

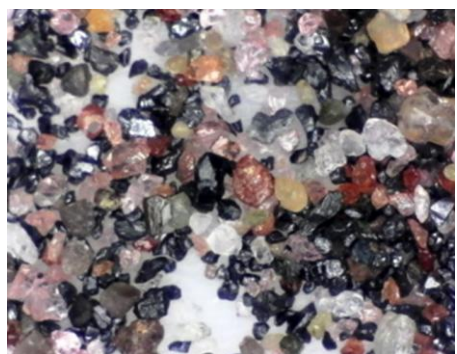
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April Activities

“Garnet-rich Sands of Northeastern North America”



Garnet sand from Hamlin Beach, Lake Ontario.
fredhaynes.com

Mon., April 20, 2025

**Guest speaker: Fred Haynes
from the Wayne County Gem
& Mineral Club – See Page 5**

**Gemworld Show Sign Inspection Day –
Sat., April 26 - help needed!
Details on Page 6**



Garnets in the Salmon River. fredhaynes.com

**Lapidary Poltergeists?
See Page 4**

March Madness at the Clubhouse!



Spring Auction – Page 7 & 8 Cabin Fever – Pages 3,8-11

President's Message

Matt Klinger



Happy April everyone. Our weather is still trying to figure out if it's Spring or if it's still Winter. Either way I'm getting my tools ready to unearth some great specimens. Dave Arcaro is lining up some great field trips to do just that. Please safely enjoy wrestling your favorites from

Mother Nature's grasp. If you do have a successful trip gathering specimens, please consider writing about it and submitting it to Larry Petry for our newsletter (editorgmss@gmail.com). We would love to share in your adventures.

Kudos go out to our own Jamie Cary and Amanda Lytle for the outstanding job they did bringing us the first "Cabin Fever" event. Everyone enjoyed the crafts, raffle baskets, and especially the Chili cook off. I had a blast watching everyone wrestle with the Macrame necklaces while others created beautiful earrings. Seeing everyone laughing and enjoying the company of their friends and new acquaintances was heartwarming. **(See Pages 3 and 8 – 11)**

Please be sure to sign up for our upcoming show in July this year. The signup sheets are on the table in the club.

We are still looking for a place to have our Christmas party this year. If you have any suggestions, please be sure to let Dave Arcaro know.

Have a wonderful month.
Matt

Secretary's Report

Teresa Arnold

GMSS Board Meeting - April 1, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by President Matt Klinger

President Report: Matt Klinger -

- Gave instructions to speed up board meetings.
- Send any "Sunshine" information to Cathy Patterson.

Vice President Report: Dave Arcaro

- Discussed reviewing payment for club member speakers.
- Joint field trip with Wayne County Club to Mohawk Valley Mining is on April 5th. A two-quarry trip to PA is being considered.

-Deep Springs quarry for fossils is on April 12th.

Treasurer Report: Linda Clark Sweeney – No report.

Secretary Report: Teresa Arnold (Absent) -
The March 4th Board minutes were printed in the March Crack 'N Cab.

Editor Report: Larry Petry

- Deadline for Newsletter submissions is Wednesday 4/2 at 11PM – thank you!

Webmaster Report: Amanda Lytle

- Reviewing website payment; add upcoming Show.

Facebook: Judy Cook

- Will be putting show information up.

Show Chair: Cheryl Brown

- Working on postcard, display ad; put listing in EFMLS, Rock & Gem magazine.
- Considering quilt raffle for 2026 show.

Lapidary: Steve Shorey and Bill Verge

- New classes for June are open.**
- Dropping stones problem resolved by not using wax, but medium super glue.

Junior Rockhounds: Tracey Criscione and Rick Moore - No report. Meeting Sat., April 19th. Topic: Herkimer Diamonds.

Grants and Gifts Report: Jamie Cary and Amanda Lytle

- **Cabin Fever roundup:** \$589 raised for Lapidary. Goal was to get people to engage and interact. Other ideas under consideration for the future.

