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Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society
Birmingham, Alabama**

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

President's Message

Well done everyone! We can congratulate ourselves on another year's successful Tannehill show. Thanks to so much work by so many people, things went well this year. Vendor numbers were good, attendance seemed as good as I've ever seen it and to top it off, the weather was great. I'm very pleased that so many of you participated. I'm told that at least 30 something members showed up to offer help during the week-end. Thanks to all of you! A few special thank-you's are in order.

Cathy Kellogg did an excellent job in her first year as Show Chairman. She spent time over many months working with the park people, communicating with vendors and orchestrating the show set-up.

Our vendor dinner was a great success. Larry and Diana Carby did a great job as cook and quartermaster. Not only was the food excellent, we had plenty but not too much and actually made some profit off that part of the event.

In addition to her usual multi-faceted usefulness at every stage of planning and execution Sandra Sullivan did a wonderful job of hosting the Southeast Federation quarterly meeting held in conjunction with our show. She made us look good and the delegates enjoyed themselves.

Thanks to Yvonne Foster and Cindy Hensley for managing activities at the Hoot n' Holler shed. This was a new feature of our show this year. The classes and presentations were a real success. This added a great dimension to our show in a way I have not seen at other shows. Let's build on that for next year.

Once again the club area around the tent was a great center for education and entertainment. Many of you helped there *President's message on page 2.*



REGGIE BOLTON
President A.M.L.S.

July 10th - Kim Cochran - Gemstones from Africa

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July 18 - Class at the Hoover Library - Chain Maille
Aug. 14 th - Anita Westlake - Regular meeting
Sept. 11th Kenneth Kornegay - Sunstones
Oct. 9th - Gloria Adams - Mines, Election of officers
Nov. 13th - Annual Meeting, Officers sworn in, William Holland Scholarship Speaker
Dec. 11th - Kontzen Scholarship Winner announced, Christmas gift exchanged

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Pres. Message Cont'd. from page 1. and I hope your efforts were rewarded with enjoyment. All of your efforts are appreciated. Please don't be offended if I don't mention you all individually. We hope to upgrade this area of the show next year since education is one of our main goals. Some how, even though our vendor numbers were good, we wound up with a bit of empty space on that end of the show. We're thinking of incorporating shed #3 into the club area and making our activities more closely connected to the rest of the show. Also, it's been several years since we updated the kid's games. As you attend events this summer and fall, please be on the lookout for improvement ideas.

New member Tim Leatherman deserves special recognition for his efforts this year. He was there for loading, unloading and transporting supplies before and after the show. He was around all week-end to help vendors and anyone else who needed it. I noted him doing photography to document the show. And besides all that he made the *President's message continued on page 4.*

Members Serving on the Board of Directors :	
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Post Tannehill Board Meeting Minutes June 27, 2015 at the Hill home in conjunction with the cabbng party.

In attendance Sandra Sullivan, Cathy Kellogg, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Jackie Seale, Judith Johnson, Cindy and Larry Hensley, Bunny and Reggie Bolton, Jill and Don Hill, and Tom Talty.

Jackie reported on the Tannehill Show costs and profits with one outstanding bill yet to be taken care of. We had 38 vendors and made some money from selling the leftover meat from the vendor dinner.

Thanks to the **33** members who volunteered to help. Next year we will start in January with a big planning meeting. Changes and improvements discussed included refurbishing or replacing the beanbag toss (pot of gold) and adding new games such as fishing or cork gun shooting. Perhaps some could be borrowed or rented from a school or church. Perhaps we need a kid's area chairman.

The revival of the Hoot-n-Holler shed was well met. Levan and Yvonne Foster were there all weekend demonstrating tumbling, cabbng and faceting. Cecily Chaney gave a 2 hour silversmithing demo. Craft classes included Cindy Hensley with wire ring making, Karen Williams with earring making and Bunny Bolton with wire wrapping a rock from the show. Larry Hensley gave a talk on fossils. Next year these need to be organized earlier so they can be promoted beforehand. The sign board at the bridge was effective but more could be done. We could make better use of the 'wings' by having classes on one side and talks on the other.

Vendors seemed to be happy but consensus was that while Saturday was hopping, but Sunday was just so-so.

We didn't get many ValPak coupons back (14) though some folks mentioned having seen it but didn't bring it. Live and learn. The TV spot was good and we will try to build on that idea throughout the year. Flyers sent to other clubs got some response. Cathy Kellogg will try to co-ordinate with the archery folks for next year with promoting both shows.

Food was a problem! We were not informed until late that the concession stand, such as it is, would not be open. Cathy sent a letter to Tannehill Park

Meeting Minutes Continued... folks expressing our displeasure and better plans will be made next time. There is money to be made by someone here. We could consider renting port-o-lets too. The Southeast Federation meeting went well thanks to Sandra Sullivan and her good work with Lisa Roberts. Reggie needs to contact Phillip Kaiser about DMC field trip conflicts. Other suggestions included using walkie-talkies, having a second list of door prize winners and getting names and e-mail addresses on the door prize tickets then sending a monthly email out with rock club information.

Pictures for our webmaster and a possible member picture directory were also discussed. Please be thinking about these.

