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**President's Message**

It's a good time for reflection. Procrastination sometimes threatens to become the ruler in our household, but is kept in check by this impending mental image of "a new year". What do we want for ourselves this year? No more spinning of the wheels and not getting anywhere. No more just walking around the car scratching our heads going "How did we get stuck here?" What would we be if we could choose what we are? What goals have not yet been attained? If so, how can we achieve them? Our Mini-Miner Program is looking for a location better suited to their programs. Any ideas how we can make this goal? Brainstorm this one & bring your ideas to our next meeting or give a board member a call. Let's help our young people on their path. As Mahatma Gandhi said "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Best wishes to all of you on your paths & may peace & harmony find their way to your door. Happy New Year everyone!

*Pat - Queen Bee*



**CALL FOR LAPIDARY INTERESTED FOLKS!**

Members of the Wayne County Gem and Mineral Club as well as members of the general public who are interested in learning new and professional lapidary skills and networking with each other are encouraged to share their ideas with the club's board of directors. While there is a Rochester lapidary Society, an interested member of the local community has expressed ideas about teaching adult lapidary classes for WCGMC and local a Wayne County community. Thoughts? Contact Pat Chapman or Andrea Kords, program chair, ASAP!

**CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR**

By and from Mary Fraser, EFMLS Committee chairperson  
The silence is deafening! I've not received a single submission for the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year program in months and I can't believe that there aren't any members of our EFMLS clubs who deserve recognition. I'm sure that every club has at least one member who goes above and beyond the normal. Why not say thank you by sending us his/her name and a brief paragraph telling why this person is so valuable to your club? Doing so is a wonderful way of saying thanks and bragging to other clubs about your gem of a member. These folks deserve recognition! (continued on page 3)

# And Now, the Winter Geology Quiz

12/25/08 By Andrew Alden

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Introducing the About.com Geology annual Winter Geology Quiz, 20 questions ranging from absurdly easy to absurdly tricky. Ideally you will do these without looking anything up; failing that you may try hard-copy sources such as books and your old class notes. But you should know that not even the Internet will save you. Answers will be posted the next newsletter.

1. "Smilla's Sense of Snow" featured what murder weapon?
2. What is the mineral name of ice?
3. What is the rear end of a trilobite called? What about the other end?
4. What do these have in common: lead, belt, polynya, bummocks?
5. What do these have in common: suevite, hyaloclastite, lechatelierite, tektite?
6. "Slab pull" is (a) a field-camp game, (b) a lithospheric traction, (c) a step in artificial diamond manufacture, (d) the design strength of a concrete mixture?
7. Put these in order from bottom to top: colonnade, entablature, pillows, vesicular cap
8. Which of these does not belong: muscovite, kutnahorite, franklinite, dolomite?
9. Which of these does not belong: cinnabar, massicot, orpiment, realgar?
10. Which plate is smallest: Arabian, Caribbean, Nazca, Scotia? Which is largest?
11. Which was first to go extinct: ammonites, archeocyathids, eurypterids, trilobites?
12. Which is a radiometric dating method: carbon-14, potassium-argon, samarium-neodymium, uranium-lead?
13. Which rock is plutonic: foidolite, komatiite, lamprophyre, phonolite?
14. Which rock is volcanic: taconite, tephrite, tonalite, troctolite?
15. Which of these does not belong: rille, fosse, corona, catena?
16. Is the Black Sea one of the Seven Seas? Is the Mediterranean?
17. Which midocean ridge spreads the slowest: Gakkel, Gorda, Juan de Fuca, Reykjanes?
18. What comes next: olivine, pyroxene, amphibole, . . . ?
19. What comes next: plinian, vulcanian, strombolian, . . . ?
20. Which starts first: Archean, Eratosthenian, Hesperian?

## UPCOMING WCGM CLUB MEETINGS

**Jan 9th, 2007 (Friday) Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY**  
**Please use north door entrance of church. Regular meeting night.**  
**Board Meeting starts at 7pm. Mini-miners and general meeting at 7:30pm**



**February 13, 2009 (Friday)**  
Regular meeting night. Board Meeting starts at 7pm.  
Mini-miners and general meeting at 7:30pm

### Club Rockhound of the Year

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Your submission for the Club Rockhound of the Year program should be sent to me (Mary Fraser) at this contact address: < rfraser@maine.rr.com >  
Each club may send in the name of one (1) individual per year or one couple (husband & wife). In addition, each club may also send in the name of 1 junior member who should be given that all important pat on the back. Your citation will be printed in both the EFMLS and AFMS Newsletters – a great way to let others know how valuable your members are to your club. I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. Add a resolution that you can keep to your 2009 list and send in your submission. I'm anxiously waiting to learn about your "Rockhound of the Year"

