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Birmingham, Alabama

Website: <https://www.lapidaryclub.com>

### President's Message

Hello Folks,

We can all agree 2020 was and still is a terrible year for us rockhounds. Without fieldtrips and meetings, we are in a bad state of mind. I do look at my rocks, *woo* and *aww* over them as if they are brand new! I still find them interesting. Hope you are getting your rockhounding fix in a safe way too.

We are trying something new to us, ZOOM meetings. As a board member, I have attend a couple already and some with the Eastern Federation too. If I can do it, I believe you can too. ALL it takes is a home computer, or a laptop, or a tablet, or a cell phone. Let's try this in order to stay connected. You may have to download the ZOOM software to get started. I know many already have this set up on their computers. I will email you the link before the meeting, and all you need to do is click on the link in your email. EASY-PEASY !! John Wild has been our go-to man for setting this up for us. THANK YOU MR. JOHN !! He says we could have an earlier time before the meeting starts, where if you need help he could lead you through it. Please let him know. ZOOM does have a very informative website you may want to visit to see what things look like and what steps to take yourself.

Our club must meet the requirements set down in our by-laws in order to stay a viable rock club. We must have this annual meeting and elect our officers. I have asked our officers to continue serving for the year 2021; we just all stay in place. If you have another person you would like to see in a slot, we are taking nominations from "the floor" sort of speak.

Due to some health issues, I have been self- quarantine. But Thank God, I do not have that Covid 19 mess. I sincerely hope none of you have bogged down with it.

We have to think of the future *Continued on page 3*



Sandra Sullivan  
President A.M.L.S.

#### Upcoming in December -

- **Workshop open on the following Thursdays - Dec. 3rd and 10th. **Levan Foster** says the workshop is **NOT** getting anyone on Saturdays. So if you want to go use the workshop other than Thursdays, call, text, or email **Levan Foster**. He says Thursday afternoon is good for him. See page 2 for contact info.**
- **ZOOM Meeting date DEC. 11th 7 pm just like a regular meeting; the second Friday of the month.**

**WHO wants to do ZOOM meetings ???  
PLEASE let me know so as we can get started on it. We need away of staying in touch with one another **AND START TALKING ABOUT ROCKS AGAIN!****

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**AFMS, EFMLS, 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) And the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies or EFMLS <https://www.efmls.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. and what you like about it.*  
 If you know of someone who would like to visit or be interested in rocks, feel free to invite them to our meetings/workshop. You never know when a child's interest will be sparked!

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***President's Message Continued from page 1.***

And not feeling depressed; rockhounds are upbeat happy go lucky kind of folks.

There is a local show this upcoming weekend. It is the Montgomery club. See Shows listings. Our member John Gaston will be a vendor there.

We are trying to get back into the regular meetings on ZOOM instead of at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church. *Sooo ....* I hopefully will see you on Zoom Dec. 11, 2020. Read the minutes for more details of what is happening!

Keep on Rocking,

Sandra Sullivan, AMLS President

***AMLS Zoom Board Meeting Minute 11/24/2020***

In attendance John Wild, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, Robert Lorino, and finally Sandra Sullivan.

Reggie reported that he had been keeping up with bills, around \$600. for rent and utilities. There is a small amount of money is coming in from people using the shop. There is about \$5000. in the checking account, so we can continue to keep it for a bit.

Robert reported that he is opening the shop on Tuesdays and an average of one member a week is using the shop. Levan Foster also opens the shop on Thursdays.

Most officers are willing to serve again in 2021 but some positions need to be filled. We need to be in touch with the membership for 2021 dues and offer a roll over of 2020 dues to members in good standing but a new application must be turned in. Naturally 2021 dues paid will be gladly accepted as a donation. A zoom account for the club might be needed to hold meetings at least for the near future. The cost for one which would accommodate club meetings will cost \$150. or one year and it would have to be voted on by the membership to spend that much. An annual meeting of the membership is necessary to fulfill our corporate state obligation.

John said the Bead Society has been successfully holding meetings and even classes with Zoom for a while.

