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President's Message

Alright everybody,

The time for action is upon us. Time for all you busy bees to buzz. We now have barely 2 months until our Tannehill show. There's much to be done and much to get ready. Every avenue for getting publicity needs to be explored. Flyers and book-marks are a priority for everybody. Let's all help Diane get these things distributed as widely as possible. You all need to be at the April meeting for the auction anyway so don't leave that meeting without material to hand out and distribute to your neighborhood libraries, businesses, schools and churches. Be sure to bring your money to the auction. I know you've got some for rocks.

The club has an appearance immediately upcoming on Saturday April 18th for Earth Day at the Birmingham Zoo. I hope those who have participated before will be back again this time. I strongly encourage any new members who can, come bond with us. We'll be talking to kids and their parents about rocks and Alabama geology while we also demonstrate our lapidary skills. Bring any give-away rocks to the April meeting. Get in touch with me if you have something but can't come to the meeting. Anything we can't use at the Zoo will be good for Tannehill.

The May meeting will be our tumbling contest. Everyone who wants to enter should be tumbling NOW. There will be mineral specimen prizes for the three winners. This effort should generate plenty of pretty rocks to give children at Tannehill.

We don't have any further club field trips planned at this time. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that somebody will come up with something. Suggestions?? Meanwhile, club members are eligible for Dixie Mineral Council trips. You can find out about these on the Southeastern Federation of Mineral Societies website or from these newsletters.

Please, everyone who can should come to the April meeting. Bid on the auction, volunteer for Earth Day and *Continued on page 2.*



REGGIE BOLTON
President A.M.L.S.

April 10th - Annual AUCTION! A rock-hounds dream come true, with 2 major donations to the club just for this fund raiser!

April 18th - Earth Day at the Zoo

April 25th - Hoover Library Class on Findings

May 2nd - Cabbing Party at Don and Jill Hill home

May 8th - Meeting date with Tumbling Contest so bring your best tumbled stones in!

June 5th - Dealers Dinner at Tannehill State Park and the SFMS Cracker Barrel

June 6th & 7th - TANNEHILL SHOW and SFMS Summer Board Meeting

NOTE: For the month of June because of the show there is NO usual monthly meeting.

July 10th - Anita Westlake - Regular meeting

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 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.afed.org Email: sfms@amfed.org

President's message continued ... help us with our expanded plans for club activities at Tannehill show. Reggie Bolton, A.M.L.S. President

DO YOU KNOW WHO THESE GUYS ARE?



Answer: Happy Rockhounds in a pile of good rocks, that's who!

Front to back: Louise Hewlett, Yvonne Foster, Roger Geesly, Kay and Jack Smith

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Minutes of Meeting March 13, 2015 ~

John Gaston said our blessing and we filled our plates. After a good meal John took the kids aside for activities while we had the business meeting. Our guests/new members were Tim Leatherman, April Destafino and Jennifer Dunn. Welcome!

Our class on March 21st will be creating bracelets from common crafting materials such as copper, silver, cabochons and beads with leather. The class is from 10:30 to 5:30 at the Hoover Library. A \$10.00 donation is requested.

A cabbing party will take place at Don and Jill Hill's home on May 2nd, 9:30-4ish. Bring a pot luck contribution if you can. These get-togethers are great for beginners to learn how to use the club's equipment, get work done and meet other members. Best of all-we have fun!

Earth Day at the Birmingham Zoo is April 18th. This is a program aimed at K-4th graders to teach them about their environment so rocks fit right in. Please donate cool rocks that kids would like and volunteer to help that day. Also don't forget our annual auction at the April meeting. Be sure to bring rocks, jewelry and other rock-related items to donate and \$\$ for bidding.

There will be a Board Meeting on Monday, March 16th at the Hoover Library at 6 pm.

Mahlon Mc Connell has invited us to visit his museum and rock and equipment sale. We chose March 28th as the date and will meet at his home on Smith Lake at 10a.m. Directions are available from Sandra Sullivan.

Work on the website continues. Steve Adams is contacting members to update their information and to see what information each member wants to be visible on the 'members only' page. Current photos of club events are needed and can be e-mailed to Steve. He is also working on a Tannehill show vendor page.

Brookwood Fieldtrip follow-up: We had a good crowd and some members of the Mobile club joined us. Judith Johnson found a very large and beautiful Indian paint pot. Some members collected extra for those who could not attend. The tumbling contest will be judged at the May meeting so get those tumblers going!

