

EFMLS NEWS

Information for Members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies



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CONVENTION – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 70th Annual Convention is scheduled for October 23-25, 2020, sponsored by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Society in Hickory, North Carolina. Please note the following regarding the Annual Meeting:

DELEGATE REGISTRATION:

Even though your club may have registered for the March meeting, a new Director and Delegate form needs to be filed with the secretary to be able to vote at the October 23, 2020 meeting. Note, the form needs to be signed by an officer of your club to be valid. The **deadline** for receipt of the form is **October 8, 2020**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at beisenacher@comcast.net. The Director and Delegate Registration Form can be found on page 11.

Beverly Eisenacher, EFMLS Secretary

CONVENTION REGISTRATION, FEES, HOTEL, AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Welcome Letter EFMLS Delegates

The Catawba Gem and Mineral Club welcomes all delegates and guests to our 50th annual Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Show to be held in association with the annual EFMLS Convention in Hickory, NC on October 23 - 25, 2020.

The show is held at the Hickory Metro Convention Center at 1960 13th Ave Dr SE. exit 125 from I-40 east/west. Friday and Saturday show hours are 9 am to 6 pm, and Sunday show hours are 10 am to 5 pm. Over 20

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COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS:

If you registered previously or plan to enter an exhibit for either competitive or non-competitive showcases, you, too, need to re-register. The registration form containing information on exhibiting and registration can be found on page 13.

Communications and involvement are our keys to success.

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EFMLS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An uncertain Autumn-

This past Spring and Summer, in my capacity as President and after much thought, discovery and listening to the Affiliate Society Presidents and their members, I knew I had a choice to make. I appointed Co-Chairs to a Committee to investigate a long overdue reckoning as far as I was concerned. Based on luck that came my way around that time, I asked them to see how we could make our Federation a more beneficial organization to our stakeholders and I knew without a doubt, what I was doing was right!. I asked these gentlemen to take a look into the current Federation Bylaws. Yes, luck! You see, over the past 2 years, I had been given part of a treasure and actually 2 treasures. One was a box that showed up on my door one day with, several years removed Past President, Merrill Dickinson's files. And the other, well... The other was one-third of the bounty of the history of the EFMLS. When the Orange County (NY) Mineral Society hosted 2019 EFMLS Convention, the past EFMLS Historian came to Convention. I thought great, I wanted to meet this person. But this person didn't come to the Convention! This person was simply making a delivery to the Convention hotel and I got a text that delivery has been made.

It wasn't until the onset of the Pandemic that I was stuck at home and I decided to take a look into 2 large tupperware-type bins that I got at last year's Convention and also stumbled upon that box which made it's way to the garage that I swore I had thrown away. Merrill's box. 2 years ago when I received the box on my doorstep, I opened it up and thought why would someone send me this crap. I still can't believe what I found or I should say, that I didn't dedicate to the recycling bin. Though certainly not a complete history of the Eastern Federation by any means but man! What a perspective I got. And that perspective is what this Federation started as, what it became and what it is now. Folks, the Federation needs to get back to our roots!

The Co-Chairs assembled a 7 person Bylaws Committee and they found much difference in the bylaws from the beginnings of the EFMLS to the present. The Committee was quite surprised to find that the original intent of the Bylaws has evidently changed over time. The Committee has now proposed amendments to bring the Bylaws back into alignment with what they see was the original intent and to make the Federation back into a service organization for the stake holders, our Affiliate Member Societies and their members. Yes, there were a few glitches in the roll out of the proposed bylaws amendments, but it was released within the required 60 day time limit so that a vote can be taken in October. The Bylaw Committee just hopes they can leave a Federation that the Society Presidents will want to lead and thrive and an Executive Branch that can help you. This committee worked tirelessly in their capacity as volunteers to propose thoughtful and meaningful proposals that will ultimately benefit all of us. Thank you Bylaws Committee!

Always Sincerely,
David Nock,
President, 2018-2020

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: *(continued from page 1)*

quality vendors will have an array of merchandise that include minerals, fossils, meteorites, finished and unfinished jewelry, and more....hourly door prizes are offered as well as demonstrations of faceting/cabbing/wire wrapping, kiddie mini-mine, hands on exhibits for children, educational talks for school groups – competitive and non-competitive exhibits will be shown for the public’s education. The special feature exhibit will be The First Gold Rush in NC.

