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Birmingham, Alabama

President's Message

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter.

Last month's program was on diamonds, the stone for the month of April.

The rock swap in Tuscaloosa was a nice event. We were able to introduce the club to a lot of students and locals. I hope to expand this event in the future. Maybe have it again next fall.

I recently turned down an event because of timing. I would like to have someone to handle short, one day events, spring fairs, local events etc. This could be a source for more local members. But the group that has been the back bone of this in the past needs help.

This month's program is the annual auction. Please bring a donation to be auctioned. It doesn't have to be rockhound related. This is always a fun event, bring a friend. After this years' auction, I would like to ask if members want to continue having the auction during a Friday night meeting or maybe move to a picnic / auction club event. Possibly we could rent a pavilion at a park and have people from farther away come to the auction.

This month we will have a cabbing party on Sunday April 30. Bring a sandwich or finger food and share. I will open the door to workshop at 11 am.

As many of you have already heard, this year's gem and mineral show will be held at the Irondale Civic Center (formerly Zamora Temple) at 3521 Ratliff Rd, Irondale, AL 35210. I believe this will be a great location. We need to start advertising the show and the location. Post on your social media about the show and talk to your friends. I hope we will have fliers to hand out soon.

This year is rapidly coming to an end in just a few more months. Then we will need to elect new officers. Please think about running for an office.

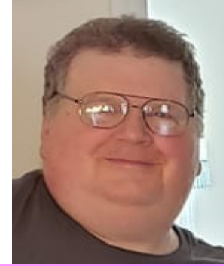
Recently I made a post on the Facebook page about carrying rocks in my pocket to show off to people. There were some good ideas in comments, some include putting a rock in with a tip, give a shark's tooth, or shiny stone to a young person. Think how you can spread interest in rockhounding.

The workshop will be open on Saturdays. If you would like to come be on another day, contact me and we will work something out.

Best regards,

Levan Foster, President A.M.L.S.

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



Levan Foster
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in April - Our next meeting will be held on the second Friday night, April the 14th or this upcoming Friday night! Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 4th Wednesday night at 6 pm on ZOOM. This month (April) will be on **Wednesday the 26th or when the president schedules it.** Members welcomed! Just email Sandra or Levan.
- **Fieldtrip** - to the Graves Mountain Dig 4-28-23 to 4-29-23 Lincoln, GA.
- **Workshop - Levan Foster says call him. Robert Lorino** is out due to poor health. **Levan Foster** now on Saturdays.

**We will have our NEXT meeting April 14th at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church
3139 Cahaba Heights Road
Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243
Friday night at 6:30 pm**

Program: Annual AUCTION !! Bargains !!

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For more information:
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 website: <https://southeastfed.org>. Email: SFMS.Lodestar@gmail.com And www.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. and what you like about it. These are our newest members.

NO NEW MEMBERS WERE MADE KNOWN TO THE EDITOR AT PUBLICATION TIME!

If you know of someone who would like to visit or be interested in rocks, feel free to invite them to our meetings/workshop.

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A.M.L.S. Meeting Minutes on 3/10/23~

Levan called us to order, Jim Thomas said our blessing and we enjoyed a good pot luck.

The budget was our top priority since it needs to be passed so the new venue for our 2023 rock show can be secured with a deposit. Other expenses are pending as well. After a brief discussion Jill Hill made a motion that we pass the budget, Sandra Sullivan seconded and the motion passed.

The AMLS annual show Labor Day weekend will have a new venue this year, the Irondale Civic Center, formerly the Zamora Shrine Temple. It's well suited to our needs and the members who toured the space were enthusiastic. Thanks to Ben Beadore for dealing so quickly with what could have been a big problem.

The shop will be open on Saturday instead of Thursday in the future, John Gaston is having a rock sale at his home March 17-19. Rain or shine. There will be a rock swap in Tuscaloosa on March 24th in conjunction with the University Geology Club.

Our April meeting we will have the annual auction. Please bring rocks and minerals to donate and cash or check for your purchases. This is always a lively meeting and a great fund raiser for us. If you can't attend but would like to donate you can take items to the workshop when it's open. PLEASE label donations for what they are!

Our speaker was Danielle Jennings, professor of Environmental Science at the University of Montevallo. She has also been worldwide diamond buyer and that was the focus of her talk.

Door prizes were distributed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

AMLS Board Meeting Minutes 3/22/23 ~

In attendance Ben Beadore, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, John Gaston, Rhonda Jordan, and Sandra Sullivan.

