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**President’s Message**

Hello Folks,

We have been busy, busy, busy! We have got a lot going on this month. First thing, we got the Membership Chair filled! Please welcome Levan Foster and his amazing typing fingers to the slate of officers. He is busy getting a membership list reconstructed and printed. Second, the DMC Fieldtrip is back on! We had to change locations but it worked out to our advantage. How does this sound “SLOSS FURNANCE” for a great DMC fieldtrip? It will be the same date but here in Birmingham which is the birth place of the A.M.L.S. Many thanks heaped upon Lori Carter of the DMC. Third, we are reestablishing the show chair. Cathy Kellogg agreed to come back and take on the monumental task. Many are pitching in to make this transfer to Oak mountain State Park go smoothly.

Update on our crackerjack Publicity Team, Sarah Grace Landis, Tristan Carisch, and Vivian Melof. The show flyers were ordered and I have received the first shipment. The flyers will be available at the meeting for all to *oooh* and *aaah* over. The team will be meeting with the group John Wild suggested about getting our social media presence established. They are on it!

Next I would like to say something about our workshop folks ... we are letting the guys down who put forth all that effort to open it, do the maintenance on the machines, get ready for the classes. Don Hill has a class ready to for us (Torch Enameling) and another class has been scheduled in March (Cabbing Party). We need to make good use of what we have folks.

This workshop is a main asset to this club and I hope more use it. Levan Foster said NO one is coming to the workshop on Saturdays! So now, if you need to cut something if it isn’t on a Tuesday, call Levan. He will meet you there!

Reggie Bolton has been hard at work on the budget for 2020. We will have copies at the meeting for you to see and to vote on. *Continued on page 5.*



Sandra Sullivan  
President A.M.L.S.

**Upcoming in February -**

**Workshop open on Tuesdays thanks to Reggie Bolton, after 12 pm usually.**

- **Levan Foster** says the workshop is **NOT** getting anyone on Saturdays. So if you want to go use the workshop other than Tuesdays, call, text, or email Levan Foster. See page 2 for his contact info.
- **Feb. 11 - Board Meeting at the workshop**
- **Feb. 14 - Regular meeting Bonny and John Gaston doing the program. (Funny)**
- **Feb. 15 - Don Hill Torch enameling class (Pg.5)**
- **Feb. 29 - DMC - Fieldtrip : Sloss Furnace AMLS hosting, *Members needed***

**Mar. 6, 7, & 8 - Suwannee River Rockhound Roundup Live Oak, FL. and SFMS Bd. Mtg.**

**Mar. 13 - Regular Meeting**

**Mar. 14 - Cabbing Party at the workshop in Leeds**

**Mar. DMC Fieldtrip to Summerville, GA.**

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**For more information:****AFMS and SFMS Websites**

The SFMS Newsletter, *the Lodestar*, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>. And [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) Email: [sfms@amfed.org](mailto:sfms@amfed.org)

**A.M.L.S. WORKSHOP ADDRESS:**

8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, AL. 35094  
(Across from The Pant Store)

*Please welcome any new members with a handshake and tell them a bit about A.M.L.S. what you like about it.*

**DUES ARE DUE** ~ It is that time of the year folks. Dues are due between the November meeting and the end of December. The rockclub must pay the club dues to the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) and the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS). Both are apart of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. We have to pay for

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**Meeting Minutes Jan. 10, 2020 -**

Tim Leatherman said our blessing and folks ate or perused the door prizes, silent auction items and work members brought from their classes at William Holland. We had a great display of rockhounding pursuits.

Sandra announced that Lou Ann Newell has resigned as Show chair and Membership chair. We will need replacements ASAP and still need a webmaster. December's minutes were accepted. An inventory of equipment is being done by Sandra of machines at the workshop as well as items at the Douglas storage shed.

The Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies is planning a second annual Rockhound Round-up (nice name!), a rock swap and sale. It will take place March 6-8 at the Spirit of Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, Florida. Vendor spaces in the field by the entrance to the park are 10' X 20' and cost \$25. You can get a space, come to buy, or bring rocks you want to swap. The park has RV spaces, cabins and primitive camping spots but they fill up quickly. There are also hotels nearby. The park website is [musicliveshere.com](http://musicliveshere.com). The SFMS quarterly meeting will be held then as well, Reggie Bolton, as past president will be attending and the club voted Bunny Bolton to be the AMLS representative.