EFMLS Convention Hotel: the Hampton Inn is well suited since it is adjacent to the Hickory Metro Convention Center and a walk of one to two minutes. It is located at 1956 13th Ave. Dr. SE. A block of rooms has been set aside for convention delegates at \$119 plus tax. Mention that you are with the EFMLS Convention when calling 828.624.2000.

Hickory is in the foothill’s region of North Carolina between the piedmont and mountain sections – a medium sized town with a diverse economy, a liberal arts 4-year university, and an ideal location which is equidistant from Charlotte (a major financial and travel hub), Winston Salem (with a major university and tertiary medical center), and Asheville (historic and a favorite destination of many tourists).

EFMLS Convention Schedule of Activities:

Friday, October 23... Presidents round table @ Hampton INN Center at 4 PM

Friday, October 23...annual business meeting @ Hickory Metro Convention Center at 7 PM (cash bar at 6:30)

Saturday, October 24...Editor’s breakfast @ Hampton Inn at 8:00 am. (\$5.00)

Saturday, October 24 ...EFMLS Auction @ Hickory Metro Convention Center @ 1:30

Saturday, October 24...Awards Banquet @Hickory Metro Convention Center at 7 pm (Pulled pork BBQ, BBQ chicken, and Salmon/potato salad/baked beans/cold slaw/apple cobbler with ice cream ...\$40)

Monday, October 26...Field trip to Propst Farm for Sapphires. Meet in Lobby of the Hampton Inn at 8:30am. \$20.00 **dig fee payable at site**. (cash only).

Larry Huffman, CVGMC EFMLS Liaison

The Convention Registration Form can be found on page 12. Registration **deadline** is **October 1, 2020**.

EFMLS 1st VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Cancellations, postponements, distancing are understandably the watch words of the day. Yet the activity of clubs continues. Shows are planned. New income sources are created. Field trips keep happening (even field trips to a collector's long ago boxed specimens in the garage or the piles and accumulations of rock not yet high graded out behind the garage). New meeting spaces are acquired. New speakers for the virtual meetings are procured. New learning workshops are planned with distances accommodated. It is not business as usual, but it is true rockhound resourcefulness at its best on display for all to see in the clubs of the Eastern Federation.

The same is true within the Eastern Federation. Gathering news, spreading the word, encouraging club newsletters, planning activities, promoting Each One Teach One entries, preparing for regional Eastern Federation vice president elections, rounding up speakers for the next Wildacres session (which, if one has not experienced, really should be an item to consider as a great deal, and a great learning opportunity, and a number of other greats as well), preparing for auctions, bulletin contests, and many, many more activities are all ongoing effort in the Federation.

Rockhounds are amazing people. Never does their boundless energy and passion for the hobby cease to amaze me. Indeed, there is always awe and inspiration to be found in the clever and creative ways rock hounds and rock enthusiasts exhibit their talents and utilize them to continue to enjoy the many variations of the rock, gem, mineral, fossil, lapidary, jewelry hobbies we have available to us.

Please stay rockhound strong and be safe.

Elery Borow, EFMLS 1st Vice President

AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

Why the AFMS Endowment Fund? Monies generated from ticket sales are invested and the interest generated from these investments is used for a variety of projects that benefit the regional federation member clubs. The AFMS Junior Program, chaired by Jim Brace-Thompson is a wonderful example of how the interest is utilized!

Each federation has a representative which is appointed by the AFMS Chairperson. This is the only AFMS committee in which the individual federation does not appoint a person.

Over the last years, Carolyn Weinberger, EFMLS representative, always managed to have the EFMLS as the leading seller of tickets and the most amount of money collected for the Endowment Fund. Let's keep this run alive!

Prizes to be won in the annual drawing are all donated by individuals and clubs from across the United States. If you would like to make a donation, please contact me as soon as possible. Donations are advertised via the AFMS Newsletter (if received in time for the next issue) and on the AFMS website with the donor receiving credit. The specimen has a weight limit of five (5) pounds and a minimum monetary value of \$75.00.

The specimen may be a piece of jewelry, rock, mineral, fossil or lapidary tools – again the weight limit and monetary value are key factors but remember – we want people to purchase the tickets because the articles are worth it!

