

# EFMLS NEWS

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETIES



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by the kid who's father is carving him a pumpkin*

"Communication" o course is the Key to Our Success"

**Please read this message with caution!!!...  
because I'm going to ask you to do something.**

I would like you to tell us if you read (not "red" - see how tricky communication is?) the EFMLS News?? Always, Most of the time, Sometimes... Hardly ever? There is no checkbox for "what is the EFMLS News?" I am asking because there's hardly a way for us to tell. But maybe there is a way...



Go here: <https://goo.gl/forms/ITYPZpZ7gYMrhK3D2>. I mentioned in my firar President's Message there will be themes to my messages, hence this one, COMM's. I hope to eventually move on from this topic, but it may depend on the responses. You probably guessed that it's important to me. The reason it initially dawned on me is because you can't help to see somewhere on the bottom of every page of the newsletter that COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY! I then asked myself, "Are we communicating with you?" When we refer to our Federation it has to be synonymous with Communication.

The times, yes, there are a changing. Next year we will have a new Federation Website. I hope this will serve all your Federation needs such as Liability Insurance info, ordering Club Name Badges, Membership Cards, Upcoming Shows, etc. and much more. I was surprised that I could buy the domain [EFMLS.org](http://EFMLS.org) so I did. I will soon be giving it to you all as my holiday present. Until it replaces the current [amfed.org/efmls](http://amfed.org/efmls) site, it will update you on various going's on such as the newly elected Regional Vice Presidents.

So on behalf of the folks who work for you in the Federation, Happy Holidays! And from me, Merry SaturChrisKwanzHannukaRamad and all other faith's holidays, plus Happy Festivus for the rest of us, to everyone. I look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Always Sincerely,  
David  
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If you don't have email access, please call or write.

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## PERSONAL LIMITS

*by Ellery Borow, EFMLS Safety Chair*

No doubt all safety-aware persons are mindful of various rules, regulations, guidelines and limits imposed upon us by all manner of property owners, equipment manufacturers, various state and federal agencies.

Those rules, regulations, guidelines and limits have been thoroughly researched, reviewed, relevancy tested, and released for all of our collective safety concerns.

Where however, do ones own personal limits come into play? Our various medications, concerns about our less than satisfactory balance, our less than sharp eyesight, and our less than optimal motor skills all suggest limitations to which we should also pay attention as we engage in our rockhounding activities.

Is that a slope we could easily climb or is it something we could no longer ascend? Is a large lapidary project something we should no longer attempt, considering the weakness in our hands? Should we cut back on certain faceting designs because of eyesight issues?

While rules, regulations, guidelines and limits imposed upon us are thoughtful and well intentioned, we would be well advised to be aware of our personal limits and mind them as well. Our personal limits are, well, personal. We are the ones most suited to judging and minding our own personal limits. How far we can walk to a quarry, how heavy a pack we can carry, how far we can carry that pack, should all be a part of our thought process in being safe.

Some limitations have work-arounds. One can add wheels to their collecting bags, or support jigs and fixtures to support heavy lapidary work, or use a longer trail instead of the steep slope. Those are all work-arounds.

Ones own personal limits are important to mind. One might injure themselves by disregarding equipment manufacturers recommendations, but one might also injure themselves when disregarding a personal limitation such as when taking too steep a trail.

Please be safe – your safety matters, no matter the source of a limitation.



# WE HAVE OUR DATES & SPEAKERS

by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Chair

I'm delighted to let you know that we now have our dates for our two 2019 EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres and have obtained our two stellar Speakers-in-Residence as well.

Spring will be May 20 - 26 and will feature Renée Newman as Speaker. Fall will be September 2 - 8 and will feature Elise Skalwold as our Speaker.

Renée is a graduate gemologist (GIA) and is the author of a variety of consumer guide books to buying gems. Her books use a variety of photos from designers, lapidaries, jewelry artists and gem dealers, but she also takes many photos herself. More info about Renée can be found at [www.reneenewman.com](http://www.reneenewman.com).



Renée Newman,  
Photo © dcgia.org

Our fall speaker is Elise Skalwold. She is an Accredited Senior Gemologist, independent researcher, educator, author, and photographer. She has served as Consulting Gemological Curator at her alma mater Cornell University (B.Sc. 1982) and is contributing editor and author for the quarterly column *G&G Micro-World* featured in *Gems & Gemology*, the peer-reviewed scientific journal of the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). Ms. Skalwold is a graduate gemologist (GIA.). While living in Thailand she worked in the famous gem markets of both Chanthaburi and Bangkok and pursued studies at the Gem & Jewelry Institute of Thailand for which she was subsequently elected a Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Great Britain (F.G.A.) in London.