Social advertising will be crucial to our upcoming show(s) at Oak Mountain June 6th and 7th. John Wild will be meeting with Dreamgate Events to work on a Facebook page specific to the show(s) and other publicity ideas. Our publicity committee plans to meet soon to work on plans too.

Judi Wild will teach a class on wire basics such as findings on Saturday, Jan. 11th from 10 am until 2pm. The cost is \$15. Bring a snack or lunch and wire and beads you would like and any pliers you have.

Visitors were welcomed - Warren Wyman and David and Will Sheffield.

William Holland was discussed. This is a wonderful lapidary school and we are fortunate that it is close to us in north Georgia. The cost is reasonable, \$425. for a week's room and board plus class fees which vary by subject. Several of our members teach there and many more attend classes. Some members brought examples of work from classes taken there to show some of the possibilities. The SFMS hosts a week of classes featuring teachers that don't regularly teach at William Holland. This year it is June 7th -12th.

Door prizes were awarded and silent auction items purchased. Meeting adjourned.

**Meeting Minutes Continued ...**

Respectfully submitted

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

**Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2020**

In attendance Sandra Sullivan, John Wild, Donna Sellers, Levan Foster, Vivian Melof, Bunny and Reggie Bolton Added by phone Don Hill and Sarah Grace Landis.

Don Hill was called about the upcoming Brookwood field trip (has since been cancelled). He agreed to arrive early and set up the tent to check people in and get their waivers signed. We will need other folks to take turns at the tent and someone to meet people at Love's Truck Stop to lead them to the site. A porta potty will be arranged by Sandra, she has the sign in sheets and will make up some waivers.

Sarah Landis was called to talk about publicity. The publicity committee met and sorted out some of their duties. The show will be called the AMLS Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show. Sarah will design a new flyer and see about prices on printing them and directional signs/banners. A count needs to be taken of how many directional signs are needed. Sandra will send flyers to other area rock clubs. and anyone traveling to rock shows around the southeast should take some to go on the club info table. Show dates need to be placed in 'The Lode Star' and 'Rock n Gem', Sandra was blocked from getting on to the R&G events page but will continue. John Wild talked to Dream Gate Events and will have them help set up an event Facebook page and Instagram account. Sarah will need good quality photos of pertinent items and happenings e-mailed to her such as geode cracking, gem sifting, vendor booths etc. Connections need to be made with TV stations ABC 33/40 and Fox 6 for features the week of the show. We need to co-ordinate better with the people at Oak Mountain AND we still need a webmaster!

Our club has this major show in June and maybe another later in the year but we also have outreach at other events such as the Spring and Fall Festivals at Oak Mountain State Park and Earth Day at the Zoo. Since these events are outreach, in the future education and demonstrations will be our main concern at those.

Vivian pointed out that the business portion of our regular meetings are tedious and need to be streamlined. All were in agreement on this and will look for ways to make that happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary



**Clubs and Societies Shows and Rock Swaps via RockNGem shows, SFMS website, and other sources**

**Feb. 16 - 17 Vero Beach, FL. Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society** Sat. 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4. Vero Beach Community Center 2266 14th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32960. \$5 Donation at the door, 20 vendors, hourly door prizes. Contact show chair: Ann Metz 772 538-6222

**Feb. 22 Lakeland, FL. Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society** Sat. 9 - 4:30. 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr., Lakeland, FL 33801. Contact Kim Price, Show chair (863) 412-9156. email: [kprice1105@gmail.com](mailto:kprice1105@gmail.com). Facebook: Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club. Website: [www.bonevalley.net](http://www.bonevalley.net)

**Feb. 22 - 23 Jackson, MS. Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society;** Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds, 1200 Mississippi Street ; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Leslie Lane, 176 Tazan Avenue, Florence, MS 39073-8720, 6013448171; Email: [rock2lanes@gmail.com](mailto:rock2lanes@gmail.com); Website: <http://missgems.org>.