Clubs and individuals interested in purchasing tickets (**\$5 each or 5 for \$20**) may do so by sending their check (payable to AFMS Endowment Fund) to me at:

PO Box 2444
Hickory, NC 28603-2444

Please be certain to include your name, address and phone number with your request as well as a self-addressed, stamped envelope. **Deadline for mail purchase is October 3, 2020.**

Several EFMLS clubs purchase blocks of tickets using any prizes won as door prizes at club events. This is a nice way to support the Endowment (and programs your club may benefit from) and possibly reward members.

However, this year, after polling all the Federation Representatives, it was decided to postpone the actual drawing to next year (2021). The reason was due to the fact that many shows were cancelled due to concerns of COVID-19. Without the opportunity to ask for donations, whether through the sale of tickets or through receiving specimen donations, it was decided to hold aside the tickets from this year separately. Tickets sale were extremely low. We will be holding a special raffle next year for the 2020 ticket holders (for every 100 tickets that have been sold in 2020 there will be a gift card value at \$100.00).

Larry Huffman, AFMS-EFMLS Representative

2020 ANNUAL AUCTION

What do I hear for this great specimen? Let's start with \$5.00- Anyone \$5.00!

For those of you who have participated in this event, can't you hear the words of our auctioneers, who over the years since I have been the chair included, Larry Huffman, Matt Charsky, RJ Harris and Carl Miller.

My first year as chair of the Annual Auction committee was at the Joint AFMS and EFMLS convention held in Syracuse, NY. That was at least nine or ten years ago. Every year I am amazed at the wonderful items donated and the generosity of the participants. I also know that you can get some very amazing items for a great price.

Why do we have the annual auction?

All proceeds fund the principal of the Eastern Foundation Fund. The interest generated from the fund is used to support a variety of EFMLS special programs, which you and your club benefit from!

I would hope that all the clubs would make a donation. In the future, if not this year, perhaps next -- perhaps if you have a show (don't we wish!) you can solicit items from your dealers. Items will be identified from donors, unless the donor prefers to remain anonymous. So, please ask your dealers – it is an advertising event for them!

If you are interested in donating items, please email me at ciervo.neary@gmail.com or call or text me at 516.449.5341 to inform me what items you will be sending and I will give you an address to ship them to.

The auction is to be held on Saturday, **October 24, 2020 at 2:00pm**. Hope to see you there! **Bring money!**

Thank you all in advance for your participation.

Going, going, sold!

Cheryl Neary, Auction Committee Chair

ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR (CROY)

Great and Wonderful

Are there great, wonderful and supporting persons still to be found in our clubs? Yes, there are. Are these great, wonderful, and supporting persons still doing what they do best in our clubs? Yes, they are.

In these interesting times of Zoom meetings, virtual gatherings, internet webinars and programs, as well as distance managing, we still have dedicated people working behind the scenes to do what they can to support our clubs. As the work is mostly behind the scenes, we might want to make especially sure we continue to recognize and appreciate the dedicated and much needed effort provided by these people.

Here at the Club Rockhound of the Year Program (CROY) we continue to encourage the effort by club members to support our clubs whether the effort is right out front and very noticeable or that effort is happening well hidden behind the scenes.

The CROY program is available to all EFMLS clubs as a means to recognize members who go above and beyond in service to their club. Here is how it works. Your club selects a member who well serves their club. You write a brief (perhaps 70 word) description of that member's dedication and send it to me. Then we take your write up and place it in the pages of the AFMS and EFMLS news to honor your member's dedicated service and let other clubs share in the honoring.

There are a few rules:

Each year, a club may only submit one honoree for their Club Rockhound of the Year (or two names in the event of a couple). The club may, in addition, also offer the name of a junior member. Anyone in the club may offer the honorees name. The club may use any selection criteria they wish to select their honoree. Easy, right?

We hope to hear from you because without doubt there are a great many deserving members in our clubs. Let's work together and help honor your dedicated members. My contact information is in the back of this issue of the newsletter on page 10 Thanks. Please stay well and be safe.

Ellery Borow, Club Rockhound of the Year Chairman

SAFETY – SHARING SAFETY

We rockhounds and rock hobbyists are a curious lot. We like quiet reflection as we study our collections, as we organize them, as we identify the minerals in them. We also like boisterously sharing our passions with

rocks at gems shows, with talking excitedly of our latest finds, with generously exhibiting the artistry of gems and minerals.