### WILDACRES ANNOUNCEMENT

The dates for the 2009 EFMLS Wildacres Workshops are: April 17 – 23, 2009 and September 7 – 13, 2009 For 2009, a week is only \$345/ person that includes 3 meals per day. Be involved in taking professional classes, hearing good talks each day, and sharing your hobby with many others from around the country in a relaxed atmosphere? The Wildacres facility is located on a private mountain just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, NC. It's owned by a private, non-profit foundation which "rents" the facility to other non-profit groups such as the EFMLS to utilize for short workshops. Contact these people for application or info: Steve Weinberger <cscrystals2@verizon.net> or Fran Sick <ednfran@epix.net> any WCGMC board member or go to the website: [www.amfed.org/efmls](http://www.amfed.org/efmls).

### ROCK-HOUNDING AND FINDING U.S.A.

**February 2009 21-22: Albany, NY -**  
16th Annual James Campbell Memorial "Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show" sponsored by the Capital District Mineral Club and NY State Academy of Mineralogy. Museum of the Empire State, 4th Floor, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.

**March 2009 21-22: Gaithersburg, MD -**  
45th annual show; The Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, Maryland; Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$6, children under 12 free; 45 exhibits, demonstrations, free cabochon-polishing workshop, door prizes, raffles, fossils, kids' Touch Table with specimens, fluorescent display tent, kids' mini-mine, more than 20 dealers; contact George Durland, 8600 Bunnell Dr., Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 299-8213; e-mail: GDurland1@verizon.net; Web site: [www.glmsmc.com](http://www.glmsmc.com). **28-29: Holyoke, MA -** Western Massachusetts Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. Holiday Inn at Ingleside, Holyoke, MA.

**October 2009 16-18: Bristol, CT -** 37th Annual Gem & Mineral Show and **59th Annual EFMLS Convention** hosted by the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club. Beals Community Center, Bristol, CT.

**KUDOS TO ALL THE GREAT COOKS AT THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY WCGMC PARTY!**

**WAYNE COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.**

**MEETINGS:**

Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night of each month  
at 7:30pm at Park Presbyterian Church basement,  
Maple Court, Newark, NY

**WEBSITE: [www.wcgmc.org](http://www.wcgmc.org)**

**ORGANIZED:** 1973 **INC.** 1976

Affiliated with the AFML and EFMLS of Mineral  
Societies since 1973.

**OFFICERS:** Elected at the October meeting, taking  
office In November for a 2-year term.

**FISCAL YEAR:** Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**\*\*NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES AND**

**DUES (due Oct 1<sup>st</sup>):**

\$10.00 JUNIOR or STUDENT

(18 yrs> with no parents in the club)

\$15.00 REGULAR or ONE SINGLE ADULT (Over  
age of 18 years old)

\$20.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

(Includes 2 adult votes and children)

*Send due, SASE with your info to:*

WCGMC, P.O. Box 4, Newark, NY14513

**OBJECTIVE:** TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE EARTH  
SCIENCES, IN COLLECTING AND CLASSIFICATION OF  
MINERALS, AND IN THE ART OF GEM CUTTING.

**The public is welcome!!**

**A.L.A.A.**

**by Carolyn Weinberger**

The American Lands Access Association

(ALAA) is an organization that was formed to act as a lobbying  
group with the specific purpose of working with Congress to  
defeat legislation that would hinder our ability to collect on public  
lands. Perhaps the organizations' most important accomplishment  
was the defeat of a fossil bill introduced by then Senator Max  
Baucus that would have prohibited collecting of fossil material on  
public lands. Through the efforts of ALAA, working with a strong  
lobbyist in Washington and the submission of hundreds of letters,  
the bill was defeated. Now, in light of the latest onslaught in  
Congress (the Paleo Protection Act and the soon to be introduced  
again Omnibus Lands Bill) the organization is being revived.  
Both clubs and individuals can and should join ALAA. Cost is \$25  
per year (\$50 for clubs) and although times are tough, that \$25 can  
go a long way towards helping ensure that we'll be able to  
continue collecting on public lands. You can send your  
membership to ALAA by sending your check and the information  
requested below.

Send the following: Name Address City, State, Zip  
Phone, e-mail Club affiliations Hobby interests

Mail to: Norm Hanschu  
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First class: dated  
meetings and time  
valued.