New Business: Mark Grasmeyer

Consider Cicero American Legion on Rt. 31 for event space.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM by Matt Klinger.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Petry, Temporary Secretary



Cabin Fever Festival-Recap!

By Jamie Cary

WOW! Just wow.... I'm exhausted and grateful for the help and participation this past weekend at the Cabin Fever Festival! I'm not sure how to tell this story, so I'll start from the beginning.

This idea started from an event Bob Livingston shared with Amanda Lytle and me a few months ago. Originally, I tabled it because I didn't have the time and effort to put into it. I'm not sure where the ball started to roll after that, but it did. Before I knew it, we had board approval, scored some great local donations, and some other donations for raffle baskets. Chili Chefs stepped up to compete and members offered to help with set up and take down. Each step created excitement that I didn't imagine possible. Before I knew it, I received pictures of the clubhouse set up and put the finishing touches on the clubhouse, so we were ready to hit the ground running Saturday morning.

After getting home Friday night before the event, I reviewed all the details. Months ago, I asked for people to complete an anonymous survey. This showed that the older members had built long-standing friendships throughout their years as club members. My unsaid goal for this event was to have members come out, engage, and get to know each other. There was an activity, free food, and a little competition. Then, there was a touch of panic when I realized I had to pick up the donation from Stewart's that night! I scrambled out the door, got to Stewart's, and laughed with the manager as we gathered the donations and got them to the car.

Saturday morning came and what I affectionately call the Plot Twists began to occur. Late getting out of the house (later than I wanted), changes in volunteers (not a problem- I got that!), and making sure all the people were notified of the plot changes (easy). Once I was at the clubhouse and coffee was made it was time to get the party started! The rest of the day is a blur. The smiles, laughter, talking, and fun are what I remember. Meeting new people (I'm talking to you Pam Seeth!) and the way members pitched in to help in such a seamless way made things flow. Even the small things like pulling garbage bags or bagging up left-over snacks made it all come together.

At the end of the day, **we raised more than \$500 for the lapidary lab.** None of this would have been possible without all of you!

Like every good speech, there is a list of those who I need to send my gratitude to. So, I would like to thank the following...

Bob Livingston- You keep sending me ideas that challenge every skill I've learned to date. Thank you for always bringing such great ideas to the table!

Amanda Lytle- Every time I say, "I've got an idea" you're my partner in crime, my proof-reader, and devil's advocate.

Larry Petry- For your shoutouts in the newsletter email, sending out all of the email blasts, and editing them to make sure they had a little spunk! 🤖

Cathy Patterson- For your support and silent suggestions. I appreciate your guidance!

Cheryl Brown- For your support, suggestions, allowing me to delegate (even when I was afraid I was asking too much), and bringing your artisan skills to the event!

Charlie Brown- For jumping in to support check-in last minute!

John Sweeney- For getting to storage and picking out the most perfect tumbled stones.

Linda Sweeney- For making sure our financial needs were taken care of.

To The Board- Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead and execute this event!

Community Donations

- ◇ Stewart's
- ◇ Syracuse Mets
- ◇ Onondaga County
- ◇ The MOST
- ◇ Tops Friendly Markets
- ◇ Cooper Redding
- ◇ M.L. Pennock

Friday Set-up Crew-Daytime

- ◇ Sue Sammis
- ◇ Cheryl Brown
- ◇ Bob Livingston
- ◇ Kristin White
- ◇ Louis Gilligan

Friday Set-up Crew-Nighttime

- ◇ Amanda Lytle
- ◇ Amanda Jamison
- ◇ Logan Cary

Chili Chefs- We wouldn't have had a competition without you!

- ◇ Cheryl Brown- Winner of the "Just Like Mama's" award
- ◇ Tracey Criscione
- ◇ Celestine Drake
- ◇ Judy Cook
- ◇ Ken Maliszewski- Winner of the "Golden Spoon" and "Hot N Spicy" awards!