There was one key word mentioned above -- "sharing". At every opportunity we share with exuberance. We share our rock passions, our collecting localities, our finds, our treasures, and our ideas. Ours is a sharing kind of hobby.

How does all that relate to safety one might ask. Well, to answer that we return to the one word -- sharing. Do you have a safer way to use a slab saw? Do you have a safer way to clean minerals? Do you have a safer way to organize a silversmithing workbench? Perhaps you have a safer way to hold a rock chisel? When we have great ideas regarding safety - we share them. Actually, whenever we have great ideas about anything, we share them willingly, freely, gladly.

In this modern age we have a great many ways to share our safety ideas with fellow club members. To share ideas, we might use:

- Club newsletters
- Phone calls to members who might benefit
- E-mails
- Texts
- Real honest to goodness letters in the US Postal Service
- U-Tube videos
- And all manner of social media outlets.

We have a plethora of ways and means to do one of the things we do best -- share our ideas. We use all those means and methods to our advantage. We have, after all, a sharing kind of hobby.

This message then is a short note to recognize and thank all those who share so very much and encourage people to keep on doing what we do best - sharing.

Your safety matters, please keep on sharing safety and sharing safely.

Ellery Borow, Safety Chairman

LIBRARY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The Library Programs Committee maintains and fills requests for the extensive EFMLS media library. Any club can borrow a program from the library by contacting the Library Program Chair.

Any DVD that is owned by EFMLS whether it was commercially or privately produced can be borrowed from the EFMLS Library. In addition, this DVD can be viewed when the sole purpose of use is by an EFMLS member club for its members, whether during a meeting or any other club member activity, including a video/web conferencing session, i.e. ZOOM. This DVD cannot, however, be copied to lend out to any other person nor persons outside the EFMLS Federation.

When ordering DVD's, please provide a first, second and third choice.

*Janice Kowalski, Library Programs Chair
islandrockhounds@hotmail.com*



Our thoughts, prayers and condolences continue to be with the grieving loved ones and friends of those who have lost the battle with their lives to the coronavirus.

VISIT A SHOW OR SWAP

Editor's Note: *If you are considering attending any of the events listed below, not marked cancelled nor postponed, please check with the contact listed before leaving home.* The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has forced many clubs to either postpone or cancel regularly scheduled events which include meetings, shows, swaps, etc. Not all postponement dates have been re-scheduled.

If you'd like to see your club show, swap or other public event listed here, please send your information to the editor by August 10 for September and/or October events or the first of the month preceding the event. For example, if your event is March 2, you may want to submit it on January 1 so that it appears in two issues of EFMLS News (February and March). In any event, the minimum amount of time needed is the first of the month preceding the event, i.e. if event is January 2, to have it listed, your information should be in by December 1 to be listed in the January issue. Send to EFMLSNews.editor@gmail.com.

June 13 – **POSTPONED TO JANUARY 16, 2021** Boston Mineral Club Annual Auction, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, American Legion Nonantum Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton, MA. Includes voice auction of more than 200 lots of mineral specimens, gems, equipment and reference material, with a silent auction of more than 100 flats of mineral specimen, lapidary rough, equipment and books. INFO: Mike Haritos, 857-991-2294, mharitos@comcast.net, www.bostonmineralclub.org.

September 26-27 – 64th Annual Franklin/Sterling Gem & Mineral Show, Saturday 9:00-5:00 and Sunday 10:00-4:00. Indoor Show location: Franklin Firehouse, 137 Buckwheat Road, Franklin, NJ (across the street from the Franklin School. Outdoor Swap Location: Firemen's Memorial Park, Parker Street, Franklin, NJ, (across Parker Street from the firehouse). Admission: Adults \$7.00, Children (6-16) \$4.00.

GEO LEXIS (PUZZLE)

Unscramble the following for ideas on how you can be a part of what geologists like to call: The Greatest Show "on Earth." Answers are on page 14.

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Puzzle by Anne Fitzgerald published in the July 2020 Gem Mineral and Lapidary Society of Syracuse, NY's Crack 'n Cab, page 4

DID YOU KNOW...

Saniniu Laizer, a Tanzania miner, found not one but two of the largest tanzanite ever found. One of the stones weighed in at a whopping 20.4 pounds and the other 11.25 pounds. It was reported in numerous news outlets in July that he sold the two stones for \$3.4 million. The BBC reported he has four wives and over 30 children. He was planning to kill a cow, host “a big party” and to invest in his district in Tanzania.