Reggie Bolton has been in contact with the City of Irondale about a business license for the show. The form has been filled out and e-mailed to them. Ben Beadore says we are on the Irondale Civic Center calendar for Labor Day weekend. He will get the contract to Reggie so a deposit check can be sent. Levan will put it on the Facebook page.

Rhonda Jordan asked that priority be put on getting the club website so that it will be useful in promoting the show. Flyers need to be designed ASAP. Suggestions were made to ***Continued on the next column***

AMLS board meeting 3/22/23 continued ~

have the venue pictured and a QR code on the flyer. Alabama Visitor's Centers require a specific format for their flyers so we would have to reformat if we wanted to have some there. We need to see what the extra cost would be. Vendors have been notified of the venue change. 80 tables have been verbally committed. This venue include classroom size rooms and we need to decide how best to use them. Someone is needed to plan and run the kid's activities, maybe Casey Faulkner. Ben is looking for a good equipment dealer with everything from pliers up. There need to be some show planning meetings and Ben will call for some. Door prize forms need to include a space for an e-mail address and we need to follow up on them. Some 8' tables will need to be rented. The ICC tables are 6' and most vendors plan for 8'. Any e-mail correspondence about should go to:

AMLSgemshow@gmail.com

Do we need new t-shirts, possibly a new, more interesting design or more of what we have? need to bring to the membership.

Several items were left out of the budget and will need to be voted on by the members. These include, but are not limited to Zoom account which is used for board meetings, t-shirts, more for business licenses and show table rentals.

For the rock swap in Tuscaloosa Robert Lorino and Levan Foster have donated some silent auction items. We hope this event will be successful and the first of many.

Reggie will soon reorder checks with the workshop address and no phone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

***American Federation of Mineralogical Societies ~***

You can get a lot of good information about just what this organization is about. There are different regions throughout our country and you can get in on the information about them here. Please read the PURPOSE of the federation and learn about what can be found in your own backyard here. Events, trips, information, newsletters, and much more etc.

<https://www.amfed.org/>

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

April 14-16 Plant City, FL. H & R Gem Shows; Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center, 1601 E Dr MLK Jr Blvd; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$5 Adults. Kids 12 and Under Free. Teens/Veterans/Military/First Responder \$1 off. Admission good for all 3 days; Free Parking. Contact Jerri Heer, (419) 344-9999; Email: hrgemshows@gmail.com Website: hrgemshows.com

April 15-15 Marietta, GA Cobb County Gem and Mineral Annual Rock Swap; Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society; CCGMS Clubhouse, 516 West Atlanta Street; Sat. 10-4; Free; Contact Bob Hohn; Email: robertchohn@gmail.com; Website: www.gggms.org

April 21-23 Deland, FL. Innovative Gems Expo; Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Avenue; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adult Weekend Pass - 10, \$3 off with coupon on website. One Day Pass - \$7. Children under 12 - Free; Contact Renu Sawhney, (845) 300-3501; Email: ibexpos@gmail.com; Website: IBExpos.com

April 22-22 Mulberry, FL. Imperial Bone Valley Gem & Mineral Society; Downtown Mulberry, Florida, 118 NW 1ST AVE, 1975 South Kissengen Avenue, ; Sat. 10-6; FREE TO ATTEND; Contact Lori Serdynski, (863) 370-2709; Email: bartow-con1701@gmail.com; Website: BartowCon.com

April 22-23 Memphis, TN. Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society; Memphis Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Road; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6 (2 day pass \$8), 12 & Under \$2, Scouts in uniform free; Contact WC McDaniel, (901) 490-3575; Email: info@theearthwideopen.com

April 22-23 Sandford, FL. Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc; City of Sanford Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$5, Kids 6-15 \$2, Scouts in uniform Free; Contact Salvatore Sansone, (321) 278-9294; Email: ssfossilhunter@aol.com; Website: www.cfmgs.org

Going on a Vacation

April 29-30 Irvine, KY; SE KY Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club; Estill Co. Schools Central Office, 253 Main St; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-3; free; contact David Davis; Email: redandblackrocks@yahoo.com; Website: www.mountainmushroomfest.org

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

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

May 12-14 Marietta, GA Georgia Mineral Society, Inc.; Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy SE; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; FREE; Contact Juergen Poppelreuter; Email: Mayshow@gamineral.org; Website: gamineral.org/showmain.html

**PLEASE LET US KNOW !!!
NOW IS THE TIME TO HELP GET THE
NEW YEAR OFF TO A GOOD START!**

As a member, is there any programs you would be interested in seeing done?

Do we need another Mineral I.D. class from John Gaston?

Are there any fieldtrips you would like to see the club do and would you participate?