- ◇ Tim Halmos
- ◇ Crystal Brown

Membership Donors

- ◇ Sue Sammis
- ◇ Bill Verge'
- ◇ Steve Shorey
- ◇ Linda & Joey Adams
- ◇ Marissa Perkins
- ◇ Members who wished to remain anonymous ☺

Again, thank you to everyone who helped with take down and clean up! At that point, all hands were on deck, and I am so grateful that everyone pitched in!

If I missed your name on this list, my apologies! I'm still recovering from a great event and did not miss you on purpose!

See story and photos of this fine event – Pages 8 - 11

Reminder: Members, please bring individually packed food items to the April meeting for Erin's Angels. Thank you!



What? Poltergeists in the GMSS Lab?

By Bill Verge'

Poltergeists. Seen around the world and now we are being plagued with Poltergeists in our own cutting lab, the Marie Cole Education Center. At every point along the gem cutting process, grinding, sanding and polishing cabochons were popping off their dop sticks. Cabs were popping off 1, 3, sometimes 5 at a time without any reason. New students to seasoned lapidaries, everyone was having the same problem. Was it Poltergeists?

I was not having the problem. Were the poltergeists afraid of me? Did I intimidate them? Were they afraid of me? I don't know but I had to discover what was going on in the lab or all cutting was going to come to an end.

We tried everything to correct the situation. Cleaned out the dop pot and replaced the wax. Cabs still would not stick. I called one of the dop pot manufacturers and, of course, they told me we were using the wrong wax! THEIR wax was better, so I ordered 1Lb to try out. When that wax arrived, I changed out the dop pot with the new approved wax. Well, the situation got worse.

Was it some former resident of the building that had finally got tired of the GMSS being there? Was it a former member of the club giving us a warning of pending doom? Why were these Poltergeists wreaking havoc on the poor unsuspecting souls in the Marie Cole Learning Center?

I researched all the old Newsletters to see if there were any letters to the editor, articles, or comments that would give me any clue about this situation. Nothing like this had ever been recorded in the past. Delving into the club's lapidary library I could find no references to what we were experiencing.

Poltergeists it must be. I was getting convinced that was our real problem and I was starting to feel hopeless. Was a clairvoyant going to be in our future. Maybe a priest was going to be called in to rid us of these Poltergeists. Up until now I never really believed such things existed.

Steve suggested I try the Lapidary forum on Facebook. There I found a glimmer of hope. The problem may not (Continued on next page)

be Poltergeists. Not some spirit from the past come back to haunt us. The solution was as simple as the water we were using in the grinding machines.

What??? How could that be? There was nothing in the water. Hark! We were drinking the water and we were all fine. It sure was cold. Wait. How cold was it? As I followed the entries on the Lapidary Forum all over the country many lapidaries were having the same problem as we were. The solution they found was to add a little hot water to the water in the grinding machine and the problem went away. It seems as though the really cold water was acting like a freezer and chilling the wax on the dop sticks just like our freezer does so the cabochons would fall off the dop sticks after the polishing.

No Poltergeists, no ghosts from the past seeking revenge, just very cold water acting like a liquid freezer.

Geo Lexis (Puzzle) By Anne Fitzgerald

"April Antics"

Humans have been pranking each other for a very long time. Some pranks are fun, and some can go terribly wrong. One April first, I programmed the TV to turn off at a certain time, only to find I could not figure out how to turn it back on. Perhaps we'll get better at pranking as we evolve, but what about animals?

It was once laughable to think that animals had a sense of humor, but that is now up for serious debate. Chimps, dogs, and rats have been found to have some kind of sense of humor. As a victim of hide-and-pounce, I can confirm that cats seem to have a sense of humor too. While research on animals-pranking-humans is in its very early stages, I think it's only a matter of time before we can confirm they sneakily hide and plot to surprise us usually with the very best intentions (to make us laugh) or to make fun of us (to make them laugh.)