The next AMLS Zoom board meeting will be at 7 PM on December 1. There will be a Zoom meeting for the club on the regular meeting day of December 11 at 7 PM. A link will be emailed to the members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

***AMLS Zoom Board Meeting minutes 12/1/20***

In attendance John Wild, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, Sandra Sullivan, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Robert Lorino

Sandra asked if Yvonne was willing to be Board Member at Large, Reggie said if we have an opening the president can appoint one.

An e-mail Rockhound Roundup will go out to the membership about the annual meeting to be held on December 11 at 7 PM on ZOOM. John Wild will use his ZOOM account and be our host. John will start the meeting at 6:30 for anyone not familiar with ZOOM to get situated prior to the start of the meeting. We must have this meeting to fulfill requirements of our by-laws and state incorporation. Levan said he can be at the shop during the meeting to give a tour of the machines. Also included in the e-mail will be information about 2021 dues. Any 2020 paid members can roll over their dues to 2021 but they must fill out an application and state that they are doing so. Donations of 2021 dues will be gratefully accepted as well.

Scholarships for 2020 were not used and will be rolled over too.

The board voted to buy a single year ZOOM account to hold meetings on. It can now be voted on by the members at the ZOOM meeting.

There are a number of people who filled out membership applications on the website but never paid dues. These folks need to be contacted to see if they have real (dues paying) interest in the AMLS. Sandra offered to contact them. We also need to change who receives these applications from the website.

Yvonne said she may be able to teach some small (1-3 students) classes at the workshop. Some rearranging will have to be done to make space. It also might be possible for her to do teaching through Zoom. John said the Bead Society does this using a computer facing the teacher and a cell phone, logged into the meeting, secured above to get a better view of what her hands are doing. Yvonne pointed out that while there are how to videos on line, she will be able to answer questions in this format. Zoom might also allow us to have speakers from anywhere for our meetings.

Our not-for-profit status needs to be addressed as we pull ourselves together.

A list needs to be made of what is needed to refurbish our "new" equipment. Levan will have the workshop open Thursday December 3 and 10.  
Respectfully submitted, Bunny Bolton, Rec. Sec.

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

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE SHOW CLUB OR CHAIRMAN BEFORE GOING ! THE SHOW COULD BE CANCELED DUE TO THE VIRUS !**

**Dec. . 4 – 6 Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society**, Garrett Coliseum 1555 Federal Drive Montgomery, AL. 36107; Fri. 9 – 6, Sat. 9 – 6, Sun. 11 – 4; Adults \$2.00 daily or \$3.00 for a 3day weekend pass. 18 and under free with student ID or one paid adult ticket. We are offering a "Dollar Off" coupon for any adult dollar off button attending this years' show. It will be valid for any adult for a one day admission ticket only. Not valid on weekend passes. Get yours now by clicking this link and printing it. MGMS First Annual Car Show in the parking lot Dec.5. Info [montgomerygemandmineralsociety.com](http://montgomerygemandmineralsociety.com)

**Dec. 5 Hixson, TN** Annual show; Tennessee Valley Rock & Mineral Society; The Pavillion, 2277 Gold Point Circle N; Sat. 9-5; Free; contact B.C. Ozzie Osbonlighter, 1389 Penny Lane, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379, (423) 400-1796; Email: [bcoozzie@epbf.com](mailto:bcoozzie@epbf.com); Website: [tennesseevalley-rockandmineralsociety.org](http://tennesseevalley-rockandmineralsociety.org)

**Dec.11 - 13 Lawrenceville, GA** Annual show; Bellpoint Gem Show; Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, free admission for children under 15 accompanied by paying adult; An extensive group of dealers selling fossils, jewelry, beads, geodes, crystals, gems, and minerals; contact Damian; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.co](http://www.bellpointpromotions.co)

**Jan. 16 - 17 Deland, FL** Annual show; Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society; Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E New York Ave., Tommy Lawrence Arena; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$4, free admission for children 12 and under when accompanied by a paying adult; 50+ vendors, demos, door prizes, grand prize raffle, free parking, and activities for children; contact Mary DeJan, P. O. Box 1613, Ormond Beach, FL 32175, (386) 871-6221; Email: [tomokagmsvendor@gmail.com](mailto:tomokagmsvendor@gmail.com); Website: [tomokagms.org](http://tomokagms.org)

**Jan.27 - Feb.8 Tucson, AZ** Wholesale and retail show; JOGS International Exhibits; Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington Rd.; daily 10-6; No children allowed on the show site.