Meeting Minutes Continued... The Montgomery club will sponsor a DMC field trip to Hogg mine on April 18th. There is a \$25.00 fee. The spring dig at Graves Mountain will be April 24-26th. This is a great event, held twice a year. There will be lots of rocks, lots of digging, and lots of folks who love rocks.

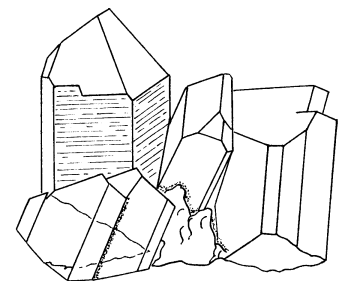
Yvonne Foster asked if someone could take the hospitality boxes as she may not be able to attend the April meeting. Bead-a-palooza will take place March 14th & 15th in Helena. Judi Wild and Cecily Chaney will take part in the Vestavia Art Association show March 21st. Reminder that our member Walter Anderton has a Rock Museum also at his home on Shades Crest Rd. Call him first if you want to visit it.

Any t-shirts we have left are on sale for \$6.00. You can pay Jackie our treasurer tonight. We voted to accept last month's minutes.

Our program was given by member Tom Talty. He focused on rocks found on club field trips. He brought samples of stones from Brookwood, polished on one side to show the difference between what you find and the finished product. He also talked about Alabama apatite from Fosters Crossroads, rutile crystals and iridescent hematite from Graves Mountain, garnets from Lake Martin and North Carolina, sapphire from NC, and quartz from Mt Ida, Arkansas. From a phosphate mine in Aurora, NC, he brought a whale vertebrae with megalodon tooth cuts! Other samples included paint rock agate, kyanite from Turkey Heaven Mt., pegmatite with garnet, black tourmaline and fluorite from the Elmwood Mine. It was a lively presentation of what we might find with a little (or a lot of) effort.

Door prizes were awarded first to our newest members, then the names were called as drawn by Sandra Sullivan as usual.

Respectfully submitted,
Bunny Bolton,
Recording Secretary



Club & Society Shows / Swaps via the Lodestar and Rock&Gem internet listings and newsletters

Apr. 25-26 Memphis, TN Memphis Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show “The Earth Wide Open”

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society at Memphis International Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd. Memphis, TN. Sat. 9 - 6 and Sun. 10 - 5, Dealers, Exhibits, Demonstrations, with Grand and hourly door prizes. Kids Area with Rockzone, featuring Gem Dig, Geode Bowling, and Rock Around the Clock. Adults \$5.00, 2 day pass \$8.00. Children 12 and under \$2.00. Scouts in uniform Free. Web: www.TheEarthOpenWide.com Show Chair: James Butchko 901-743-0058, Dealer Chair: W.C. Mc Daniel 901-274-7706

May 8-10 Marietta, GA The Georgia Mineral Society’s 47th Annual Mothers Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show at a new location. North Atlanta Trade Center, 1700 Jeurgens Court, Norcross, GA. Fri. 10 am to 6 pm, Sat. 10 am to 6 pm, Sun. 12 pm to 5 pm. Sat. Auction at 1 pm.

Show Contact: Shelly Stubbs realgem7@aol.com
Website: <http://www.gamineral.org>

May 8-10 Franklin, NC Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC Fri. & Sat. May 8th & 9th, 10 am – 5pm and Sun. May 10th 10 am–4 pm. At the Carpenter Community Center 1288 Georgia Rd. (US441) No admission charge. Rough and finished gemstones and jewelry, minerals and local crafts. Contact: Norm Holbert 828-634-0350. Email address: normholbert@comcast.net

May 22 – 24 Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.'s 36th Anniversary Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show; NEW LOCATION! Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center 2350 Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS. Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; adults \$5, children (10 and under) free with adult; demonstrations, displays, Stump the Expert, hourly door prizes. Contact: Lynn Tate (228) 342-2963 e-mail: GulfportGemShow@gmail.com

June 6 – 7 Mc Calla, AL. The 42nd Annual Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society Tannehill Show. The SFMS will be with us for their board meeting.

Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2015 ~

In attendance: Reggie & Bunny Bolton, Sandra Sullivan, Yvonne Foster, Martha Phillippi, Karen Williams, Larry and Cindy Hensley, Diane Lightfoot and, by phone, Cathy Kellogg.

Our non-profit status was discussed. Club was organized as a social organization. Getting a 501C-3 status would cost \$100-\$150. It might complicate our tax filing. Diane Lightfoot will be looking into it and contact Vicki Lais who researched it for the by-laws.

Jackie Seale (Treasurer) and Martha Phillippi (Membership Chair) need to be able to access the complete membership list in the website data base for field trips, classes, and voting. Martha has sent notices out to members who haven't paid dues yet. TANNEHILL - Cathy Kellogg (Show Chair) needs to send all checks for the Tannehill show spaces to Jackie so she can track and deposit them. Almost all RV spaces and most of sheds 1 & 2 are spoken for. Most spaces in shed 3 and around the perimeter are still available. We discussed the Hoot-N-Holler and decided to use it for club demos, talks, teaching and showing off work from our monthly classes. Bunny Bolton and John Gaston will be working on kid's activities. Who has the club banner?

APRIL AUCTION – We decided not to include old club tables and tent. Who has the donated jewelry boxes?

ADVERTISING - Diane Lightfoot (Publicity Chair) will keep up with expenditures to keep within the budget. We need a link between website and our Facebook page. Larry & Diana Carby will be in charge of organizing and cooking the vendor dinner. EDUCATION - Chainmail and wire wrapping classes in the fall.

The next board meeting will be Monday night April 6th at 6 pm at the Hoover Library. Members are welcomed to join in.

Respectfully Submitted by Bunny Bolton,
Recording Secretary



YEAAAAA!!!! Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Society Membership Chair, **Jason Hamilton** is working on the directory for all SFMS rock clubs. It should be mailed soon!!! This will come in handy at the show with the SFMS Board Meeting.



Dixie Mineral Club Fieldtrip
An Official Field Trip of the
Montgomery Gem & Mineral
Society (Montgomery, AL) HOST
8:45 am EST (7:45 CST) – 5:00 pm
EST (4:00 CST) APRIL 18, 2015
HOGG MINE, LA GRANGE, GA
FEE SITE

MEETING POINT: McDonalds, 2408 Whitesville Rd. LaGrange, GA 30240

YOU CAN NOT JUST GO DIRECTLY TO THE MINE!

TOOLS to Bring: Pick, Shovel, Potato Rake, Rock Hammer, Sledge Hammer, Chisels, Rock Bars, 5 Gallon Buckets, Gloves, Safety Glasses Extra boots / shoes are helpful if it's muddy or the weather becomes damp. (There is a Port-a- Potty on site.)

COLLECTING: Beryl, Star Rose Quartz, Black Tourmaline, and Aquamarine.

(Limit one 5 gallon bucket of material per person and one yard rock per dig.) This is a surface mine for the most part. However, there may be some deeper areas to explore. For safety reasons, you cannot dig outside of the designated areas.

FOOD: Food, water, and soft drinks are permitted. However, all alcohol is prohibited at the mine. Please don't show up with it. You will be asked to leave.

DIRECTIONS: From Alabama, take I-85 N to the Georgia state line. Proceed to exit 13. Turn left off the ramp - McDonalds is located a quarter mile up on the left, next to the Pilot truck stop. From Georgia, take I-85 South to exit 13. Turn right off the ramp and McDonalds will be on the left.

DETAILS: We will be signing up on the inside of McDonalds. If you park on the drive-through or south side of the store, enter the door and turn to the right. Look for an area of tables for sign up. You will pay a fee of \$25 per person, fill out release forms, and get a safety briefing before going to the mine. Mr. Painter (mine owner) will take people down in groups beginning at 8:45 am EST. Sign up will extend through 9:15 am EST for late arrivals. He will come back to get others who aren't able to get there before 9:15 am EST. They can email him or call if they need him to come back for them.

WHERE TO STAY: Nearby La Grange, GA offers

many hotel choices. There are many nearby private camp grounds as well as state owned ones since West Point Lake is nearby. Local state parks offer a full range of camping options.