Perhaps sharks were the ones who invented shark repellent so they could snicker at our use of it. Perhaps mice invented the early mousetraps so they could watch and high-five each other every time we checked for a victim.

It does seem like we humans, for now, are the only ones who can figure out from fossils how old things are and how living things lived millions of years ago. Here are

some fossils you may have found or heard about.

Take the second letter of each fossil below, circle it or write it down, then unscramble the letters to spell out a word that may make you cherish the month of April. You can dig up the answer on Page 7.

Adelobasileus

Iguanodon

Mammoth

Anomalocaris

Crinoids

Ferns

Show Committee

Our next Show Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00** at the clubhouse. Come find out about our July *GemWorld* show and how you can get involved. There is a job for everyone. This is our fundraiser which supports our club and enables us to maintain our clubhouse.

We need everyone's help.

Upcoming Events

Sat., Apr. 12, 2025 – Deep Springs Rd Quarry Field Trip – Devonian fossils. Contact Dave Arcaro 315-935-3627.

Sat., Apr. 19, 2025 – Jr. Rockhounds - Herkimer Diamonds. Contact Tracey Criscione.

Apr. 21 – GMSS meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. **The meeting will feature Fred Haynes, speaking on "Garnet-rich Sands of Northeastern North America."** Fred is the newsletter editor of the **Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club News.** **6:30 pm – Knowledge Corner: Dave Millis** - Dave Arcaro is planning on doing field trips to several sites in St. Lawrence County. At the knowledge corner I'll talk about Rose Road, Talcville, Pierrepont uvite, Benson mine, and if time permits, gardenscape and Newcomb.

Sat., Apr. 26 – Gemworld Sign

Inspection Day – 10:00 am meet at **the storage shed***. **Keith Gilmore IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS TO COME TO INSPECT, REPAIR CASES AND CHECK FOR SIGNS & ANYTHING ELSE WE MAY CRUCIALLY NEED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

***B & C Self Storage, 4004 Box Car Lane, Syracuse (Solvay), "S" Bldg. - off Milton Ave. Contact Keith for confirmation regarding the weather. My email is krgilmer@verizon.net. My phone #315-491-7672 for contact, too.**

Apr. 29 – Gemworld – (The Next Generation) Show Committee meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

May 6, 2025 – GMSS Board meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

May 19 – GMSS meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

May 27 – Gemworld – (The Next Generation) Show Committee meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

June 3, 2025 – GMSS Board meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

June 16 – GMSS meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. **Gemworld Show Work Night!**

June 24 – Gemworld – (The Next Generation) Show Committee meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

July 1, 2025 – GMSS Board meeting – 7 pm at the Clubhouse. All are invited.

July 12 & 13 – Gemworld – (The Next Generation) Show at the Center of Progress Bldg. Fri., July 11 is setup day. Put it on your calendar now. We need every member's help!

Welcome New Member!

Guangxia (Sue) Hazlewood

Upcoming Spring Shows:

Apr. 5-6—JOHNSON CITY, NY: Annual show; New York Southern Tier Geology Club, Inc; Johnson City Senior Center, 30 Brockton St; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$4 at door or \$3.50 with coupon, kids under 12 free; Featuring Exhibits, Beads & Supplies, Minerals & Fossils, Jewelry & Gemstones, Flint Knapping, Door Prizes, Food & Drink for Sale; contact Donald Tuttle, (607) 369-73236; Email: sginkusa@gmail.com; Website: <https://efmls.org/clubdetails/new-york-southern-tier-geology-club-inc/>



Apr. 5-6—NORTH HAVEN, CT: Annual show; New Haven Mineral Club; Best Western Plus Hotel, 201 Washington Ave; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4:30; \$6 Adults, Children under 12 Free when accompanied by an Adult; contact Arthur Doyle, (203) 530-4554; Email: adoyle@crofut.com; Website: www.newhavenmineralclub.org