These are a few of the questions the board members would like to hear from you on. Please feel free to add your two cents worth in on any of the planning for the upcoming year, **NOWS THE TIME!**

I haven't heard anything from you!!!

UPCOMING Program on April 14th ~

**AUCTION ! AUCTION! AUCTION!
BARGINS !! BARGINS !! BARGINS !!**

There are many who have saved up for this annual event. Our auction brings in all sorts of stuff and especially ROCKS! We have a wonderful variety and other things too! Please donate to the club what you think may bring in good donations! Without this auction, we have a struggle to get by.

Thank you for making this club a great one!

S.S. Editor

Other interesting websites and places to visit ~

Tellus Science Museum <http://tellusmuseum.org/index.htm> I-75 Exit 293
Cartersville, GA (770) 606-5700

Fernbank Museum of Natural History
<http://www.fernbankmuseum.org/>
76 Clifton Rd. NE
Atlanta, GA. (404) 929-6300

<https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide>

Meteor shower guide: Next up, the Lyrids

We have the annual, months-long “meteor drought” until the Lyrid meteor shower in April, followed by the Eta Aquariids in May.

April 2023 meteors ... the Lyrids

The annual Lyrid meteor shower always brings an end to the meteor drought that occurs each year between January and mid-April.

When to watch in 2023: Late evening April 21 until dawn April 22 – or late evening April 22 until dawn April 23 – will be best. The predicted** peak is 1:06 UTC on April 23. And the peak of the Lyrids is narrow (no weeks-long stretches of meteor-watching, as with some showers). In 2023, new moon falls on April 19. Yay! No moon for 2023’s Lyrid meteor shower.

Radiant: Rises before midnight, highest in the sky at dawn.

Nearest moon phase: In 2023, new moon falls on April 19. There will be no moon in the sky during the peak mornings for 2023’s Lyrid meteor shower.

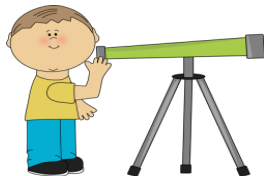
Duration of shower: April 15 to April 29.

Expected meteors at peak, under ideal conditions: In a dark sky with no moon, you might see 10 to 15 Lyrids per hour. The Lyrids are known for uncommon surges that can sometimes bring rates of up to 100 per hour! Read more about Lyrid outbursts below.

Note for Southern Hemisphere: This shower’s radiant point is far to the north on the sky’s dome. So the Southern Hemisphere will see fewer Lyrid meteors. Still, you might see some!

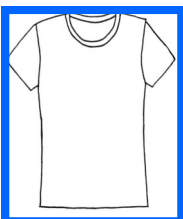
Read more: All you need to know about Lyrid meteors **Keep looking up!**

*** Please go to the website above for alot more information concerning these meteor showers!



Sandra say’s ... T-shirts for AMLS members

Please see Sandra for your T-shirt needs for any meeting or fieldtrip. Please pay with a check or cash only. The shirts are royal blue with our logo on front of them. If you ordered one or more, you need to pick them up. We have extras for sale too!



Now, here is the question ... do we need to order more of this same shirt or do we say this is it until the next show?
S.S. your friendly editor

Bench Tips ~ Sorry, NO Bench Tips at this time. Maybe they will resume next month.



www.BradSmithJewelry.com See all Brad's jewelry books at [Amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith) "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" are available on Amazon or at www.BradSmithJewelry.com http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7778977.Bradford_M_Smith

Fieldtrip ~ A.M.L.S. fieldtrip per Jim Thomas will be the to GRAVES MOUNTAIN ! April 28, 29, 30! Great place to collect

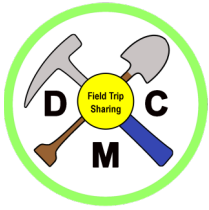
Graves Mountain has been a mecca for rockhounds for years. It is probably the most famous collecting site in Georgia. World's premier location for large, multiple twinned rutile crystals; rutile, lazulite, pyrophyllite, kyanite, hematite, pyrite, ilmenite, muscovite, fuchsite, barite, sulfur, blue quartz, quartz crystals, and microcrystals such as woodhouseite, variscite, strengite, phosphosiderite, cacoxenite, crandallite.

Graves Mountain is accessible and open for mineral collecting by individuals, colleges, universities and gem and mineral societies. Groups as small as two individual mineral collectors can now reserve the mountain!

Contact the caretaker, Clarence Norman, Jr. Work :706-359-3862 or Home: 706-359-2381 to reserve the mountain exclusively for your group!

The public is invited to enjoy Graves Mountain “Rock Swap and Dig” each spring and fall!