HOST: Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society
 Jeff Edwards, VP / Field Trip Coordinator, (334) 312-0572 thestonehunter@hotmail.com
 or email thegoldennugget@hotmail.com

For more information on HOGG MINE:
www.hoggmine.com / Chris Painter
rockdgr@yahoo.com



DMC Program of the SFMS Field
Trip Committee
An Official Field Trip of Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
(HOST)

Saturday – May 30, 2015
11:00AM until 3:00PM CDT

WHERE: Cumberland Furnace, TN

DIRECTIONS: From Nashville, TN off of I-40 take exit 196 for US-70 S (Bellevue/Newsom Station) go 0.2 miles. Turn right at TN-1 W/US-70S W go 1.8 miles. Turn left at TN-1 W/US-70 W/ Charlotte Pike go 16.1 miles. Turn right at TN-47 (White Bluff) go 9.6 miles. Turn right at TN-48 (Charlotte) go 6.8 miles. Take a slight left at Earl Leech Rd go 0.2 miles. Turn left on Cinder Road. You will see a log cabin (Starks Cabin) on the left hand side of the road. You can park in the field next to the cabin.

ASSEMBLY TIME: 11:00 AM at Cinder Road , Cumberland Furnace, TN. For those meeting as at Cumberland Furnace, we should arrive about 10:00. Meet near the old log cabin on Cinder Road.

COLLECTING: We are heading to Cumberland Furnace to collect slag. The slag was a byproduct of making iron. Some of the slag is quit colorful in shades of blue and green ... some with swirls. The slag is easily cut and polished and makes nice pendants – it is too soft for rings. Our target is a dump pile on the banks of the stream that runs through Cumberland Furnace (access by crossing a large field owned by the community). This dump pile is located about a ¼ of a mile from the parking area. Although the dump pile has the greatest potential, slag can be found anywhere *Continued on page 6.*



DMC Fieldtrip Continued ... along the banks (both upstream and downstream). Another way to search is by wading downstream from the furnace if the creek is low. I am not sure if conditions will permit - bring

wading shoes just in case if you wish to collect in the stream.

AGE LIMIT: Everyone is welcome but children must be 6 years or older. They will not be allowed to roam around unattended and must obey all safety requirements and have all safety equipment. All pets must be under control at all times.

EQUIPMENT: You need to bring a hand tool, trowel, small shovel, etc to dig in the slag pile and gloves to protect your hands. Bring a back pack or small buckets for carrying. Boots or wading shoes are recommended as your feet may get wet otherwise.

SEVERAL LODGING SUGGESTIONS: Depending on which direction you are coming from, I would recommend staying in the Nashville area, Clarksville (north of the furnace) or Dickson (south of the furnace). If you are going to meet us and go as group, then Nashville is the best choice.

CONTACTS: For further information or alternative directions contact: John Martin, MTGMS Vice President at info@mtgms.org call my cell phone 615-210-5385. Visit our website www.mtgms.org and visit us on Facebook.

BRAD SMITH BENCH TIPS

DIVIDERS

A set of dividers is a tool I find very useful in laying out the geometry of a piece I'm making. It has two needle-like tips with an adjustment to set the spacing between them.

They can be used to transfer a measurement. Let's say you need a 7mm wide strip of sheet metal. Set the spacing between the divider tips to 7 mm on the ruler. Then lay the sheet on the bench, put one tip against the edge, and run the dividers down the edge scribing a line parallel to the edge.

Dividers can be used to mark equal segments of a line or arc. For instance assume a line between A and B that might be straight or curved, and you want to divide it into 5 equal lengths. Set the

Brad Smith Bench Tips Continued ... dividers to an estimate of the distance. Starting at Point A, use the dividers to mark off five lengths along the line. If you end up short of Point B, lengthen the distance on the dividers. If you end up overshooting Point B, shorten the length of your dividers. After a few tries, the length on the dividers will be the exact distance you need to mark the 5 segments.

Dividers can let you quickly find the center of a circular disk. With one tip of the dividers at the edge of the disk, set the other tip to an estimate of where the center might be. Fix one tip of the dividers at the 3 o'clock position and scribe an arc with the other tip near the center. Do this again from the 6 o'clock, 9 o'clock, and 12 o'clock positions. The arcs at the center will form a small four-sided box. The center of the box is at the center of the disk.

PIECE OF LEATHER

Leather has a multitude of uses in the shop. I often use a scrap of it to avoid scratching the back of a piece of jewelry while setting stones. It's also great for times when you need to clamp one of your tools in a vise, for instance a drawplate.

