

Considering Membership

To become a member of AMLS you will of, course, want to share the interests of the club. Whether you are a newbie rockhound or an accomplished artisan, you will fit in and be welcomed. If you live close enough to Birmingham Alabama to come to meetings, join in club activities and bring your enthusiasm, we would love to have you as a member.

Membership in any organized club works in two ways. You will expect to get something out of club participation, but you should also expect to put something into the club through participation. Each of us has something we can bring into the club to make us a part of the whole club. Membership is available as single or as family. Family is two adults and any children 17 years old or younger living in one household. If you join after June 1st, dues is half the amount.

If you would like to join Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, use the QR Code to link you to the website so you can print our membership application.



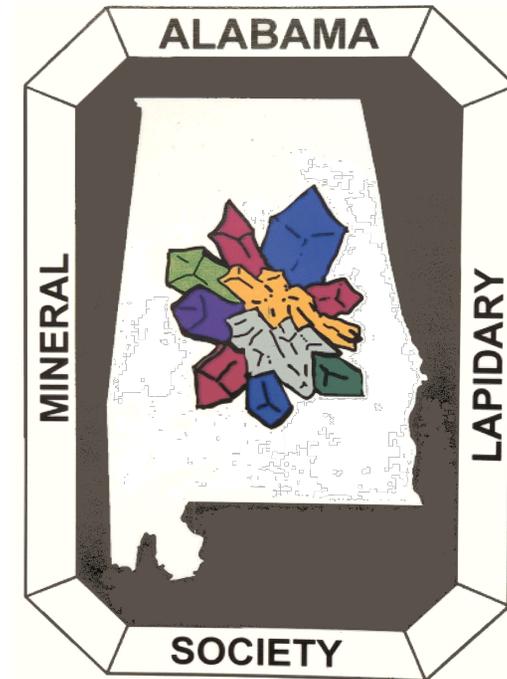
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Club Affiliations



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About the Society

The club started in September of 1964 with articles of incorporation as: Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, Inc. in Jefferson County, Alabama.

The primary purpose of this Society is for persons interested in the study, collection and lapidary treatment of rocks and minerals, to associate as members. The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to stimulate interest in rocks and minerals by furtherance of the activities of the members of this corporation in the earth sciences; to disseminate knowledge, methods and procedures for the collection, identification, classification, cutting, polishing, setting and mounting of specimens for these activities; and to promote good fellowship, proper ethics and conduct in the relations of said members with each other and with members of other earth science societies in pursuit of these activities.

This Society is a private nonprofit corporation, and operates as such by the laws of the state of Alabama relating to private nonprofit corporations. Any reputable person interested in minerals, gems, and the earth sciences shall be eligible for membership to this Society.

The Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, also commonly referred to as AMLS or Lapidary Club, is family oriented and enjoys member's children as they participate in our Pup-Scouts program.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. You may visit the workshop with a club member as a guest to see what we have going on.



Regular Activities

The club holds a monthly meeting the second Friday of each month in Cahaba Heights at 6:30 pm. Members bring an offering for a pot-luck dinner. A short business meeting is followed by a presentation on a topic relating to our interests. A drawing for door prizes usually culminates the meeting as we clean and pack up.

Training classes to teach the lapidary arts are offered regularly. Organized field trips are available through our club as well as with our affiliated federations. Members are kept informed of activities by their presence at the meetings, our monthly newsletter *Rockhound Roundup*, and our website <https://www.lapidary.com>.

Special Activities

In the Spring, AMLS hosts an auction to raise money for the Society. Our club members donate rocks, gems, minerals and their unused equipment to be auctioned. Many members by their ties to the vast rockhounding community are able to secure generous donations that bring a lot of outside public interest to our auction. There is something that everyone could need or want, and at a great value.

Each year in September, AMLS sponsors a gem and mineral show for the public to promote the geological, mineralogy, paleontology and lapidary arts. With over 100 exhibitors, vendors and crafts people representing every interest, from fossils to jewelry, it's all there. Our club members enjoy participating in the show from planning through execution. Many are exhibitors themselves.

The Workshop

The workshop that members of AMLS have access to is a valuable resource. Members can schedule a training class to learn many of the lapidary arts by skilled artisans. The shop has the equipment necessary to practice and produce the items you have always wanted to make. When the workshop is open, there will be someone there to answer your questions and guide you as you progress. A workshop certification class is conducted as needed and required before using the equipment,