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

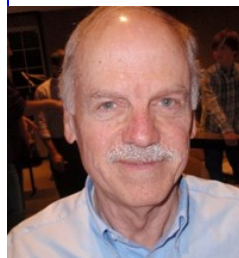
<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates>  
<http://www.jewelryshowguide.com/event/>

Show Hours: 10am-5pm daily; 10am-4pm on Feb. 8 (last day) Free for qualified buyers with a Tax ID/ Resale certificate. On-site registration is available but it's recommended that buyers pre-register online. Public guests may purchase tickets at the Show or online: <https://jogsshow.com/account/>; contact Yelena Masenko, 650 S Hill St, Suite 513, Los Angeles, CA 90014, (213) 629-3030; Email: [info@jogsshow.com](mailto:info@jogsshow.com); Website: [jogsshow.com](http://jogsshow.com).

**Feb.6 – 7 Merritt Island, FL** Show and sale; Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club; Kiwanis Island 10 -5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$4, free admission for children 12 and under; More than 20 vendors selling rocks, minerals, specimens, lapidary jewelry and supplies; silent auctions, displays, and activities for children; contact Roz Mestre, 1867 Longleaf Rd., Cocoa 32926, (321) 431-0159; Email: [roz.mestre@att.net](mailto:roz.mestre@att.net); Website: [www.centralbrevardgems.org](http://www.centralbrevardgems.org)

***These shows could be a fieldtrip too !!!***

***To go to the website underscored, just click on it. It is linked in.***



***John Gaston says ...***

I was a vendor at the Mobile show last weekend, and I will be at the Montgomery show this weekend. If you haven't finished the newsletter yet, you might include a blurb about the Montgomery show. Also, I have just become a dealer for UV flashlights from a company called **Way Too Cool**. I have 4 models of the flashlights, from \$29 to \$79. Thanks, John G. 205-907-5648 [gastons3@bellsouth.net](mailto:gastons3@bellsouth.net)

**NOTE** - Many vendors at the rock shows have all kinds of equipment, books, and of course rocks for sale. The lights sound like a good deal to me! S.S.



## Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~

For some time I've been sending a couple bench tips to you each month for use in your club newsletter. My old Greenheart email is not working well, so I will be using MailChimp from now on.

Tips for your club's newsletter (some with pics) are included below. Please let me know if you have any difficulty with the pics.

Club officers will be changing next month. If you are not going to continue as editor, please let me know who the new person will be. And if you'd like to continue receiving these tips yourself, I'm happy to keep sending them.

As always, I would appreciate an attribution with each publication of the material:

Brad's "How To" Books Make a Nice Holiday Gift [Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

## Templets –

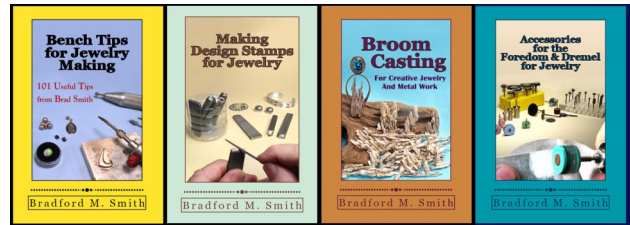


Whenever I have to make more than 2-3 exact copies of a sheet metal component, I think of making a template. Templates let me easily draw the shape of an item to cut out.

Art stores or online sources like [cooltools.us/](https://www.cooltools.us/) and [kingsleynorth.com/](https://www.kingsleynorth.com/) sell templates for common shapes like circles, ovals, hearts, etc. but for non-standard shapes, I make my own out of a scrap of sheet plastic or sheet metal. My preference is brass. I carefully lay out the shape using a steel ruler, a set of dividers, a scribe, and a fine center punch.