Elise Skalwold  
(Photo © Elise Skalwold)

Passionate about her work, Elise takes great pride in representing gemology as a relevant geoscience around the world and with having done so at Cornell University. She is an author and co-author of several books, scientific papers and articles. She has spoken to gemological conferences worldwide, including Scotland, Sweden, Tucson, at the GIA Carls-

bad and alumni chapters, Sinkankas Symposium, and is a repeat speaker at the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium and the New York Mineralogical Club. Please visit her website at <http://nordskip.com/>. Elise will be accompanied by her wonderful husband, James Edward, a professional geologist.

The Wildacres Retreat is like no other place you've ever visited. Nestled atop its own private mountain just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC, the privately held facility features comfortable bedrooms, well-equipped workshops, meeting rooms, a comfortable dining hall, and wonderful mountain vistas. Food is good, the air is clean and free from city noises, car horns, blaring radios, etc. What a wonderful place to rest, relax and learn.

The tuition for each week-long session is \$425 per person. This fee includes room and board, and gratuities for the permanent Retreat staff. Materials fees for the class or classes you take during the week are additional and vary with each class.

Spring class offerings are shown on the next page. Fall should be available in our next EFMLS News. Class size is kept at a low level in order to ensure proper attention from your instructor and availability of equipment. Registration for either session begins January 1 and we encourage you to do so early in order to have a good shot at being enrolled in the class or classes of your choice.

We've included a registration form on page \_\_\_\_ for your convenience. Please feel free to duplicate it to share with your club members.

At Wildacres....

We learn new skills!

We review previously learned skills!

We meet new people!

We have fun!!!! Looking for that elusive puzzle piece in upping club show attendance?  
by Bob Livingston\*

Hey Everybody, at the last three EFMLS conventions super success in 5 or 6 cases have been reported using

# WILDACRES SPRING CLASSES – MAY 20 – 26, 2019 – SPEAKER-IN-RESIDENCE: RENÉE NEWMAN

Class & Instructor	Description
Cabochons – Basic Bernie Emery	Learn to transform a piece of rock into a shiny, well-formed cabochon. You will learn the use of the trim saw as well as basics of grinding, sanding and polishing. Slabs are provided or students September use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Cabochons - Intermedi- ate Bernie Emery	Learn to cut different shapes and the techniques needed to do so. Slabs are provided or students may use their own with approval of the instructor. Please bring an apron and safety glasses. Prerequisite: Students must have prior experience with cabling and use of the trim saw. 2-day class offered second semester.
Faceting Reivan Zeleznik	Students will learn to cut and polish a 57-facet round brilliant gemstone. In addition, they will learn how to identify well-cut stones, select rough material and see whether or not they enjoy this fascinating aspect of the hobby. Students are asked to bring an optivisor if they have one. Jeweler’s loupe needed and will be available from the instructor for purchase. No prior experience is necessary. 4-day class.
Fold Forming/ Cold Con- nections Micah Kirby	The class will introduce intro to fold forming and connecting base metals without heat (cold). We will cover how to use forming tools and hammers, wire, tubing, and rivets as fasteners. Hinging and tab setting also be covered. We will explore design concepts with texturing, using stamps, hammers and rolling mill. Forming and tab setting techniques will be implemented as well. Class will learn a to design an air chased cuff from copper tubing and a pair of matching earrings. Gain knowledge of texturing and forming the cuff. Class will produce a one cuff and 1 pair of earrings and finish with tumbling. 2-day class offered first semester.
Fold Forming / Cold Con- nections II Micah Kirby	Class will Learn to design and fabricate a pair of earrings and pendent. Combing multiple pieces and connecting with wire, tube or rivet. Using stamps, hammer or rolling mill to texture. The pendent will involve the same techniques also a tab set stone/ found object and finish with tumbling (pendent will tumble before setting). 2-day class offered second semester.
Geology Rob Robinson	A basic introduction to rocks and minerals and the study of the earth. The class will include a discussion and class activity about how geologists interpret rocks to tell geologic history related to their formation, deformation and sequence and timing of events. Weather permitting there will be a field trip to local rock exposures to illustrate local rock types, the deformation types, and how a geologist maps and interprets structures (limited walking is required.) Please bring a loupe or other magnification, hiking boots or sturdy shoes and outdoor clothes for the half-day field trips. Geologic hammer and safety glasses are also desirable. (Do not bring a nail hammer – they are unsafe to hit rocks.) 2-day class offered first semester. No experience needed.

