UPCOMING SHOWS

& Events

May 31-June 2	**10-5**	**EFMLS Convention & Show** **Sheraton Long Island** **110 Motor Pkwy** **Hauppauge, NY 11788**
July 13-14	**10-6 /10-4**	**Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse** **SRC Arena @ Onondaga Community College**
July 27-28	**10-5**	**LIMAGS Show** **Mattituck High School**

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

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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, Brightwaters starting at 8:00pm.

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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!

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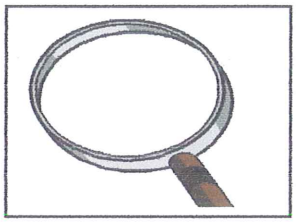
UPCOMING MEETINGS:

2013

Save the Dates!



May 20…
Wishing Well Bags
June 17…TBD

This Month's Meeting: 05/20/13

Come and join us as we assemble the bags for the Wishing Well – a children activity at the EFMLS Show.

Also, anyone with button-up type men's shirts that can be donated to the EFMLS Show for the children painting activity as smocks- please bring to meeting! (See Eileen)

Picnic Time!

Saturday July 20th
Raindate: Sunday July 21st
Hecksher Park Field 1

Please notify Roberta what food item you will be bringing to this fun time!

Bring chairs!

Bring rocks and hobby related items to trade or sell!

Anyone interested in donating item(s) for the EFMLS Auction to be held on Saturday, June 1st at the Long Island Sheraton during our show, please bring to the meeting on Monday.
Your donation helps support the Endowment Fund- which helps support membership clubs.
Thank You!

Field Trips:

(LIMAGS)
Springfield Bus Trip: Saturday, August 10th
Cost $38.00/person. Members to be reimbursed$15.00 on the bus.
If interested please see Cheryl. A 50% non-refundable deposit will be required to hold a seat for you on the bus.

(LIMAGS)
Poland Spring, Maine
August 30-Sept. 2, 2013
Cost $ 100.00/person /day
Includes Camp Lodging, meals and collecting. At this time there is a waiting list

Let the Adventures Begin!

Fair -Trade Gemstones

Fair-Trade Gems are closely tracked from mine to market. This ensures that every gem is being handled according to strict protocols. Fair-trade is also found in other commodity markets, such as coffee.

Included in the protocol is environmental protection, fair labor practices at the cutting and jewelry factories and a chain of custody which eliminates the possibility of treated or synthetic gems entering the market unbeknownst. Accountability, public education and cultural diversity are promoted as well in the protocols.

All fair-trade gems are sold with complete enhancement disclosures.

What does "fair- trade" mean?

- **Environmental Protection**
- **Fair Labor Conditions**
- **Workers' rights**
- **Product integrity**
- **Fair value and full disclosure of information for consumers**

Protection of the environment during the mining, cutting and jewelry manufacturing is an important aspect of fair–trade gems. During mining operations, leaving as much vegetation as possible reduces the impact on wildlife habitat. Upon completion of mining, restoring and replanting the mine sites to original conditions is important.

Outside the Box!

A synopsis of last month's meeting

Judy Ann Olsen, professional jewelry writer and graduate of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) provided a captivating powerpoint presentation on the global gem trade and the importance of fair -trade gems.

This month we will be having sign-up sheets for the June show. We are respectfully requesting that each member volunteer a minimum of four (4) hours per day (Sat/Sun).

We need to have many doors covered by our security volunteers, both inside and outside the ballroom, so that only paid individuals have access. Security members are welcome to sit at the door.

We have volunteers for the club table and children games.

In addition to signing-up for the time slots, we are also asking that you provide your tee shirt size. All volunteers will be wearing our official tee shirt. If you do not show up for your time slot, the tee shirt cost will be your responsibility ($5.00)

If you have any questions, please speak with Kerry Dicker, who is the show chairperson for our club!

Thank you in advance for your dedication in providing an avenue to a successful show and convention event.