Apr. 19—WEST FRIENDSHIP, MD: Annual show; Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society; Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Rd; Sat. 10-4; Free Admission & Parking; Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society presents its 34th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. Free Admission - Free Parking. Minerals, Original Jewelry, Fossils, Rough & Cut Gemstones. Silent Auctions, Door Prizes & Activities for Kids; contact Kay Kron, MD; Email: info.chesapeakegemandmineral@gmail.com; Website: www.chesapeakegemandmineral.org/club-show.html

Apr. 26-27—CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH: Annual Show & sale; Akron Mineral Society & Summit Lapidary Club; Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 E. Bath Rd; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Seniors (55+) & Students \$5, Children 7-14 \$1, Children 6 & under & Scouts in uniform free; Wheelchair accessible; credit cards acceptable for admission, 38 quality vendors, silent auctions, gem mine & crafts for children, demonstrations of lapidary arts & food truck; contact Evelyn Tryon, (330) 673-9664; Email: Gemboree76@gmail.com; Website: www.SummitLapidaryClub.com/Gemboree

Apr. 26-27—TROY, OH: Annual show; Miami County Gem & Mineral Club; Miami County Fairgrounds, 650 N. Co. Rd. 25A; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, free admission for children under 18; contact Dewey Buck, (937) 308-3012; Email: deweybuck12@gmail.com; Website: www.mcgamc.org

Answers to Geo Lexis

Adelobasileus

Iguanodon

Mammoth

Anomalocaris

Crinoids

Ferns

Answer: garden

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GMSS Club Meeting – Mar. 17 – Our Annual Spring Auction



John
O'Sweeney
was our
leprechaun
Auctioneer.

**Photos by
Judy Cook**

What's more
appropriate for
St. Patrick's
Day than a
piece of
malachite?



It doesn't quite
look like a
shillelagh...

Some of the
other interesting
auction items.



At the auction, I was asked to identify the iridescent coating on pyrite which is lepidocrocite. But if you use more than one reference book, they don't all agree on what it looks like. I use 7. The conclusion I draw is that they are all right, some more often than others.

The coating on goethite (pronounced gertite) is also lepidocrocite. Goethite can also be pronounced geth-ite.

- **Dave Millis**





Thanks to the hard-working auction recorders and runners!



Amanda Lytle is presented the 2024 American Federation of Mineralogical Societies "Rockhound of the Year" award by our club president, Matt Klinger. She was previously awarded the Eastern Federation's 2024 Rockhound of the Year. Congratulations!



And then, Amanda promotes the Cabin Fever Festival at the meeting! Speaking of which..

Sat., March 29 - Cabin Fever Festival!

Photos by Judy Cook, Jamie Cary & Amanda Lytle

Last Saturday of March

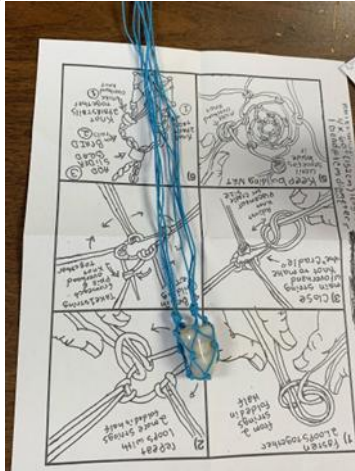
by Amanda Lytle

That very last Saturday of March turned out to be the cold, rainy afternoon like the weather predicted. I pushed my way through the entrance of the building, trying not to bang my crutches against the door, and after a moment I realized I pulled myself into a room packed with the sweetest people. All these eyes were looking up at me, turning into a beautiful mix of those I was able to meet for the first time, those I already knew, and ones I haven't seen in quite a while. I found



myself greeted by members and guests filling this clubhouse with lighthearted conversation and bunch of really cool things they just crafted. I can't be grateful enough for all of you coming to this event Jamie and I had planned, and for everyone able to donate, pitch in and help out. Cabin Fever Festival was not only an experiment to raise some

funds for the lapidary program, but we also wanted to give us all a chance to foster fellowship and a sense of community together. Something purely social we wish we could have time for but can never squeeze in during regular club meetings. We're about the rocks, but we're also more than just rocks, too. If only I had the chance to capture everyone's smiles the way I saw them. People were showing me their creations they made from the macrame kits