**Feb. 23 The Villages, FL. The Villages Gem & Mineral Society** Sun. 10 - 4. Sea Breeze Regional Recreation Center 2374 Buena Vista Blvd. The Villages, FL. 32162. Show Chair - Diane Davis (248) 770-2409 or email: [jewelry16680@gmail.com](mailto:jewelry16680@gmail.com) Website: [thevillagesgemandmineralsociety.com/](http://thevillagesgemandmineralsociety.com/)

**Mar. 6 - 8 Clearwater, FL. Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society;** Banquet Masters, 13355 49th St North; Fri. 1-6, Fri. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Donations: Adults \$5, students with a parent or ID \$4 (good for all three days), contact Bill Schmidt, 4619 69th St North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709, (727) 657-0998; Email: [sgamsgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:sgamsgemshow@gmail.com); Website: [sgams.com](http://sgams.com)

**William Holland Catalog online:**

<https://lapidaryschool.org/2020>



**Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:**

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates>  
<http://www.jewelryshowguide.com/event/>

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**SOMETHING FROM OUR SFMS ~**

**SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP - 2020**  
**March 6-8, 2020, Live Oak, FL.**

**Who:** All members of all SFMS Clubs are Welcome. From Clubs in good standing with SFMS. Members in good standing from over 74 Clubs in: AL, FL., GA., MS., NC., SC., TN.

**What:** A good old-fashion Rock-Swap.

**When:** March 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2020. Save the date

**Where:** Spirit of Suwannee Music Park  
 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060  
 (386) 3665-1683 [www.musicliveshere.com](http://www.musicliveshere.com)

**How Much:** For Buyers Only: the only cost is the Admission Fee for the park. If you have a few rocks in your pockets, you may be able to 'Swap' also. Buying is open to the general public, and all are welcome to shop No club affiliation needed.

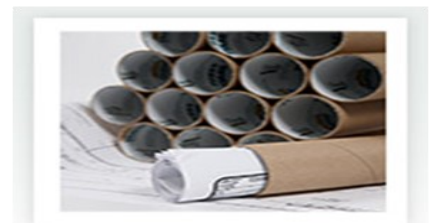
For Sellers: \$25.00 for a 10' X 20' "booth" to be a Vendor, plus the Park Admission. The \$25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days. Place your reservation with SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with application. Vendors MUST submit Application and Payment by a deadline to be established.

THIS IS A FAIRLY NEW ENDEAVOR SET UP FOR ALL SFMS CLUB MEMBERS. Please see the attached Lodestar for all the details; starting on page 14 thru page 16.

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**Please remember to save those empty gift wrapping tubes for the maps we sell at the June show.**

These tubes sure come in handy to make these sells go easier.

Thanks, S.S.



## Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~

### CUTTING MOLDS

Cutting molds is easier and more precise with a sharp blade. A new Xacto blade is sufficient for cutting RTV molds but is usually not sharp enough for vulcanized rubber. For that it's best to use scalpel blades available from most jewelry supply companies. The #11 blade is triangle shaped, and the #12 is hawksbill shaped. I find the hawksbill is particularly nice for cutting the registration keys of the mold.



### USING YOUR THUMB

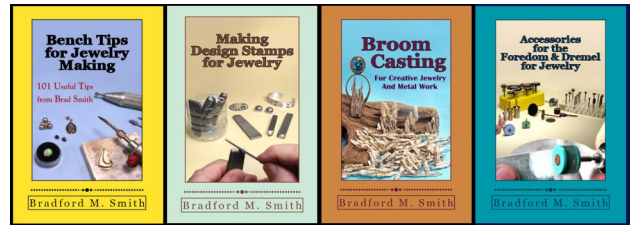
When using multiple bits in a Foredom, we often have to deal with different shaft sizes - the usual 3/32 inch burs, the larger 1/8 inch shaft sizes and of course the many different sizes of twist drills. For some reason I really dislike having to turn the key multiple times to open or close the jaws of the handpiece chuck.

So I have two ways to speed up that task. For opening up the jaws, I just remember "four", the number of turns I have to make to open the chuck just enough from the 3/32 bur shaft size to the larger 1/8 bur shaft size.

For closing the jaws around a smaller shaft, there's a neat trick. Hold the new bit in the center of the open jaws of the chuck, put your thumb lightly onto the outer toothed collar of the chuck, and gently start up the Foredom. As the chuck turns, it will naturally tighten the jaws around the bur shaft or the drill bit. Then all you have to do is a final tightening with the key.



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### Workshop Class for February ~

Don Hill says ... Saturday, February 15th,  
10:00AM - 2:00 PM

Does this sound good for workshop class? You will be making 4 pieces in class. Cost is \$3.00 dollars for material plus donation to clubhouse. We will be having 3 classes on Dec. 14, 2019. Class times will be 10 am, 12 noon, and 2 pm. I would like to limit to five people per class session. The early sign-ups and sign-up sheet will be at meeting Friday night before class, you can sign up at meeting.