## 2018 WILDACRES SPRING CLASSES - CONTINUED

Class & Instructor	Description
Geology II Rob Robinson	An overview of plate tectonics, geologic history and the geology of the Blue Ridge region and its minerals. We will discuss the geologic environments hosting mineral and gem collecting sites. Come prepared to identify some of your collecting localities to be part of this exercise. Weather permitting there will be a field trip to the Blue Ridge Museum showing local rocks and geologic history and another to see local geology. (A one-mile walk over gentle trails is required for the geology trip.) Some knowledge of basic geology preferred. Please refer to Geology I for suggested tools, clothing and magnification. 2-day class offered second semester
Introduction to Inlay Chuck Bruce	Students will construct an inlay box pendant and student choice after. Students can bring basic silver tools, pocketknife or scribe, will have all tools needed. Students need to bring or purchase 2-3 slabs of rock that are similar hardness, Woods, Fossil Ivory and can be combined for inlay. Pattern stones do very well with plain colored stone. Expect waste rock. 2-day class offered first semester.
Introduction to Inlay - II Chuck Bruce	Student will finish fabrication of small trapper folding knife. Students can bring basic silver tools, pocketknife or scribe, but will have all tools needed. Students need to bring or purchase 2-3 slabs of rock that are similar hardness, woods, fossil ivory which can be combined for inlay. Pattern stones do very well with plain colored stone. Expect waste rock. 2-day class offered second semester.
Silversmithing Richard Meszler	Have fun learning the basics of working silver sheet and wire to fabricate jewelry. The projects will introduce you to annealing/bending/shaping/texturing metal, soldering, piercing and polishing. Students will receive a kit containing the necessary metals and supplies to complete these projects as well as a detailed written step by step description of each project. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Silversmithing II Richard Meszler	Continue your education working with metals by doing a more complex project. You will learn to make a bezel setting & bail into which you will set a cabochon to make a pendant. Students will receive a kit containing the necessary metals and supplies to complete this project as well as a detailed written step by step description of each project. Prerequisite: Basic silversmithing experience including soldering. 2-day class offered second semester
Soapstone Carving Sandy Cline	This class will provide a general introduction to the carving of soapstone. You will develop a working knowledge of the material, tools, safe handling issues and the methods used to complete a carving. You will produce a simple piece and progress to making a more advanced sculpture of your choice. The development of your own personal style will be encouraged. No prior experience needed. 2-day class offered both semesters
Wirewrapping Jacolyn Campbell  Session I - Basic  Session II - Intermediate	Using pliers, gold-filled or sterling silver wire, assorted beads or gemstones, and a few basic wirecraft techniques, learn how to create your own fashion rings, bracelets, pendants and earrings to add that perfect accent to your jewelry wardrobe or to give as gifts. All tools and materials will be provided. Session I: Designed for beginners, participants will make an adjustable ring, two bracelets, a pendant and two pairs of earrings. 2-day class offered first semester. Session II: Designed for those with some experience (or a brave beginner) participants will make a fitted ring, two pairs of earrings, a cabochon pendant and a bracelet. 2-day class offered second semester.

## EDITORS CORNER

*by Mary Bateman, BEAC Chair*

### **Update on the Bulletin Editors 2019 contest (December 2017 through October 2018 newsletters):**

For those of you who sent in your entries for the 2019 contest, your entries are currently in the hands of the judges. We want to thank all of you who took the time to enter. October is a busy time of the year for most of us and we are sure your club members will appreciate your letting them know that you acknowledge and value their contributions to help make your newsletter more valuable to them. By December 31<sup>st</sup> all this year's entries will be in the hands of AFMS national judges. Good luck to all of you.

### **2020 BEAC Contest:**

A reminder to save those November and December 2018 issues of your newsletter for the 2020 contest. Because the deadline was so early this year, these issues are eligible for the 2020 contest and, for now, as well as your January through December 2019 issues. As soon as we receive more information about the AFMS 2020 contest, we will let you know if there are any changes in this information. For all of you who asked, we hope to have the 2020 category forms in a doc file as well as in a fillable pdf format. Thank you for your patience while we are updating the BEAC portion of the EFMLS website.

### **Changes in Editorship:**

As you have noticed, e-mail was used this past year for notifying you of changes and sending you the guidelines and forms for the contest. If you have a new editor, please let me know their name and e-mail address so we can keep them informed. Also, if you are the editor of your newsletter and haven't been receiving this information, please let me know along with your name and e-mail address.



### **The Editors Corner:**

I admit after doing this column for more years than I care to admit, I get writer's block and can't think of anything to write. I give in to that and don't write anything. I'd like to change that and need your help in giving me some input as to what you want to see here.