One example is the brass template in the pic below that let's me quickly trace the design of ginko leaf earrings onto silver sheet. Another is the nickel template which makes it easy to drill a pattern of holes for pin inlay into wooden handles.

Brad Smith [brad@greenheart.com](mailto:brad@greenheart.com)



BradSmithJewelry.com "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry"

See all Brad's jewelry books at

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See the paperback edition at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0988285886/> and the Kindle edition at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07D4B45JJ/>

## Ochre Applicator –

Yellow ochre is used when you want to be sure the solder won't flow on an area of your piece while you're soldering another area. The only problem with ochre is coming up with a good way to store and apply it.

I use recycled nail polish bottles. They seal well and have a built-in brush applicator. Just clean them out with a little acetone or nail polish remover, and they're ready to go.



Wishing you happy holidays. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year.

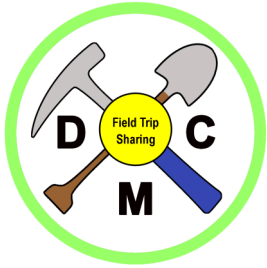
- Brad Smith

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**Meteor Shower Schedule** ~ [Via http://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide](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 (DMC Field Trip Sharing Program (amfed.org), 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."*

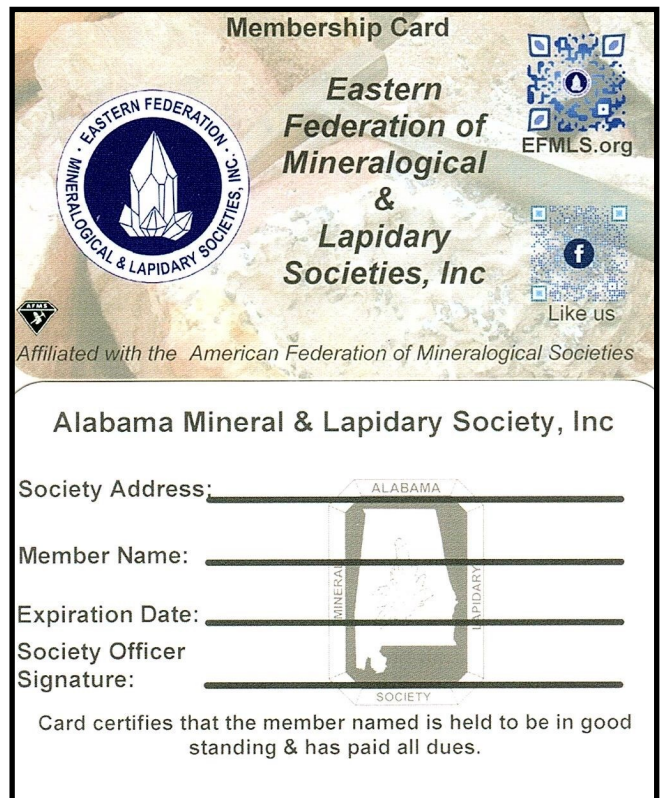


**The Eastern Federation of Mineral & Lapidary Society**

President Mr. David Nock sent us a wonderful gift. New member cards designed with our logo on one side of the card and the Eastern Federation on the other side as seen here. So our treasurer will be giving you two cards from now on when you join the A.M.L.S.

Mr. Nock said to give credit to these folks; Rich Kupisz (LMSCC) for sparking the idea. Christine Colon and Alan Holmes of the Boston Mineral Club for all their help with the front design, layout, ordering and shipping. Because without them working together these cards would likely never have happened.

Personally, I think they did a good job. This was expensive too. The E.F.M.L.S. covers about 15 states if you call District of Columbia a state and they have about 100 clubs. Some clubs are in state outside of the main boundaries of the Eastern Federation, like our club. We have to



'Twas the night before Tertiary and all through the crater,  
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a gator...  
 Their carcasses were flung in the wind without care;  
 Making their species exceedingly rare.

