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President's Message

Hello Everyone. Hope your summer is rocking along nicely. I look forward to hearing about everyone's adventures since I'm sure you must have been out somewhere looking for rocks.

Let me extend a big welcome to the new members who have joined the club this summer. We made several new friends at our Tannehill show and since then. All of you please just jump right in and start enjoying the fun. Let us know if you have any particular subject of interest. Most likely someone in the club has some experience they would be glad to share and we are always looking for new things. Our monthly classes will resume soon after the Hoover Library finishes their remodeling. Also, be on the lookout for "cabbing parties at Don and Jill Hill's house. That's where we keep the club equipment for sawing, polishing etc. For you newbies, "cabbing" is making cabochons which are rounded, polished stones used for pendants and other jewelry. These parties are an excellent opportunity to learn how to use equipment without investing in your own stuff. More advanced classes and learning opportunities can be found at William Holland Lapidary School in north Georgia or SFMS sponsored classes at Wildacres Retreat in Spruce Pines, NC. Many of our members have been to these classes and can tell you how useful they are. A few of our members even teach there.

We have two as yet unscheduled events in the planning stage. Now would be a good time to make sure we have your current e-mail address so you can be notified as things develop. We have an opportunity to rent a cabin in Franklin, North Carolina for 10-12 people at a reasonable price. This was a fun trip last fall. Also, we are planning a club demonstration event in Moody for September.

Nominating committee members be on notice. It's time to plan for next year's slate of officers and chair people. Some current officers have been on the job for several years and may be ready for some time off. Plenty of **Pres. Message continued on page 2.**

Website: http://ww.lapidaryclub.com



REGGIE BOLTON President A.M.L.S.

Aug. 14th - Anita Westlake - Geology A to Z and our regular meeting

Aug. Hoover Library Class <u>Cancelled</u> due to the renovations being done to the library.

Sept. 11th - Surprise! Who knows at this time ???

Oct. 9th - Gloria Adams - From Mines to You, Election of officers

Nov. 13th - Annual Meeting, Officers sworn in, William Holland Scholarship Speaker 2015

Dec. 11th - Kontzen Scholarship 2016 Winner an nounaced, Christmas gift exchanged

Jan. 8th - To be announced

Feb. 12th - To be announced

Mar. 11th - To be announced

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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

Pres. Message Cont'd. from page 1. positions are available for those of you eager to enable our good times. Stay tuned for an upcoming field trip. I feel sure someone is about to work something out. And start looking for shows where ever you roam. Fall to Christmas is a busy season. Hope to see you all at this month's meeting.

Reggie Bolton, President A.M.L.S.

Jack King Says ...

I would appreciate it if you would inform any of your members who make cabochons to look on YOUTUBE and type in newlapidarytemplates to see a new video telling of my exciting new templates for making cabochons. I am the designer and I teach at William Holland school of lapidary arts.

Thank you, Jack King

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Meeting Minutes for July 10,2015

Reggie was running late so Larry Hensley started the meeting asking for visitors to identify themselves. We welcomed Alison Robinson, Ruth Robinson, Drew Willoughby, Don Rosenstiel, Sara Landis, Lynn Bodenhausen and India Henson who brought some of the collection she inherited to sell.

Vara Hitchcock has 7000 pounds of rough to sell. She will have a sale at her home on July 25 beginning at 8 AM. More information will follow in an email.

Tim Smith, son of Bob Smith showed a computer slide show of many pictures he took during the Tannehill show and he had edited it. He can do the same for your collection or work. He can be found at Timothy W Smith on Facebook.

The May minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Reggie thanked Cathy Kellogg, Diana and Larry Carby and Tim Leatherman for their outstanding work at the Tannehill show as well as all the member volunteers who showed up to help. He also thanked Yvonne Foster for running the Hoot-n-Holler all week-end and doing demonstrations. Yvonne, in turn, thanked those who did demonstrations, talks and classes-Larry and Cindy Hensley, Karen Williams, Cecily Chaney and Bunny Bolton. Sandra Sullivan's flipchart with times, speakers, and topics placed near the bridge helped visitors know what was going on.

Field trips need to be planned. In the works are a hematite hunt in Talladega and a fall visit to the Muncher cabin in North Carolina.

Upcoming events include a chain maille class on July 18th at the Hoover Library and a cabbing party on August 8th at the home of Jill and Don Hill. There will not be a class in August since the Hoover Library will be doing renovations.

