



About the Society

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

As a nonprofit, the primary purpose of this Society is for persons interested in the study, collection and lapidary treatment of rocks and minerals to share in the operation of the Society to provide an educational environment to further the hobby.

The club is made up of members that are interested in geology, paleontology, and many of the earth sciences. They share knowledge, methods and procedures for the collection, identification and classification of minerals. Members enjoy cutting, polishing, setting and mounting of specimens.

The Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, also commonly referred to as AMLS or Lapidary Club, is family oriented and encourages the member's children to participate in our junior program.

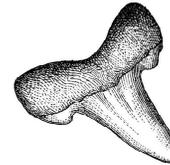
Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. You may visit the workshop with a club member as a guest.



Regular Activities

The club holds a monthly meeting the second Friday of each month 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. Field trips are planned by club members 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 web-



Special Activities

In the Spring, AMLS hosts an auction to raise money for the Society. Donations of gems, minerals and equipment are received to be auctioned. All rockhounds are invited to this event to bring public interest to our club.

Each year in September, AMLS sponsors a huge gem and mineral show at the Irondale Civic Center for the public to promote the geological, mineralogy, paleontology and lapidary arts. With over 100 exhibitors, vendors and crafts people representing interest in everything related to the lapidary arts and crafts, fossils, mineral specimens, fossils and 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 the lapidary arts from one of the talented club members. The shop has the equipment necessary to practice and produce the items you have always wanted to make. A workshop certification class is conducted as needed and required before using the equipment,