

THE CAPITAL ROCKHOUNDER



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NEW MEETING DATE! - **January 2009** - NEW MEETING DATE!

January Meeting

Since the January Meeting falls on New Year's Day, it has been officially changed to one week later on January 8, 2009. Please make a note of this!!! From February and on, it will go back to the first Thursday of the month again. Please come to the next meeting on January 8th at the New York State Museum on Madison Ave, Albany, NY. Our January meeting will include a program and an election of officers. Please come to the doors of the museum between 7:00-7:15 pm. Meeting starts around 7:30pm.

Election of New Officers

The president has selected a nominating committee of Dr. Robert Ballad (chair), Dr. Ely Fuller, and Noelle Guimond. If you have anyone that you want to nominate for any office, you may do so before or at the January meeting prior to the vote. Please tell these above people of your choice, but make sure you ask permission from the person you are nominating first. The winning people will take office at the end of the January meeting.

Membership Renewal

Most memberships ran out on August 31 (except very new members), so bring your checkbooks to renew your memberships. Please give your money/check to the membership committee (ask for Jim Palmer). Ask Jim to switch you to an electronic copy of our newsletter.

Albany Mineral Show

The February mineral show is just around the corner. Please contact George Gearhardt if you want to help at the show. Also, if you have anything to donate for the sandbox dig, please contact George or Richard Stein. Ask George for when the meeting to set up the rocks for the display at the club table will be.

Mineral Shows

February 2-9. Tucson, AZ. Show, "Bead Renaissance Show"; J&J Promotions LLC; 3340 E. Michigan, next to the Holidome and Gem Mall; Mon. 10-6, Tue. 10-

6, Wed. 10-6, Thu. 10-9, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6; contact J&J Promotions LLC, P.O. Box 420, Williamsburg, NM 87942, (575) 894-1293; e-mail: info@beadshow.com; Web site: www.beadshow.com

February 21-22. Albany, NY. Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show and Sale. New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue, Albany, NY; 10am-5pm. In conjunction with New York in Bloom. Admission: \$6 gets you into both shows. Contact: Mike 518-474-5877; E-mail: mhawkins@mail.nysed.gov

2009 EFMLS Wildacres Workshop

"The dates for the workshop are April 17-23 and September 7-13. 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 ranging in length from 1-7 days. Other groups using Wildacres each year include musical groups, religious groups and student leadership groups. The campus consists of modern, motel style private rooms, workshops, meeting rooms, a canteen, hiking trails, an auditorium, library and dining hall. There are no noisy distractions on campus – no TV, radio, loud trucks or automobiles zooming by. What you do hear is the pleasure of silence, birds, and laughter as people gather on the porches, patio or in the canteen between classes." - (EFMLS Newsletter, v. 46, no. 3, January 2009)

George Gearhardt will give a short explanation of his and Barbara's experience at Wildacres at the January meeting. For more detailed information on Wildacres 2009, please go to: www.amfed.org/efmls When you get there, click on the Newsletters box in the left column, then go to January 2009. There is a detailed list of classes (p.5-6) and a registration form (p.8) there. It is presented in Adobe PDF. A free reader can be downloaded at www.adobe.com.

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All submissions to the newsletter must be in my hand before the 18th of any given month, or they will be used in the next subsequent newsletter.

The purpose of our club is:

- To promote and encourage the study of mineralogy and other applied sciences.
- To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions in order to bring about a better and more general understanding of earth sciences.
- To provide a program with suitable speakers for scheduled meetings.
- To sponsor, direct, and assist in the planning of excursions to mineral localities and other places of geological interest.
- To cooperate with organizations whose purposes are similar to those stated in the foregoing items.

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