*** A handout will be available at the meeting



An Official Field Trip of the An Official Field Trip of the An Official Field Trip of the An Official Field Trip of the Aiken Gem Mineral and Fossil Society (Aiken, SC) (HOST)

Saturday April 15, 2023
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Eastern Time
Girard GA
Limit 40 People
Registration Required



COLLECTING: Brown agate with some white and some reddish-brown areas, but darker reds can be found, and rarely some green agate can be found. Most of the agate is good for tumbling and some agate is good for cutting rough. Agate with good color and pattern can be cabbed and will take a nice polish. Some samples have nicely preserved Eocene foraminifera fossils, usually microscopic in size, but getting up to about one millimeter. Rare macroscopic fossils may be found. More rarely, small drusy quartz vugs are found. Uncollectable trace fossils of Ophiomorpha shrimp burrows are visible at one end of the collecting area.

BRING: Only surface collecting is allowed, so all you need is a bucket to carry what you collect plus a scratching or prying tool. The agate can be sharp so gloves are recommended. Dress for the weather and bring plenty of water and snacks.

FEE: There is no fee.

CHILDREN: This field trip is suitable for most children but collecting is on a road so children are required to have adult supervision at all times.

PETS: Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a leash at all times.

FACILITIES: There are no facilities at this site and the nearest facilities are several miles away.

WEATHER AND CANCELLATION: Registered attendees will be notified via email if the trip has been cancelled.

TERRAIN AND DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Large flat area with parking close by. Material is readily available.

RESTRICTIONS: Collecting is allowed only in the right of way areas of the road. NO collecting in the woods or adjoining private property. NO digging allowed in the road. DO NOT BLOCK THE ROAD.

REGISTRATION: Click [here](#) to fill out a registration form. If you are unable to attend the trip, please be considerate to your fellow rockhounds and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s).

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: Directions and meeting place details will be emailed to registered participants.

CONTACT: Walt Kubilius 803-643-3281 (home) 803-443-1209 (cell), wkkw@bellsouth.net

P.S. If you are not responsible for field trips in your club, please forward this to the person who is, and let me know so I can change the mailing list.

Please reply by e-mail to: dmc@southeastfed.org

Website: <https://www.southeastfed.org/dmc-field-trip-program>

DMC is a program of the Field Trip Committee of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Copyright © All rights reserved. "Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."

One more thing ...

The DMC administrator, Lori Carter, has sent a request that we sign up for another year. This is a matter that effects the rock club as a whole. Therefore we need to vote on it this upcoming meeting. We had a wonderful time and I say "Let's do it!" S.S. your friendly editor

ROCK SALE !!!

Who - Crazy Sandra

What - Huge rock sale, all sorts and kinds of rocks

Where - At the farm in Springville, AL.

When - Sometime at the end of May (probably the last weekend)

You need to send her an email or text to get the easy directions to see this amazing collection! Like yard sales, please don't come before the sale date.

The truth be told, my kids say " We don't want to inherit your rocks Mom! You need to do something now. I said, These I will take to the nursing home with me. So hands off!"

S. Sullivan living in her Rock World



SFMS ~

Per email to Sandra Sullivan, Editor
Here is the link to the online version of the March issue of the SFMS Lodestar.

Cindy Reed <editor@southeastfed.org>

Here's the link for the April edition of the SFMS Lodestar.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yowTQ6TW-RRJpBoSHHEICUMzbchonXwY/view?usp=sharing>

We've added a new feature this month and I hope you enjoy it. David Liles and Jim Reed have presented articles on Galena. They will work together each month to educate us on different minerals. I think this is a great addition and I hope you find it informative. The workshop info is listed on the website www.sfmshheworkshops.org. To entice you to look, I've attached a listing of classes and a registration form. Please, share it with your club members. All classes have openings except the Silver 1+ at William Holland in June. That class has a waiting list.

As always, if you have any suggestions or additions, please let me know.

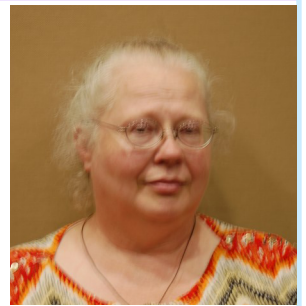
Cindy Reed, SFMS Lodestar Editor
Cindy Reed, SFMS Editor

Yvonne Foster says ...

During the spring, I will continue to teach silversmithing one student at a time. As well as wirework, chain making, and pearl stringing, in group classes as well as singles. Silversmithing will cost \$50 to the club for facilities and you will order your own silver. I will give you a list. You will get 12 hours instruction over two to four sessions spaced over one or two weeks. We work around our respective schedules and your ability to concentrate.