Then from the earth there arose such a clatter...  
 As earthquakes and volcanos spewed out much matter.  
 Living in darkness, what should disappear...  
 The plankton, the plants, what else is not clear!

Out T rex, out pterosaurs, ceratopsians, and raptors,  
 Comet-killed ammonites and all of their captors.  
 Many small mammals burrowed to bed,  
 While fire and brimstone roared overhead.

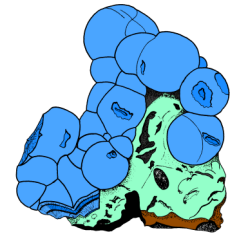
Birds flew away to avoid the hot blast...  
 Going like hell until it had past.  
 Then as the snow and ice hit the ground...  
 The temperature dropped as things turned around.

Mammals came out of their holes with glee,  
 To eat bugs and berries, and of course just to pee.  
 After a time the sun showed some light;  
 Evolution kicked in with all of its might.

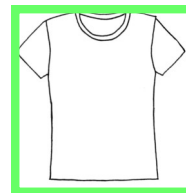
The earth had survived a terrible fright.  
 Merry Christmas for some; for dinos, GOOD NIGHT!

*by Stew Spezzano, from the Dinosaur Forum on Compuserve*

*Part of Kuban's K-Paleo Place*



HELP !!! As you can see folks, I have some clip art but I need you to send me some articles, pictures, etc. about rocks or club info. We all need to participate and I need your input too. You have my email address, hope to hear from you soon. S.S.



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 X Lg.
- 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. *Contact Sandra S.*

**Let's don't forget the little kids too! For more information concerning kids and rocks, check out this website too!**

[www.kidsloverocks.com](http://www.kidsloverocks.com)



**Great for kids having to learn remotely.**

**DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS-**  
 Many events are being changed to a later date or cancelled totally. Please stay tuned ! We are trying folks but we need to hear from you. Please contact Pres. Sandra Sullivan, VP John Wild, or another board member (see page 2 for contacts) to let us know what your thinking. We need your participation if we have a good working club. S.S,

**DONATIONS ~**

There have been some wonderful donations made to A.M.L.S. since our last meeting. We would like recognize these people for what they so graciously sent our way. Below are pictures of *SOME* of the boxes of rocks, fossils, minerals, and shells donated by **Tamra Harrison**. This was from her grandmother's collection. We have the makings of either a giant auction or several smaller ones. There is some great stuff in these boxes!



**Dru Chauffe and her husband** donated the following items:

- Lortone Combo grinding and polishing machine. Value \$650
- Grinding and buffing machine. Value \$300
- Specimens and fluorescent minerals. Value \$75.





Last page funnies ...

Up on the Minedump (To the tune of Up on the Rooftop)

Up on the mine dump hear George call
Watch your feet you're going to fall
Oh George don't be such a bore
That's what my hard hat is for

CHORUS:

Ho, ho, ho who wouldn't go
Ho, ho, ho who wouldn't go
Up on the mine dump oh so steep
Down to the bottom in a heap
Up on the mine dump rockhounds climb
Crystal vugs they hope to find
Perfect cubes of fluorite brown
Pyrite dodecs nice and round

CHORUS:

For those fossils too we climb
Trilobites we hope to find
Brachiopods will have to do
Crinoid stems and horn coral too

CHORUS:

Up on the mine dump underground
That is where the gypsum's found
Pencil ore we pick for kids
Selenite crystal flips our lids

CHORUS

Up on the mine dump we do crawl
Looking for adventure all
Visions of sparklies in our heads
We won't stop until we're dead



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 !

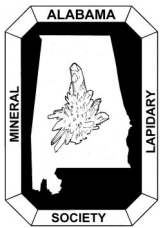
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# DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor Rememberence	8	9	10 Workshop 1 -5	11 <b>ZOOM MEETING</b> 7 pm	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Winter begins	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	Jan. 1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR !!</b>	.	

## 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.

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**A NON-PROFIT, NON-COMMERCIAL, NON POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND REGIONAL FEDERATION OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES**

**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.*