Besides keeping you informed of the BEAC contest, we would like to make this column helpful and useful in your preparation of your newsletters. What type of articles and information would you like to see in this column? This might include information on how to get more articles for your newsletter, how do I motivate my fellow club members to submit articles, etc. This column is your column and we would like to have your feedback on how to make it a better column for you. Also, if you have implemented an idea that is working for your newsletter and you would like to share that, let me know that, too. All information will be considered and either put in this column or, if it is too long for here, e-mail it to all of you.

Send all comments, ideas, suggestions, etc. to me at either [mbateman1@verizon.net](mailto:mbateman1@verizon.net) or via mail to Mary Bateman, EFMLS BEAC Chair, 52 Harrison Street, Morristown, NJ 07960. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance for your input and support.

## INSURANCE REMINDER

*by Gary Bergtholdt*

Just a quick reminder that if you have not yet sent in your 2019 EFMLS Liability and or Accident Insurance renewal or application for the coming year you need to do so immediately!.

If you've misplaced your information, contact me at [gbergtholdt@gmail.com](mailto:gbergtholdt@gmail.com) and I will send you a copy of the information immediately. Don't let your club policy expire!



## LOOKING FOR THAT ELUSIVE PUZZLE PIECE IN UPPING CLUB SHOW ATTENDANCE?

*by Bob Livingston, EFMLS Past President*

At the last three EFMLS conventions super success in 5 or 6 clubs have reported that using Facebook to get the word out re their club Gem/Mineral shows has increased interest and attendance.

In the case of the Bristol, CT club, attendance reportedly jumped nearly double from one year to the next after they seriously utilized Facebook. The Central Pennsylvania club reported a significant attendance boost. And this year it was reported by a West Virginia club that they too really have made hay now with the advent of Facebook. A Florida club also reported excellent results.

Here is my quandary: We of the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, a large club with a large Metro show of over 60 dealers, including some wholesale, have gone all out, we thought, to use Facebook more heavily each year for the past four. This year, we even took several paid Facebook ads which we heard were the sure answer. Results: looking back over the four years, almost no change in show attendance that has been rather even for many years. So, I am asking you "Shining Star" fellow clubs, what is the nuance you are doing with great successes that we at GMSS are missing together with perhaps some other clubs?

Here is my promise. You all mail me your formula for success using Facebook and I will organize your various answers and write a followup article on this subject in the next three months stating what you have told me so all clubs might benefit from it. After all, we are some 100-plus clubs with similar interests and not in competition. Kindly send your detailed way you use Facebook to enhance show attendance to me at [gemguy@verizon.net](mailto:gemguy@verizon.net) or via snail mail using my postal address listed in the EFMLS Directory under Past Presidents. Thanks much.

## EFFORT? WHAT EFFORT?

*by Ellery Borow*

It never ceases to amaze me when I consider what amazing effort goes into many common rockhound activities. Whether editing a club bulletin, leading a field trip or dig, balancing a clubs books chairing a rock show or running a kids edition of a rock club meeting, all these require a considerable effort.

All through our rock, mineral, gem, lapidary and fossil clubs there are a myriad of activities which, at first glance, may appear to be simple and uncomplicated yet are, instead, just the opposite. Indeed the behind the scenes of many club activities is a substantial amount of time and effort that often goes unnoticed, or worse, unappreciated.

Should I ask if your club has thanked your editor, or treasurer, kids activity advisor or show chair lately? or at all? If not, I invite you to take advantage of an offer we are making to publicly thank your especially dedicated members for the effort they donate to support your club.

What we'd like to do is publicly recognize your special club member via the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters if you designate the person as your Club Rockhound of the Year.

Just write a brief (100 word or less) description of the work your special member does to support your club and send it to me. Easy Peasy!

Every EFMLS member club may select one member (or couple) for their 2018 honoree. In addition, you can recognize one junior member. In addition to the write-up, we do need the name of your honoree(s), club name, and your name as the submitter.

It's that easy...you can do this. It's fast and easy and you get to have your special person noted by both EFMLS and AFMS.

Please act fast as time for 2018 is running out. I'll need your submission for the year no later than December 15.

Thank you for recognizing your dedicated members.

# EFMLS FACEBOOK PAGE NEWS

by Suzie Lamb, Chair

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**Facebook.** Really? Then they rolled their eyes and sighed. That was four years ago. It was a time when our club spent more than we should have in advertising for newspapers, flyers, posters and everything else. Those expenses lessened our profits from the show.

How can anyone ignore the fact that people are constantly looking at their phones? Maybe you aren't glued to your phone. Maybe your friends aren't interested in social media and only use their computers for Solitaire.