Our program for tonight is 'Gemstones of the Continent of Africa' by Kim Cochran. As always, Kim did a wonderful job explaining about the many

Meeting Minutes Continued... examples he had brought to pass around the room. He is a member of ten gem and mineral clubs, was a regional VP for the Southeast Federation at age 16, and was administrator for the Weiman Museum which later became the Tellus Museum. After taking question about different stones from Africa Kim sat down for the ending of the meeting. Visitors and new members got to choose a door prize next. The names of our regular members were drawn next.

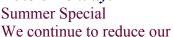
Respectfully submitted, Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

Mini Miners Monthly Link:

A Monthly Publication for Young Mineral Collectors Vol. 9 No.7 July 2015

http://www.amfed.org/sfms/ pdf/
DDVol9No7.pdf

Dear Mini Miners, Please find the link to the July 2015 issue of *Mini Miners Monthly*.





inventory. The piles of books are getting smaller! All of our mineral activity books are 75 cents/copy (a 25% discount from the usual \$1.00 price). The titles available are *Minerals from California*, *Minerals of the USA*, *Mineral Oddities*, *The World of Minerals*, *GOLD!*. We are sorry, but *FOSSILS* is now sold out. In addition, our very successful and popular book, *Diamond Dan's Mineralogical Dictionary*, is now \$1.00/copy (a full 50% discount from the original \$2.00/copy price.)

Shipping costs (USPS Media Mail) will be added. Please email or call to place your order.

For more information concerning kids and rocks, check out this website too!

www.kidsloverocks.com

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

Aug. 8-9 – Baton Rouge, LA: Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society, Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel; 5500 Hilton Ave; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$5.00, Children 12 & younger \$3.00; Demonstrations: cabbing, faceting, wire wrapping, and more. Door prizes all day. Silent auctions going on both days. Scout and educational groups are welcome.; contact Tony Rouchon, LA, (225) 219-0698; e-mail: aroucho@entergy.com;

Web site: brgemandmineral.org

Aug. 15-16 – Bossier City, LA: Annual show; Arklatex G&M Society, Bossier City Civic Center; 620 Benton Rd; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$4.00, Students \$1.00, Children under 12, and scouts in uniform are Free!; "Earth Treasures of Louisiana", Custom and Unique Jewelry, Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Educational Exhibits and Kids Games.; contact Del Glasner, P.O. Box 6633, Bossier City, LA 71171-6633, (318) 517-7372; e-mail: larockclub@gmail.com;

Web site: larockclub.com

Sept. 4-7 - Hendersonville, N. C. Annual show; Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Whitmire Center: 201 Lily Bond Bd: Eri 10:00 on

Whitmire Center; 301 Lily Pond Rd; Fri. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Mon. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$4.00, Children under 12 free w/paid admission; There will be demonstrations, exhibits, gem identification on Saturday, vendors, hourly door prizes and a grand prize. contact Diane Lapp, (828) 775-8098; e-mail: dlapp 2000@yahoo.com; Web site: hcgms.com.

Sept 25 – 27- Jacksonville, FL. "THE FLORIDA FACETERS FROLIC" presented by The Tomoka Faceters Guild and The United States Faceters Guild in conjunction with The Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society's 2015 27th Annual Show. Location:

Morocco Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. Club 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road South Jacksonville, FL. 32224 Fri. 1 PM to 6 PM, Sat. 10 to 6, Sun. 10 to 5 There will be faceting equipment dealers, faceting rough dealers, lectures and hands on faceting instruction, plus door prizes Show Contact: Tom Mitchell 352-446-4866 Email: tommitchellx@gmail.com

Oct. 16 – 17 Knoxville, TN The three day 25th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show opens October 16th a t 10 am at the Kerbela Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave. in Knoxville TN. Fri. and Sat. 10 to 6, Sun. 11 to 5. The Gem Show is open to the public and has an admission fee of \$5 a day for adults or \$8 for the whole show; children under 12 are admitted free. The show will have many vendors that offer great products, specimens, meteorites, gems of all colors shapes & sizes, lapidary & jewelry equipment, and much more. http://knoxrocks.org/gemshow.