The group classes from now through the rest of the year will be \$10 for the one-day class (6-8hrs), and I will give you a list of supplies, or have some packets of them made up for purchase if you need them, or extras. I will see to the tools needed, but hands-free magnification such as Opti-visors or reading glasses are useful for most students to bring. I will schedule a mix of Saturday and Sunday times.

Levan and I man the workshop on Thursday afternoons or evenings, and we could schedule classes when and if there is a need. I will have Levan post times available on our Facebook pages, or website, as well as announce at the meetings. I will try to make up samples to show at the meetings of what we would be working on, if time permits. If you have any particular requests for class subjects, please let me know. Also please let me know ahead of time if you want to take a class. I will try to keep classes to 6 people if possible. Aside from talking to me at the meetings, you can leave messages on my e-mail, jewelryrepair@hotmail.com, or texting to my phone 205.602.8280. I appreciate all suggestions, and if anyone would like to be a guest teacher for a class that would be wonderful too. Sincerely, Yvonne Foster, Education Chair



Another Event you may like to try out! The Sylacauga Marble Festival is currently being held and it is world renowned for the sculpturers they invite to demonstrate carving this wonderful mineral! Check it out here <https://www.sylacauganews.com>

Upcoming AFMS and Regional Federation Conventions Walt Beneze, AFMS Show Consultant



Hi, I am Walt Beneze, and I am privileged to be the AFMS show consultant again for the year 2023. As the show consultant, I can help by providing you with the necessary meetings and events list during your show. More importantly, I am a clearing ground for all upcoming Federation Convention dates. Since the AFMS officers come from all the Federations and are expected to be at the AFMS meeting, avoiding any conflicting dates with the AFMS convention is very important. Please keep me informed as soon as you know the date and location of your next convention so it can be published in the AFMS newsletter. Thank you.
 Editor's Note: See CORRECTIONS in italics below to CFMS 2023 & 2024 and to RMFMS 2023.

	California Federation	Eastern Federation	Midwest Federation	Northwest Federation	Rocky Mountain Federation	South Central Federation	Southeast Federation
2023	Lodi, CA May 6 - 8	Syracuse, NY July 7 - 9	Howell, MI Sept. 16 - 17	AFMS Billings, MT August 3 - 6	Casper, WY July 14 - 16	New Orleans LA Oct. TBD	Port St. Lucie, FL Oct. 27 -29
2024	Ventura, CA June TBD				Oklahoma City OK Oct. 25 - 27		Grand Junction, CO May 9 - 11

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts
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MAY SPECIAL

We are offering \$30 OFF CLASS FEES for ALL MAY CLASSES!

Simply use promo code "May30" at registration checkout online or over the phone when you call to register! This promo only applies to classes in the month of May. Each class has a limited number of spots and they go quick- get registered today and take advantage of this special offer for May!

QUESTIONS OR PREFER TO REGISTER OVER THE PHONE?

GIVE US A CALL: 706-379-2126

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT LAPIDARYSCHOOL.ORG



Last page funnies ...

Advice For Rockhound Watchers

Can you spot a rockhound? The species isn't rare.

You can tell him by his honest face, and his willingness to share.

You can tell him as he saunters by, his eyes glued to the ground.

No matter where he goes, he's sure there's gemstones to be found.

You can tell him by his friendly smile, he's an all-round pleasant guy; But the sure—fire way to spot him, is the flashy bola tie!!

*From EUREKA NEWS 1/86 via QUARRY QUIPS 4/01
Via Beehive Buzzer 11/01*

GEODE

A geode sits upon the ground,
How long has this stone been around?
For eons I surmise,
Until at last it met my eyes.
Curiously I look at the irregular sphere,
And wonder how it first got there.
To my shop we make our way,
My diamond saw I put into play.
And as my eyes soon behold,
"Are these bright crystals made of gold?"
Soon the light plays upon hand,
And shining crystals defy man.
For he can not with all his skill,
Produce this crystal just revealed
My eyes have seen beyond mankind,
Nature's beauty indestructible and sublime.
The maker's art for all to see
Was there to be observed by me.
By Hugh Sheffield 12/07 Outcroppings

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 September. The Bessemer Civic Center takes the place of the September meeting.

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

Meeting time: 6:30 p.m.

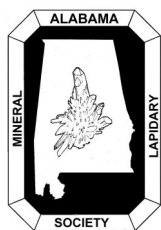
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ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY Birmingham, Alabama



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 2022 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 our annual 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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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.