Geology tells us that the world is constantly changing, and it is. More and more people are relying on technology. People today are constantly searching for entertainment, experiences, and opportunities to explore new places and events, so they can take a "selfie" and post it on Facebook.

Take advantage of that! It doesn't mean that you need live that lifestyle. It doesn't mean that you must be like them. Communication is what it is all about. Talk to them about rocks, minerals, fossils and the like and they are likely to fall asleep. Show them and they will

be interested. Show them where they can see it, touch it, and most of all, take a "selfie" with it and share it with their friends who in turn will want to do it too.

So how are we doing now? In the days leading up to our show we got over 14,500 hits. It was a really, really, good turn out this year. The most attendance ever.

I want to do the same for the new EFMLS Facebook page. Please visit, like, share and invite your members to join as well. The EFMLS has a goal of bringing the clubs together to share information about shows, and cool finds. We want to be able to inform and educate ourselves and the public and grow interest in our hobby. People are interested in our hobby, and they need to know where they can go or talk to in their locality. Help them find us. Help us to grow your membership.

Visit us at:  
[www.facebook.com/EFMLS-211759462889948/](http://www.facebook.com/EFMLS-211759462889948/) Give us a "like" and you'll be able to share all that valuable information about your club.

## AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUNDS OF THE YEAR

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The Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse is honored to nominate **Bill and Sharon Viel** as our 2018 AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year. The Veils have been an integral part of the tea effort to produce our annual show. Bill is responsible for all show security matters. He also orchestrates moving display cases and support materials to and from the show. Sharon sets up and oversees operation of our club booth. Under her watch, the booth setup is enhanced and participation has increased so that it is a prominent feature in our show.

Our show is greatly enhanced by Team Viel's quiet, behind-the-scenes hard work and much valued dedication.

submitted by Cheryl Brown, President

**Bill Chapman** is more than our 2018 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year, he is the Wayne County Gem & Mineral Club Rockhound of the Decade! Such is the devotion, dedication and determination of Bill to serve our club.

Leading hundreds of field trips, teaching a the club workshop, serving at shows, doing public outreach, inspiring all who work with him, Bill is a powerhouse of energy. Always ready to lend a hand, whether at a club activity YMCA or Cam Good Day, Bill's work with kids is legendary.

We are thankful for Bill's efforts to serve the club and the community.

submitted by Fred Haynes, WCG & M Club





# AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of 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 - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only 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 supply.

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.

*Regardless of which holiday you celebrate, we wish you a joyous celebration and a wonderful time with family and friends.*

*Steve, Carolyn and Miss Mocha Latté*



# 2019 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

## For Office Use Only

ID # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Rec'd" \_\_\_\_\_  
Amt. Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ck #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amt. Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ck #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paid in Full: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE: May 20 - 26: \_\_\_\_\_ Fall: September 2 - 8: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to SUZIE MILLIGAN, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320. **No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2019.** (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You September photocopy it as needed.) Please write legibly!

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number with area code: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Society Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for each session is \$425.00 per person. Deposit is \$215 per person, payable with registration. Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of fee is due 30 days prior to start of session. No postdated checks will be accepted.

**Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.**

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Is your Club paying your tuition? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name of roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ (If none, one will be assigned).

Are you: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
(No smoking is allowed in any building)

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If YES, please explain on reverse side.

## Class Pre-registration

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website ([efmls-wildacres.org/](http://efmls-wildacres.org/)) for class offerings.

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. All participants must take classes.

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? **Please indicate at least 3 choices** in order of preference for each semester. You will be preregistered for classes based on your choices, but no class placement is guaranteed. Should your preferred class be unavailable for any reason you will be preregistered for another of your choices. If no alternate class preference is indicated we will pre-register you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.

### 1st Semester or 4 day classe choices

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Semester

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2018)

Mail to: Suzie Milligan, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320

If you have any questions, please contact either

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### March:

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23-24" 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock & Mineral Show presented by the Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club. Wysox Volunter Fire Co, 111 Lake Rd., Wysox, PA. Info: Bob McGuire – 570-928-9238 or [uvbob1942@gmail.com](mailto:uvbob1942@gmail.com).

30-31: Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show sponsored by the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and Delaware Valley Paleontological Society. LuLu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA (PA Turnpike, exit 333 or I-476, exit 20). Info: [www.phillyrocks.org](http://www.phillyrocks.org)

### September:

28-29: 55th Atlantic Coast Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore, Inc. Howard Co. Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD. Info: [gemcuttersguild.com](http://gemcuttersguild.com)

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