Oct. 23 - 25, Austin, TX A.F.M.S. Convention and Show, hosted by the South Central Federation. More details to come.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Plant City, FL Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club's "Hot Rocks, Cool Gems and Fabulous Jewelry" 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Florida Strawberry Festival Expo Hall, Plant City, FL Admission: Adults: \$5 – Teens 12-16 & Students with ID \$4 – Kids under 12 free (with parent) Parking: FREE Discounts: Visit our web site for a coupon at www.tampabayrockclub.com Features: Hourly Door Prizes; Silent Auctions; Live Demonstrations; Kid's Touch Table & Sluice; Gems & Mine rals; Beads; Fossils; Tools & Lapidary Mate rials; Jewelry & Jewelry Making Supplies. Contact: Jerri Heer, President, Deale r Chair - jheerx6@aol.com Judy Anderson, Show Chair – yentana1609@yahoo.com





Dixie Mineral Club Fieldtrip An Official Field Trip of the Lynchburg, Virginia Inc. Gem and Mineral Society (HOST)

9:00AM until 1:00PM EDT Saturday – August 22, 2015 KYANITE MINING CORP., DILLWYN, VA. WILLIS MOUNTAIN KYANITE MINE

COLLECTING: Mostly white with some rare blue kyanite. Some of the white kyanite and quartz here have a beautiful light blue fluorescence and the apatite glows yellow so bring your short wave lamp and blackout cloth. Also expect to find pyrite, white muscovite, green fuchsite and red iron-stained muscovite, hematite or goethite-coated kyanite with some having a beautiful iridescent coating. The green apatite and trolleite are there but hard to locate. You can also find some small rutile crystals. WHERE: The mine is on US 15 between Farmville and Sprouses Corner, Buckingham County, Virginia. For GPS, enter Dillwyn, VA., and 30 Willis Mt. Plant Lane (or try road). Choose James Madison Hwy or Rt. 15 as the cross street location. This is for the mine office and the assembly area. **DIRECTIONS:** If you will be arriving from the north, at the US 60 and US 15 intersection in Sprouses Corner, drive south on US 15 James Madison Hwy for 4 miles and turn left on Willis Mt. Plant Lane. Turn left and stop at the stone mine office on the corner. Park out of the way in the parking lot or along Willis Mt. Plant Lane. Do not to block traffic and do not park along Rt. 15. If you will be arriving from the south, at the US 460 and US 15 intersection just east of Farmville, drive north on Rt. 15, James Madison Hwy for a little over 12 miles to Willis Mt. Plant Lane. The stone mine office is on the right. Park out of the way in the parking lot or along Willis Mt. Plant Lane. Do not block traffic and do not park along Rt. 15.

ASSEMBLY TIME: Everyone will meet at the

mine office no later than 8:30 AM for sign-in. We will have a mandatory safety briefing starting at 8:45. We will then load up and convoy a short distance to the mine area about 9:00 AM. You will be able to drive to the collecting areas.

SAFETY MEETING: Everyone must arrive at the office parking lot no later than 8:30AM to sign the release form and hear the required safety briefing. Each Club field trip leader, or their appointed replacement, will act as safety observer while in the mine and will be expected to be on the lookout for and correct all safety infractions from any collector from any club. Keep in mind that this site is one of the few that is still open for collecting. Not obeying all the safety rules will cause this site to be closed to all future collecting. Kyanite Mining Corp. is very safety conscious and has an excellent record. We will also have several club members with blaze orange vests who will be on the lookout for unsafe situations and conditions. If you are in an unsafe area you will be asked to move. We will be in an active mining area with many potential hazards. Please respect the safety berms, high wall setback and marked unsafe areas. Be aware of your location at all times. **SPE-**CIAL NOTE: All the participating club field trip leaders, send me a list of your total collectors and those staying for lunch so that I can compile a list and forward it to the mine management by 8-17-15. Since this the Annual Kyanite Mining Corp. Open House event, there will be many other area clubs in attendance There is a limit of 125 collectors from all clubs for this event so there will be room for everyone. If you have ANY QUESTIONS on the safety requirements or anything else, let me know ahead of time. Do not show up with improper safety equipment and expect to be admitted anyway. The only reason we can collect here today is because we always comply with every regulation they require. Remember, we are just one Continued on page 6.

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Brad Smith's Bench Tips ~

SMALL PARTS CONTAINERS

I'm always on the lookout for small containers to use for holding all those little parts and tools



we deal with in making jewelry, especially since I'm always traveling to classes and workshops.

My latest find are some plastic vials about 15 mm in diameter and 75 mm long. Best part is they are free. The vials are used in the doctor's office to draw blood samples. They cannot be used after their expiration date, and are thrown out. On my last doctors' visit, I asked the nurse if they had any expired vials. She said "How many do you want?" and tried to give me 400 of them. (We settled on 200).

The ones I have are called "Vacutainers", but there are probably many other names. They are clear plastic with a rubber stopper and a paper label all ready to write on. I find them really handy for small parts like jump rings, prong settings, small drills, nuts & bolts, faceted stones, and precious metal filings.