Amanda J & I had put together for the activity. Everybody had their own spin on their project and quite a few were showing off awesome macramé skills. Something I was hoping I provided enough length of string for in the kit, in case anyone wanted to do their own creative thing. Some made the original netted interchangeable pendant and braided necklace, one person made a really cool talisman where they wrapped the stone, incorporated the bead and made one single wide tail design,



and others went into a variety of fun takes with theirs. This was literally what I was



crossing my fingers and hoping for. Never thought I could fill up on samples of chili alone, but with the

amount of contestants who threw their hat into the ring for the Golden Spoon, the variety of chilis were as filling as they were fun as all get out. In other words, chili diversity was through the roof.



"Bountiful Harvest Chili" was the brave vegan risk taker. An eggplant and mushroom style was something I'd never thought of, and as a vegetarian enjoyer, I'm looking forward to trying this combination for my own veggie chili. The "Chili er... Something Close" Chili had everything in it. EVERYTHING. I think it even had the kitchen sink in there. This chili introduced me to Moire Poix, something that I want to try out and see if it can successfully produce a homemade vegetable stock. This



chili boasted an impressive list of ingredients, and well worth the tasting. It was also my first time being exposed to spaghetti, with chili as the spaghetti sauce. Hopefully my Italian ancestors aren't cursing at me from the grave for really enjoying the "Cincinnati Chili," but there's times we need to remind ourselves we're Americans and Americans do what we do best, we make up our own rules.



More importantly, it's a hat tip to the Midwest. When I get the chance, I am going to try making this but with elbow macaroni in place of the spaghetti, top with soap cilantro, onions, and melt a lot of Mexican cheese over it. What had once started as Quasi-Vegetarian Chili, then almost dubbed as "Smoky & The Bandit" when I was making the contestant's sign, the mesquite flavoring in



"The Campfire Chili" was something I never thought putting into a chili dish. It snuck in that perfect smokey campfire accent that made it craveable. There was something about "Tug Hill Chili" that piqued my taste buds' interest. In this entry, I tasted a combination of spices that were honestly...



lightweight northerners, yet Tug Hill's included a refreshing medium kick that woke me right up. The seventh contestant slipped in at the very, very, very, very, very, very last minute - the day of the event! To make a big confession.... apparently, he entered a while ago



just wonderfully exotic. It's the best way I can explain it, hoping I can replicate it on my own. Most of the chili entries were respectfully mild in heat for us



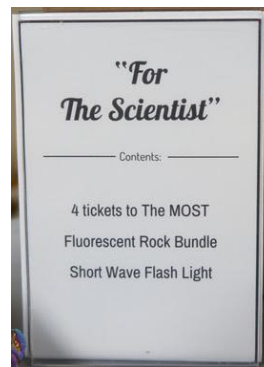
and we totally forgot about him. Sweet Justice turned up on his side as he reaped revenge with his "10 Pepper Chili" on the competition. Not only was revenge in the tactical heat that seemed like nothing at first until three minutes later it felt like I ate the Sun... 10 Peppers wound up taking the Golden Spoon AND the Hottest Award, with Campfire taking the Like Mama's Award as the most

