:

- Attends (4) Meetings
- Contributes Time to Club Show or the Celinka Show-at the Club Table

(If you are unable to attend the show, there is other show activities you can volunteer for- please see Elaine or Cheryl!

- Participates in Club Fundraisers

Remember-this is your club!

This club needs you to participate, in order for the club to grow-

If you have any suggestions for a program, please speak to one of the Board members listed above. If you have an idea for a field trip, please speak to a Board member as well!

News from EFMLS:

Sharing for Each One Teach One by Betsy Oberheim, EOTO Chair

What a beautiful month this is; the leaves turn all the colors of our favorite rocks!! It's not too cold and the air is so crisp and pleasant. What a great month to go out and rockhound, but get there before those leaves actually fall, and think about sharing all those accumulating flats of rocks with others.

Certainly you know some kids who would treasure your contributions.

And while you are at it; tell them about your club and its activities.

Next thing you know you'll have new friends, club members, and be on

your way for the **Each One Teach One award**. I hope all club members are out there sharing people and will take a few minutes to send that information to me. I know we have a year yet before the award applications are due, but the early bird...is appreciated!



Two Amazing Sessions!

by Steve Weinberger

Our Eastern Federation has been privileged to hold workshops at the Wildacres Retreat since 1973. Although I did not attend the very first workshop, Carolyn and I did attend the 3rd, in 1976 and, in my opinion, each year since our workshops have gotten better and better! This year was no exception!

Some highlights of note. Our two wonderful speakers, Bob Jones and Denise Nelson, kept their audience spellbound as they related tales of helicoptering into a mine, entering the famous cave of humongous crystals at Naica, Mexico, the mines and gems of Minas Gerais, or the world's best gem carvings and the history of the materials, art, tools and people who created them.

Classes were fabulous! We faceted terrific gemstones, cut amazing cabochons, wirewrapped, photographed, learned to identify gemstones, carved soapstone, made chains and gem trees, learned to make silver and polymer clay jewelry, learned about the geology of the Wildacres area, learned to make intarsia, fused some glass, knotted beads and learned to knit with wire. What an array of classes taught by our ever patient instructors.

Thanks to excellent and generous donations, both our auctions did well, and our May Fun Night saw the reappearance

of the "Moosketeers" who made Carol and Bob Jones honorary members of the troupe. In August, Fun Night was replaced with a concert given by Don Pedi, a well-known dulcimer player. Both Show & Tell sessions amazed the group with the wonderful projects completed by all.

As per usual, the food was good, comraderie among the participants delightful and cooperative weather truly enhanced the Wildacres 2015 experience.

Watch this space in the coming months for information about our 2016 sessions. We'll publicize them here once we receive our dates from the Wildacres Foundation and please do consider joining the fun "on the mountain" next year!

Gerry Cox photo – Wildacres- August session



Going for the Gold

by Ellery Borow, BEAC chair

Even in this day of everyone getting at least an honorable mention for participation, going for the gold still has some cache. In the instance of going for the gold, I am, of course, thinking of your selecting one of your very own club members as your club's 2015 Rockhound of the Year. In this instance there is no second place, or third place, or honorable mention. In this instance, for the year 2015, your club may have one member and only one member as their gold star honoree. The exceptions are instances where the honorees are a couple. Next year you may have another honoree. The year following that you may have another honoree. You see, every deserving member can have their very own Gold Star Year, their year as your club's Rockhound of the Year!

We at the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year program are here to help get that "going for the gold" honoree's name in lights and glitter -or at least get in print in the pages of the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters. For just the cost of a postage stamp and a few moments of your time we can make a public thank you to those good folks in your club. Here is how it works: select a deserving person (or persons in case of a couple) in your club, prepare a brief (70 word or so) note of the good work they do for your club and send the information to me with the club affiliation and your name as the person submitting the name of the person deserving the honor.

We request that only one honoree be named each year. That said, we will also accept one junior member for the ACROY honor in addition to the adult honoree. It is that easy to have your honoree's accomplishments be noted in the pages of the EFMLS and AFMS newsletters.

You can reach me at Ellery Borow

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Sorry, I do not have e-mail.

We would like to hear about all those good folks who continue to deserve a gold star for all the things they do for your club.

AFMS Land Use Policy

1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assures compliance with most statutes and regulations governing collecting on public lands and encourages respect for private property rights and the environment. Clubs are urged to read the AFMS Code of Ethics in at least one meeting every year, to publish the Code frequently in the club newsletter, and to compel compliance on club field trips.
2. Individuals and clubs are urged to write their elected representatives and land use management agency supervisors regarding issues of rule- making, legislation and enforcement affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.
3. Individuals and clubs are urged to join and support activities of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), a sister organization with responsibility for advancing the interests of earth science amateurs with legislatures and land use management agencies.
4. The AFMS will receive a report from ALAA at its annual meeting.
5. The AFMS endorses the principle of multiple use of public lands as a guarantee of continuing recreational opportunities.
6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with the principle of multiple use. In view of the vast amount of public land already designated as wilderness and monuments, future such designations should be minimal, taking into account the increased demand for recreational opportunities, including rockhounding, created by a growing population.
7. In furtherance of the principle of multiple use, the AFMS believes that laws, regulations and rules established by relevant governmental authorities should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands, coupled with minimal restrictions on the recreational collection of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.
8. A right to collect minerals and fossils on public lands should be protected by statute.
9. The AFMS urges its members to work with any or all government authorities to achieve a good working relationship in order to improve the "Public Image" of recreational collectors.