Nature reported on July 8 that “Rock Dust Could be Farming’s Next Climate Solution.” If China, the U.S. and India all spread rock dust, trapping carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, it was estimated that two billion tons of carbon dioxide could be removed from the atmosphere each year. Also, reported in the *Washington Post* and at smithsonianmag.com (July 21, 2020).

The *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* revisited fossil specimens of the dinosaur eating crocodylian *Deinosuchus*. Its name means terror crocodile and could weigh as much as 8,000 pounds, with teeth the size of bananas and 30 feet long, it probably was a real threat to dinosaurs. Reported also in the *New York Times*, *CNN*, and on smithsonianmag.com (August 14, 2020).

Scientists have confirmed that Greenland’s ice sheet is melting at an accelerating rate. Greenland holds the second largest reserve of fresh water. Antarctica is number one. 2012 was “unambiguously” the most intense melt year on record in Greenland. Small temperature risings are making for greater melt rates. The current rate of melting equals five times that of pre-industrial melting and may be even more than “the last seven to eight thousand years.” This melting is causing sea levels to rise. It is estimated that if the Greenland ice cap melts, the amount of water would be enough to cover Tasmania in almost 5m of water. For several articles on the melting of the Greenland ice sheet, go to https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08021/study-finds-greenlands-ice-sheet-saw-record-mass-loss-in2019/15281428?utm_term=OZY&utm_source.

The West Virginia Fossil Club’s August 2020 *WVFC Newsletter* (page 6) lists the following Did You Know:

- Each American uses the equivalent of a 100-foot by 18-inch tree annually for wood and paper products, notes the American Forest Resource Alliance. To replace the loss, the government and private forest landowners plant 6 million trees a day, according to the timber industry group.
- 22% of the carbon dioxide released into the Earth’s atmosphere is produced in the U.S.A.
- Plastic fishing nets set adrift kill 500,000 Northern fur seals per year.
- 35% of all polyester carpet is made from plastic soda bottles.
- Every ton of recycled paper saves almost two tons of lumber and 24,000 gallons of water.
- The energy needed to make one soda can equals half of that can filled with oil.
- The fourth and most recent ice age melted off the northern Canadian mainland barely 6,000 years ago.
- Youngstown, Ohio, averages 56.2 inches of snow per year.

Contact Tracing: A contact tracer may call to let you know you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. All information you share with a contact tracer is confidential. You may be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days—staying home, monitoring your health and maintaining social distance from others at all times. You may be asked to monitor your health and watch for symptoms of COVID-19. Notify your doctor if you develop symptoms and seek Medicare care if your symptoms worsen or become severe.

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70th ANNUAL EFMLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Hickory, NC March

October 23, 2020

Please print all information requested clearly.

NAME OF SOCIETY: _____

DIRECTOR: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____
(The president of each society is a Director of EFMLS. Please list the president's name only if the president plans to attend this meeting.)

DIRECTOR'S ALTERNATE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____
(To represent the society if the president cannot attend the meeting)

DELEGATE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____
(Elected by society members)

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____
(To represent society if Delegate cannot attend meeting)

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF SOCIETY OFFICER

Bev Eisenacher
EFMLS Secretary
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From the EFMLS Constitution **(Article V, Sec. 3)**

It shall be the responsibility of each Member Society to notify the Secretary in writing of the names of its Director, Delegate and alternate who expect to attend the Annual Meeting fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date.

Please **return by October 8, 2020** to
Bev Eisenacher, EFMLS Secretary

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM
70th EASTERN FEDERATION CONVENTION
Hickory, NC October 23-25, 2020



Primary Registrant (Registration will be recorded under this name—please print name and title as you want them to appear on your name badge.)