NEW RELEASE - Broom Casting Book

I'm pleased to announce the publication of "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry and Metal Work", one of the techniques that puts the fun into metal working.



Discover the rush of pouring molten silver into a common straw broom to get marvelous icicle-like shapes that make elegant pendants and earrings. Now available on Amazon at www.amazon.com/dp/0988285835/ or search for "Broom Casting"

TRY A TOOTHPICK

The round, stronger toothpicks have a multitude of uses on the jewelry bench. I use them for mixing epoxy resin, for applying paste solder, and with Zam for polishing in tight spots. Toothpicks are also handy for holding a stone while stone setting. Just break off the sharp tip, mold a little beeswax over it, and press it onto the table of your stone. Brad

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

DMC Fieldtrip Continued ... infraction away from having this site being closed to all future collecting. **EQUIPMENT:** The standard quarry safety gear required is a hard hats with a manufactur's date of 5 years or less, (check the date stamp usually under the brim) safety glasses, a pair of wheel chocks either purchased, home made or even a rock is acceptable. Every time you leave the car, turn off the engine, put it in park and apply the hand brake and wheel chocks. ADULTS: ONLY STEEL TOED BOOTS WILL BE ALLOWED, THERE WILL BE NO EX-CEPTIONS!!! If you do not have the required safety equipment, you will not be allowed to enter the quarry. Also required are long pants, gloves, hammer and chisels, wrapping paper, buckets, and water. Be prepared for windy, hot or wet weather. We will be on the mountain top and it's always windy. We can drive to the designated collecting area, so hand trucks should not be needed. Bring a camera, as the view is awesome.

AGE LIMIT: There is no age limit, but all youth must be signed for, supervised by an adult and have all the required youth safety equipment. No Exceptions!!! The mine will accept a good bicycle helmet for the youth only if a standard hard hat is not available in their size. Youth can wear good strong leather boots. No sneakers or flip flops allowed. All pets must be under control at all times. OTHER PLANNED EVENTS: We will have available immediately after the dig at 1PM, a hot lunch and a drink for a nominal fee. You may also bring your own lunch, especially if you are on a special diet. **CONTACTS:** David Callahan, Field Trip Chairman, The Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA. Inc. Phone: 540-297-1853, Cell: 540-874-5201 (use cell the day of the event only please) dbcall1@aol.com. Visit our web site www.lynchburgrockclub.org

ROCK SALE AUG. 15th starts at 8 am NOT SOONER! BOXES and BOXES

of Rocks!!! Located at 5105 So. Broken Bow Dr. and the corner of Chickasaw Lane in Broken Bow subdivision off Hwy. 119 So. 2.3 mi. from Hwy. 280 going toward Pelham near Briarwood High School (NOT located in BROKEN BOW SOUTH SUBDIVISION) 205-991-6378 Turn off Hwy. 119, go to stop sign, turn right onto N Broken Bow, go to the 3rd stop sign, turn left onto So. Broken Bow. Second house on left, grey-green house with bright yellow front door with a King Reality sign in front yard. Rigdon and Vara Hitchock









OFF the INTERNET:

Potentially Dazzling Perseid Meteor Shower Peaks This Week By Elizabeth Howell

The annual Perseid meteor shower will reach its peak this week, giving amateur skywatchers with clear dark skies a potentially dazzling celestial light show. Luckily for those watching the skies, there will be a new moon, allowing for maximum darkness just when the <u>Perseid meteor shower</u> will be is at its best. The meteor shower's peak occurs during the overnight hours of **Wednesday (Aug. 12)**



and Thursday (Aug. 13). No fancy equipment is required; just a lawn chair and your naked eyes will be enough to see the "shooting stars." The Perseids are visible from all over the Northern Hemisphere. To have the best chance of seeing a meteor, pick a dark area (as far from bright city lights as possible) and face northeast. The meteors were appear to radiate out from the constellation Perseus, hence their name: Perseids.