#### You will receive:

- 1 25mm round blank
- 1 oval 25 x 18 blank
- 2 19mm round blanks

Plus jump rings for each piece. You pick your colors to use and design. Please contact Don Hill [donahill@comcast.net](mailto:donahill@comcast.net) to sign up for class. Let's all come out and support Don in teaching this class! S.S.

### President's Message continued ...

This is important we get this okayed so as we can move on. We need a webmaster and fieldtrip chair.

The Nominating Committee for selecting the members for the 2021 slate has to be established per our by-laws. Please step up if asked and give us a hand with making this a continuing great rock club which we all enjoy. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is one that goes to the heart of club and what we can do.

See you Friday night,

Sandra Sullivan, President A.M.L.S.

**Meteor Shower Schedule** ~ Via <http://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide>

Earth Sky's 2020 meteor shower guide by Bruce McClure and Deborah Byrd in Astronomy Essentials | Space

*This is a wonderful website for the entire family to enjoy. Check out the Meteor Shower this month!*

**IMPORTANT:** DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics (click here to read them), but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips. Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.

Please reply by e-mail to: [sfms-dmc@amfed.org](mailto:sfms-dmc@amfed.org)

World Wide Web site for the DMC is: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/dmc/dmc.htm>

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*"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."*

**Clubs scheduled to host DMC Field Trips in the next 6 months - 2020**

*February - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society Inc. (Birmingham, AL)*

March - Mobile Rock & Gem Society, Inc. (Mobile, AL)

April - Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club (Charlotte, NC)

May - Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Jackson, MS)

June - Gaston County Gem, Mineral & Faceting Club (Gastonia, NC)

July - Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society (Hendersonville, NC)

August - Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society (Huntsville, AL)

**TUMBLING CONTEST for May** ~

**Due to NOT being able to collect at our usual site in Brookwood, AL. this year. The Tumbling Contest can either be cancelled or held using other collected material on another future fieldtrip. Let's talk about this one at the meeting.**

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please members, be on the lookout for possible collecting sites the club may be able to visit. We are losing many traditional sites to the development for housing, recreational venues, or the property changes hands. A good repour with the land owners goes a long way. We should always practice the rules of good rockhounding etiquette.

**Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2020**

In attendance Levan and Yvonne Foster, Vivian Melof, Sandra Sullivan, Sarah Landis (via a phone conference call), and Reggie and Bunny Bolton.

Sandra said she spent the day driving around the Brookwood area looking for a place to hunt rocks and talking to folks. Even though we won't have a February field trip there, we still want a place to collect.

Levan, Sandra, and Reggie worked on membership trying to reconstitute the list.

Sandra passed along info on contacting FOX6 and ABC33/40 to Vivian Melof for Tristan Carisch. Sarah Grace Landis was added by phone, she has found a good deal on flyers. We asked her to get a quote on 5000 quantity 5"x7" color flyers which she later ordered.

Bunny proposed a cabbng party on Saturday March 14th for the monthly class. This will depend on the availability of shop supervisors. These get together are a good way to introduce members to the equipment and each other.

The board discussed how we can make our club better. Some ideas for better meetings included programs which are more hands on and having a table for Rock Identification. Members and visitors could bring rocks who have experience for folks to identify. Making the business portion more streamlined by shifting some things to board meetings which are open to all members was another idea. We also need more field trips. So many collection sites are no longer accessible so some research is needed. Lacking a field trip chairman perhaps Sandra can assign willing members a location or area to plan one trip to.

We finished up by going over the budget which must be voted on by the members at the February meeting.

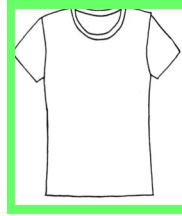
Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

**Gerry Elam says by email ...**

Sandra,

As you know, our father, Edwin Elam, loved the rock club and its mission. He lived for the meetings and always supported the club to the best of his ability. I was wondering if the club might entertain naming the workshop after him i.e. "The Ed Elam Workshop"? Of course, "no" is an acceptable answer but he would be so thrilled and honored to be remembered in such a way. It doesn't have to be much and no ceremony is requested. A small sign - I'll cover the costs. What do you think? Is it worth considering? Many thanks!

Gerry Elam Phoenix, AZ.