Get all 101 of Brad's bench tips in "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon



Steve Adams says ...

CABACHON CLASSES -

A.M.L.S. MEMBER

He will be teaching four week-long Cabachon classes at William Holland Retreat in 2015.

Class dates are Aug. 9 - 15, Aug. 16 - 22, Sept. 13 - 19, and Sept. 20 - 26. The school is located in beautiful Young Harris, Georgia.

For class information and fees, please visit this website: <http://lapidaryschool.org/> This school has affiliations with the SFMS which have special weeks set aside for club members. So check it out. There isn't anywhere else you can get this level of great instructors for this price and meet other rockhounds from the southeast.

Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig"

8 am to 6 pm, Friday, April 24, 2015
 8 am to 6 pm, Saturday, April 25, 2015
 8 am to 6 pm, Sunday, April 26, 2015

"You are invited to field collect minerals at Georgia's premiere mineral location!"

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., has announced plans to hold two three day digs and rock swaps on the Mountain during the current year. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:

Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don't forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

Graves Mountain code of conduct!

*Park your vehicle in the designated area (at the end of the paved access road but not much beyond the woods to the right of this road).

*NO child under the age of 12 years old is to be allowed on the mountain because of all the dangers involved. **ALL CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Digs" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER STRICT ADULT SUPERVISION!**

*ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.

Graves Mountain continued ...

*The caretaker, Junior Norman, has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.

*Ladders or power tools of any kind will **not** be allowed. **(HAND TOOLS ONLY!)**

*STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!! NO REPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!

***NO ONE** IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)

*EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)

*Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

Report violations to: Clarence Norman, Jr. 706-359-3862 (his business) or 706-401-3173 cell

Hoover Library Class**April 25, 2015****10:30 am to 5:30 pm*****Let's Learn ALL About Findings !!!***

Cindy Hensley and Yvonne Foster will be holding the next class at the Hoover Library downstairs in the usual place. So mark you calendars for April 25, 2015 and pack a lunch if you like. Let's support these ladies and their efforts teaching our members the skills of the lapidary arts.

The topic will be **FINDINGS**. Below are some pictures from the website for **E Jewelry Making Etsy Craft** I found that looked great.

www.etsy.com/browse/craft-supplies/jewelry-making I hope to make it to this class. S.S.





Educational Workshops Report - Danny Griffin, SFMS Education Co-Chair

Everyone that’s interested in taking an SFMS Workshop this year should check out the schedule, and class details, at www.sfmsworkshops.com. There are several classes that have never been offered before. Here’s a short list:

William Holland June 7 – 13th, 2015

- Silver Advanced – Channel Inlay Tool Making
- Jr. Rockhounding – Mineral ID
- Jr. Rockhounding – Wire Wrapping and Chain Wire for Beaders