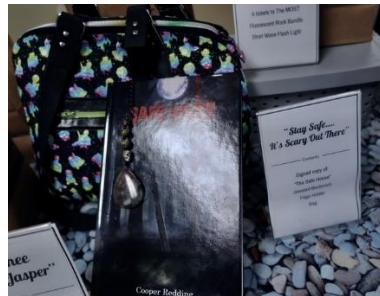
comforting soul-food of chilis in the lineup. I'm so proud of all the Chili Chefs in this competition and truly enjoyed it all. But wait, there's more. One big lesson I've learned is never judge a chili before you taste it. Compared to the others, the "Chili Delight's" ingredients spelled out 'basic chili.' Obviously, I figured it'll fit good as first in line "baseline" on the palate. Had no idea I was about to get walloped by a chili packed with a powerful, herby taste of thyme. How did that work so well in a chili!?! The notes of this herb in Chili Delight slapped so hard, I'm still craving this chili like crazy. There was a warm-hearted atmosphere in the clubhouse that brightened a cold and rainy Saturday like no other, and I couldn't be more grateful for a great time with great people. I had an



absolutely fun time with you all and thank you so much for being a part of Cabin Fever Festival. It was awesome.

Some of the awesome raffle prizes





The Fabulous EFMLS Wildacres Workshop Experience, Spring 2025

By Helen Serras-Herman, Wildacres Committee Chair

The Spring 2025 Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (EFMLS) Wildacres Workshop will be held May 12-18, 2025. The week starts on Monday afternoon with dinner and finishes Sunday morning after breakfast. The first EFMLS Wildacres workshop was held in 1973 and has provided almost 50 years of continuous excellent education.

The EFMLS Wildacres Workshop takes place annually at a wonderful and unique gathering place called Wildacres Retreat in North Carolina, near Spruce Pine and Little Switzerland, about an hour north of Asheville. It sits hidden away amongst tall trees on top of Pompey's Knob at the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains at 3,300 feet elevation.

The Workshops

During the week, various workshops are offered. In 2025 classes include cabbing, faceting, chainmaille, silversmithing, photography, metal clay silver, and wire-wrapping. Classes are broken into two semesters, some lasting two days, others are all four. Classes start on a Tuesday and end on a Saturday, with Thursday being a day off, when field trips and nearby museum visits take place, or students simply rest. The week includes a tailgate with a chance to buy or sell lapidary and jewelry related items, and a live auction evening when everyone has fun, and a show-and-tell of the week's creations, all forging lasting friendships and memories. The EFMLS Wildacres Workshop's objective is to introduce participants to new and different lapidary and jewelry making art forms that they may not have encountered before or may have not ever thought to take on. Even if the class may not be something you want to further pursue, you can now at least appreciate the time, effort and skill that these art forms require.

As the speaker coordinator, I am very happy to announce that the Spring 2025 Speaker-in-residence will be Martin D.

Fuller, a gemologist and renowned appraiser, who will share his passion of gems and jewelry. The cost for the week of classes, room and three full meals per day is unmatched. This year it's \$485. As the new Wildacres Committee Chairman, I promise, you will leave the session fulfilled and inspired. I hope that you will be able to join us for the Spring 2025 EFMLS Wildacres Workshop.



See also: [EFMLS News 2025 February.pdf](#) for more info.

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Eight people organized the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse in 1951. Since that time it has grown in membership to include adults, families, and young folk. The Society was incorporated in 1969 under the same name.

The objectives of the Society are to stimulate interest in mineralogy, paleontology, and the lapidary arts. Member interests include collecting, identification, and display of minerals, gems, fossils. Members share and develop their artistic skills in jewelry design and creation.

Our monthly meetings provide social and educational experiences. Field trips give collectors chances to find specimens and enjoy the out of doors, exercise and time with old and new friends.

Meetings – 3rd Monday of the month
General Meeting @ 7:30 pm
(NO meetings July, August, December)
209 Oswego St (Ponderosa Plaza) Unit 14 & 15, Liverpool, NY
Visitors are ALWAYS welcome!

See online Newsletter <https://gmss.club/crack-n-cab-newsletter>

You can also visit our Facebook Page

Annual Member Dues:

Adult \$15 – Family/Couple \$20 – Junior \$10 – Life \$5

If you would like to join or renew membership, download the application form (PDF) see <https://gmss.club/membership-info>

You can get a form at a meeting or send requests to: **GMSS, PO Bo 2801, Syracuse, NY 13220**. We will mail an application/renewal form to you.

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