Minutes of Board Meeting held August 8, 2015 in conjunction with the Cabbing Party at the Hill's home. The AMLS Board Meeting met Saturday, August 8 at the home of Don and Jill Hill during the cabbing party. Board members in attendance were Reggie Bolton, Jackie Seale, Sandra Sullivan, Diana Carby, Yvonne Foster and Karen Williams. We discussed the need for the nominating committee to assemble and begin drawing up a slate of officers and chair people for next year. We concurred with plans for a club trip to Franklin, N.C. for Sept. 17-21. Ina Raye Muncher has agreed to rent her cabin for an affordable rate. Judith Johnson has agreed to coordinate the trip. There will be a club demonstration event in the Moody area soon, probably in September. The exact date will be discussed at the August club meeting. The club's program of techniques classes was discussed. The program has been well received but attendance in recent classes has been down. When classes resume after the library finishes remodeling, we are considering a required signup list and possibly an advance deposit. We want to keep this as informal as possible. However, some planning and preparation are involved and sometimes materials need to be purchased or possibly tools. A revision of the membership application was discussed to include cell phone numbers and email addresses. Since the newsletter is mostly delivered by email now we are looking into the feasibility of sending multiple copies to family memberships if requested. Respectfully submitted for Bunny Bolton by her loving husband Reggie Bolton

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. Please introduce yourself and let them know something about you.~

India Henson

Don Rosenstiel

Sarah Grace Landis

Alison Roberson

Ruth Robinson

Drew Willoughby

Vara and Rigdon Hitchcock

~ Invite your friends to a meeting who have an interest in rocks, jewelry making, fossils, earth sciences, fluorescent rocks, and collecting specimens, etc.

India Henson Says ... I have inherited a group of rocks, jewelry, carvings, and many other lapidary items from a sister-in-law. I am trying to sale several things and if your interested, please contact me at <india.henson@aol.com> I live right off I-459 in a subdivision of garden homes right next door to McAdory High School. Please email me to set up a time to see and purchase. Thanks, India

Steve Adams says ... 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/





Cindy Hensley

Yvonne Foster

HOOVER LIBRARY CLASS

Cindy Hensley and Yvonne Foster Say...

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Classes will be can-

celled until the renovations are complete at the Hoover Library and then we can resume classes. Please DO NOT DRIVE TO THE LIBRARY TO ATTEND A CLASS THIS MONTH!!

The Hoover Library class will start at 10:30 am and last until 5:30 pm. These classes are held down stairs in the class rooms and you can access them by way of the stairs or elevator just inside the front door to your right. The plan is to have some different types of jewelry designs that have not been offered before at the class. If you need to come in later or leave early, no problem.

Please, if you have a good idea for a class and would like to see it taught then let these ladies know. They have asked for our input on what classes to teach now let's be brave, bold, and fearless! Let's be a contributing factor to our clubs' endeavor to provide classes for the members. They are going to great effort to get and keep our classes moving on. So if you have an idea, see them! Hoover Library located on Hwy. 31 N. Just north of the Galeria Mall.

Mailbag item Sandra,

I saw your email address on Bob's Rock Shop and thought I'd drop you a line. My wife and I live in the Birmingham area, and are longtime rock hounds, but we've never joined the AMLS. We like those of your members we've met at Tannehill over the years and I thought some of the AMLS members might enjoy a website I put up a few weeks ago:

godmadeagates.com.

It contains many rather good agate photos and a lot of agate technical info (from an old geologist) among other things. If you like it, pass it along. Thanks, Bill Kitchen *How many of you have been to this website?*?

ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

AUGUST 2015

Last page funnies ...

You Know You're A Rockhound If:

You prefer baryte roses to real ones.

Your dream holiday destination is Coober Pedy or Far North Queensland.

Your garage is so full of rocks that the car won't fit in.

You collect Interesting specimens, including the brown unknown ones, just in case they might turn out to be something special.

You've ever sorted through a mullock heap.

You've ever dumpster dived at a marble warehouse.

You colour co-ordinate your clothes and shoes to match your gemstone pen dants.

The sign on the side of the road says "Falling Rock" and you pull over to wait.

You like to examine the rocks in your driveway.

You treasure ancient, fossilised animal dung.

You spend hours searching the ground while everyone else around you gets bored.

OFF the INTERNET: http://suzanneday.hubpages.com/hub/Lapidary-Jokes-For-The-Discerning-Rockhound

Men who wear earrings are supposed to make good husbands because: They have experienced pain. They have bought jewelry.

The rear end of a trilobite is called a trilobutt. Old lapidarians never die, they just recrystalize!

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A.M.L.S. Application for Me	mbership	~~~~~~~~ New	Renewal
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Meeting Date: Second Friday of each month excep		e. The Tannehi	ill Show
takes the place of the June meeting Meeting Place: Emmet O'Neal Library 50 Oak St Website: info@eolib.org		35213 PH	. (205) 897-0459
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.		Date Receiv	ed

Visitors Welcomed!

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Website: http://www.lapidaryclub.com



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If undeliverable, please return to the address above.

Meeting: Friday night August 14, 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

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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 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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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.