Wildacres August 17 – 23, 2015

- Stakes and Hammers
- Meteorite – Symposium
- Stone Carving

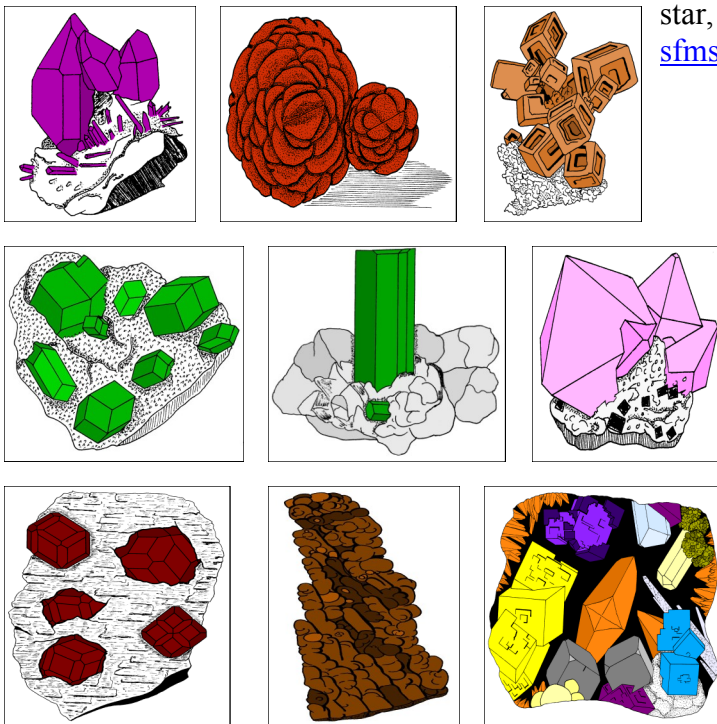
Wildacres Sept. 21-27, 2015

- Advanced Flint Knapping
- Fused Chain-Maille
- Meteorite – Symposium

Many of the classes on this year’s schedule are returns that have been requested by prior attendees. The ability to pay tuition via credit card has been setup for both locations. The details should be on the website very soon. There will be a 5% processing charge for each student paying by credit card. This is to offset the processing company’s fees to the SFMS. For details on paying your tuition with a credit card contact the Registrars listed at the bottom of the Registration form or visit the website at www.sfmsworkshops.com. For additional details concerning tuition, cost, etc. see the registration form at www.sfmsworkshops.com.

Beginning in the next issue of the Lodestar, I will highlight a class or two that will hopefully peak your interest. And most important - If you are reading this article, please pass this information on to others in your club who do not have access to the Lodestar. Thanks!

(Editors note: anyone may subscribe and receive the Lodestar, just send your email address to sfms.lodestar@gmail.com.)



Top to Bottom and Left to Right :
Amethyst, Barite Rose, Copper, Diopase, Emerald,
Fluorite, Garnets, Hematite, and Illinois Fantasy

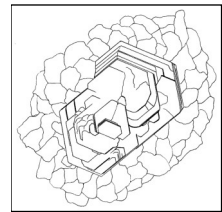
Welcome these new Members !

Let 's extend a hand and let these new people know rockhounds are a likeable bunch. We need to get to know just what they are interested in and help them along.

- Karen Lingo Howard of Birmingham
- Lauren Allord of Birmingham
- Nan Butler of Titus
- Jennifer Dunn of Pelham
- April DeStafino of Birmingham
- Tim Leatherman of Pelham

Last page funnies ... You Might Be A Rockhound If

- You can pronounce "molybdenite" correctly on the first try.
- The polished slab on your bola tie is six inches in diameter
- The bookshelves in your home hold more rocks than books; and the books that are there are about rocks.
- On a trip to Europe, you're the only member of the group who spends their time looking at cathedral walls through a pocket magnifier.
- You think you KNOW how to pronounce "chalcedony."
- You are thinking about giving out rocks for Halloween.
- You planted flowers in your rock garden.
- You purchase things like drywall compound just to have another nice bucket to carry rocks in.
- The club you belong to uses rocks for center-pieces for the annual Christmas dinner.
- The first thing you pack for your vacation is a chisel and a hammer.



~Via the Rockhound Roundup Smokey Mountain Mineral Society of Hartford, TN. April 2008

From: <http://www.amfed.org/rockhoun.htm>

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**A.M.L.S. Application for Membership**      \_\_\_\_\_ New      \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$20. \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$15. \_\_\_\_\_ Junior / Student \_\_\_\_\_ After June 1, the cost of the membership dues are one-half price for new members only. **Dues for regular members are to be renewed at the November meeting and / or before January 1 of the new year.**

**Please** make checks payable to the **ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY** and mail to P.O. BOX 1067 SPRINGVILLE, AL. 35146

Meeting Date: Second Friday of each month except for the month of June. The Tannehill Show takes the place of the June meeting.

Meeting Place: Emmet O'Neal Library 50 Oak St. Mountain Brook, AL. 35213 PH. (205) 897-0459

Website: [info@eolib.org](mailto:info@eolib.org)

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

***Visitors Welcomed !***



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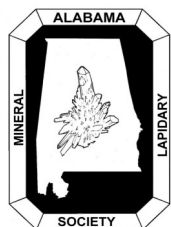
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to the address above.*

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

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**Meeting: FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 10, 2015**  
**Place: EMMET O'NEAL LIBRARY**  
**50 Oak St. Mt. Brook, AL. 35213**  
**205-897-0459 info@eolib.org**  
**Time: 6:30 pm gathering and fellowship**  
**And food. 7 pm Program**

MAILING LABEL



**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 2015 are \$20.00 family, \$15.00 single, and Juniors / Students \$10.00. 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 Tannehill Show** ). Meetings are currently held at the **Emmet O'Neal Library in Mt. Brook, AL.** 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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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.*