Name _____
 Title _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Federation or Club Affiliation _____

Check all that apply:	AFMS Officer _____	Delegate _____	Judge _____
Demonstrator _____	EFMLS Officer _____	Alt. Delegate _____	Competitive Exhibitor _____
Dealer _____	Past President _____	Editor _____	Noncompetitive Exhibitor _____

ALL TICKETS WILL BE IN YOUR DELEGATE BAGS

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club

Please send this form and remittance to: **Terry Russell,**
5254 Olde School Drive, Hickory, NC 28602

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER REGISTRANT; PAYMENT CAN BE COMBINED	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Attendance at EFMLS Presidents round table, 4 PM, Friday, Oct. 23 Hampton Inn Meeting Room	_____	N/A
Attendance at EFMLS Annual Meeting, 7 PM, Friday, Oct. 23 Hickory Metro Center	_____	N/A
EFMLS Awards Banquet, 7 PM, Saturday, Oct. 24 @\$40.00 Pulled Pork BBQ, BBQ Chicken, & Salmon, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Apple Cobbler & Ice Cream	_____	_____
EFMLS Editor's Breakfast, 8 AM, Saturday, Oct. 24 @\$5.00 Hampton Inn Meeting Room	_____	_____
Convention Registration Fee @ \$5.00 (Show Admission)	_____	_____
Field trip on Monday 5/26/2020 Meet in lobby of Hampton Inn 8:30 am. Propst Farm for sapphires. \$20.00 dig fee. Pay at site. (Cash)	_____	_____N/A_____
Total Amount Enclosed	_____	_____

Deadline for receiving REGISTRATION forms October 1, 2020



2020 Annual EFMLS Convention
Convention and Show Host: Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club

50th Annual Show, October 23-25, 2020

Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC

Application for Competitive and Noncompetitive Exhibits

Competitive Yes _____ Non-Competitive _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Federation or Club Affiliation _____

Please indicate:

Exhibitor Group: Master ____ Advanced ____ Novice ____ Jr. ____ Soc. ____ Jr. Soc. ____
Exhibit Division ____ Exhibit Class _____ If Junior, give birthdate: _____

Please supply the following information to aid us in planning your exhibit space.

I will use my own case, YES ____ or NO ____ .

Subject of Exhibit: _____

CERTIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL ADULT AND JUNIOR EXHIBITORS: I hereby certify that all material exhibited in competition by me is my own personal property and that all lapidary and jewelry work (except minor findings or where otherwise allowed by the rules) was completed by me. I have read the current rules and agree to abide by them.

SECURITY AND LIABILITY: The Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club will house all exhibits in a building with a security system and will take reasonable precautions to protect the property and person of each exhibitor. However, it is mutually agreed that the Federation, member societies, their members, their officers or authorized agents will not be liable to any exhibitor for any damage or loss to his person or property from any cause. The exhibitor expressly waives all claims for loss, damage, or injury. Submission of the signed application for exhibitor space constitutes acceptance of all rules and regulations as outlined.

I agree to leave my exhibit on display until the show closes on Sunday, October 25, 2020.

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

EXHIBITOR'S SOCIETY: _____

I hereby certify, as an officer of the above-named society, that the exhibitor is a member in good standing of the society and, to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the rules.

SIGNATURE TITLE DATE

CERTIFICATION FOR SOCIETY (GROUP) AND JUNIOR SOCIETY (GROUP). I hereby certify, as an officer of the above named Society, that the materials and/or workmanship exhibited are the property of this Society or the personal property of at least 5 members of the Society and no more than 20% of the material or workmanship exhibited are the property of any one member, and that the lapidary and jewelry exhibited are entirely (except for minor findings or where otherwise allowed by rules) the work of members of this Society. It is agreed that the exhibit will remain on display until the show closes on Sunday, October 25, 2020. I further agree to the Security and Liability statement, as listed above.

SIGNATURE TITLE DATE

Use one form for each exhibit. All exhibits may be set up from 2:00-9:00 PM Thursday, October 22, 2020 and must be complete and ready to be judged by Friday, October 23, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Cases may not be taken down until 5 PM on Sunday, October 25. Please return forms to:

George Max 2020 13th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING EXHIBIT FORMS IS October 1, 2020

ANSWER TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 8

nestopos – soapstone
hyout – youth
natiocdue -- education

saidply – display
risctue – security

thobo – booth
upset – setup

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Contract Tracing: There are a lot of people out there pretending to be contact tracers. Beware legitimate contact tracers will NEVER ask for your insurance information (private, Medicare, Medicaid, etc.), your social security number, or any other financial information. If someone does call you and asks for personal information, hang up and report it to your local police department or health department or Medicare offices. Don't fall for that friendly, convincing voice that wants you to give them all your personal financial information so they can have your money.

Source: Medicare

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