WE have a few T- Shirts left and they will be at the next meeting. The cost will be \$10.00 per shirt. The inventory is as follows :

- 2 Xlg.
- 7 Lg. ( NO pockets )
- 3 Med.

These are well made T-shirts, colorful with the A.M.L.S. logo on the back, and are great to wear on a fieldtrip.



**American Federation of Mineralogical News**

The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society has agreed to host both the AFMS and the SFMS Annual Meetings for 2020. The date has been set for October 16 -18, 2020 in Knoxville, TN. This is in conjunction with their annual rock and gem show.

Both the February and March AFMS newsletters stressed learning about how to properly set up a display case, whether you plan to be competitive or not. President Dave Wayment suggested taking a class from the federation on how to judge a display. Even if you will never be a judge, you will learn how to display and how to interpret the rules. He also mentions that you will learn a lot and make many new friends. Dave says that displays are a great way to show people what your club has to offer and he encourages all members to consider doing a display to exhibit their skills and crafts. For further information contact the Uniform Rules Committee, either for the AFMS or your local region. These are the people who can explain the rules to you and help you understand how to get a display case ready for showing.

*Via The Nugget Vol.19 Issue 8 page 9*





*A large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field. For that reason, the members are proud to endorse the following:*

### **"Code of Ethics"**

- ◆ I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- ◆ I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- ◆ I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- ◆ I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- ◆ I will leave all gates as found.
- ◆ I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- ◆ I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- ◆ I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- ◆ I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- ◆ I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- ◆ I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- ◆ I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- ◆ I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- ◆ I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- ◆ I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- ◆ I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

Revised July 7, 1999 at the AFMS Annual Meeting

From the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies website <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/>



Last page funnies ...

OLD ROCKHOUNDS



Old rock hounds never die  
 they slowly petrify  
 but when young also spry  
 they find rocks to set by  
 as the years seem to fly  
 the pile grows by and by  
 cut and grind skills to ply  
 rocks and slabs stones to try  
 but the joints that were spry  
 now become ossified  
 then one day with a sigh  
 the rock hound petrifies  
 as you age do not cry  
 old rock hounds never die



A.M.L.S. Application for Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Year

ADULT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK/CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$25. \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$20. \_\_\_\_\_ Junior / Student \$15. \_\_\_\_\_

After June 1, the cost of the membership dues are one-half price for **new** members only for the remainder of that year.  
**Dues for regular members are to be renewed at the November meeting and / or before January 1st of the new year. Please** make checks payable to the

**ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY**  
 8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, Al. 35094

and mail to  
*Or bring to a meeting!*

**Info: Usual Meeting Date :** Second Friday of each month except for the month of June. The Oak Mountain State Park Show takes the place of the June meeting.

**Meeting place :** Cahaba Heights United Methodists Church 3139 Cahaba Heights Rd.  
 Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243

**Meeting time:** 6:30 p.m.

*Visitors Welcomed !*

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

# February 2020



Amethyst ~ Birthstone for February

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2	3	4 A.M.L.S. Work Shop	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 A.M.L.S. Work Shop <b>Bd, Mtg,</b>	12	13	14 ♥ A.M.L.S. Mtg,	15
16	17	18 A.M.L.S. Work Shop	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 A.M.L.S. Work Shop	26	27	28	29 DMC Fieldtrip Sloss Furnace

## ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY Birmingham, Alabama



*The Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society* is a non-profit organization for people interested in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, and the lapidary arts. Membership is open to all people interested in the objectives of the society. Dues for the calendar year 2020 are \$25.00 family, \$20.00 single, and Juniors / Students \$15.00. Checks should be made payable to the **Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society** and given to the treasurer. The society holds regular meetings on the second Friday of the month at 6:30 pm ( **except the month of June because of the Oak Mountain St. Park Show** ). Meetings are currently held at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church and usually last an hour and a half. There is a half hour of snacks and fellowship preceding the meeting.

The society is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Reprint rights are granted for any information in the bulletin except minutes and copy right articles with permission to print one time only in ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP, provided credit is given to the author and the original publication as well as the bulletin. Exchange bulletins should be addressed to the editor.

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**PURPOSE:**

*To bring about a closer association of clubs and societies devoted to the study of the Earth Sciences and the practice of the lapidary arts and crafts in the southeastern part of the United States.*

**OBJECTIVE:**

*To cooperate with similar Federations to promote public interest in the Earth Sciences and the conservation of natural resources.*