Respectfully submitted,
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

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

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

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

**July 23 - 26 Franklin N.C.** Retail show; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road; Thu. 10 am-5 pm, Fri. 10 am-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 11 am-4 pm; Adults \$2.00, Children Under 12 FREE; 50th Annual Macon County Gemboree featuring dealers from across the country. Rough and cut gemstones, gold and silver jewelry, minerals, findings, beads and demonstrations. Door prizes drawn every hour. Repairs and settings done at the show. ; contact Linda Harbuck, 425 Porter Street, Franklin, NC 28734, (800) 336-7829; e-mail: [lindah@franklin-chamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklin-chamber.com); Web site:

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

**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](mailto:aroucho@entergy.com);

Web site: [brgemandmineral.org](http://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](mailto:larockclub@gmail.com);

Web site: [larockclub.com](http://larockclub.com)

**Sept. 4-7 - Hendersonville, N. C. Annual show;**

*President's Message Continued from page 2.* ~ connection to get us an appearance on TV Channel 33/40 Talk of Alabama show. Thanks Tim. If I think of anything else to add to your list for next year, I'll let you know! I hope to see a good crowd at this month's meeting. Let's plan some fun activities to finish out the year.

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

**Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society**, 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](mailto:dlapp_2000@yahoo.com); Web site: [hcgms.com](http://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](mailto:tommitchellx@gmail.com)

**Oct. 16 – 17 Knoxville, TN** The three day 25th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show opens October 16th at 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>.



**Dixie Mineral Club Fieldtrip  
An Official Field Trip of the  
Southern Appalachian Mineral  
Society (Asheville, NC) HOST**

**9:00 AM to dusk**

**Saturday, July 18, 2015**

**Little Pine Garnet Mine, Madison County, N.C.**

**FEE Site**

**DIRECTIONS:** From Asheville take I-26 west to US 25-70 (exit 19A for Marshall, NC – right exit). From north of Marshall, take I-26 south to US 29-70 (exit 19 for Marshall). Travel US 25-70 toward Marshall approx. 12.6 miles and turn left on Little Pine Road. There will be a sign for Sandy Bottom Trail Rides at this corner. Follow Little Pine Road 3.8 miles and turn left onto Caney Fork Road. Parking will be at the end of Caney Fork Road. Collectors will car-pool from here to the site. Maps and/or directions will be available from the office to the mine site. We will meet at the office of Sandy Bottom trail Rides 1459 Caney Fork Road, Marshall, NC 28753 at 9:00 AM. Release forms must be turned in and admittance fee paid. You will receive a “ticket” which you must keep with you. Representatives randomly visit the collecting site and check collectors. From I-240 at Asheville time should be 35 to 40 minutes. (approx. 25 miles). The Sandy Bottom Trail Rides website also had maps and directions – [sandybottomtrailrides.net](http://sandybottomtrailrides.net).

**HISTORY:** Little Pine was worked commercially around 1904-05 for Garnets to produce sandpaper (garnet paper). Good crystals of Almandine Garnets can be readily found from ½” to 4” or more. Some remain in the Chlorite schist matrix and can be cleaned to produce very showy matrix specimens. There are some crystals that exhibit an elongated growth that is very desirable. Note: All DMC member clubs are required to maintain field trip liability insurance!

**ASSEMBLY:** Parking at the collecting site is

limited, so members of attending clubs should arrange to car-pool from the meeting site to the collecting area. The road into the mine crosses a shallow stream, however most vehicles should pass without problems. WE CANNOT BLOCK THE DRIVE as it is also a homeowner’s access road. **EQUIPMENT:** For dump collecting bring scratching tools, small shovel, or pick type rock hammers. To enter the mine, a hardhat and some type of headlamp is necessary. The ceiling of this mine has some loose material and is not suited for children. DO NOT dig into or weaken the support columns! Believe it or not people do this foolish thing. Fill in all dug holes.

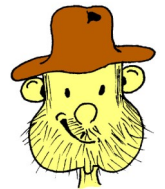
**COST:** The Dixie Mineral Council Group is receiving a discounted rate of \$20.00 per person per day. There is not a special rate for children who attend! Please identify yourself as being a member of the Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip to receive this rate! The collecting limit is one gallon of Garnets per person. Children 8 and older allowed with close adult supervision. There are dump areas that are child friendly; however there is also a mine shaft and tunnel where children should not be allowed to venture.

**RELEASE FORM:** Each individual **MUST** fill out a **Sandy Bottom Trail Rides release form**. Go to their website - [sandybottomtrailrides.net](http://sandybottomtrailrides.net) to download form. It will save time if you have these completed prior to arrival. Children under 18 must have a parent or guardian fill out a form on their behalf **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

**A Port-O-Let** is located at the mine site. Bring water, food, and bug repellent. No pets.

**Contact:** Ken Casebeer - Phone 1- 828-277-1779  
No calls after 8:30 PM please! Ken goes to bed early!!!

E-mail – [casebeer@law.miami.edu](mailto:casebeer@law.miami.edu)





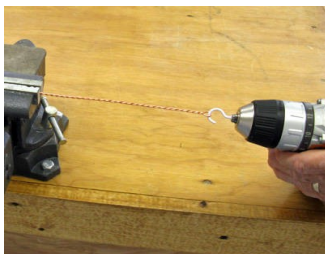
**Brad Smith's Bench Tips ~****SOLDERING PRONGS**

I often use prongs to hold an irregular cab or other object on rings and pendants. But prongs can be a little tricky to solder. You have to find some way to hold them all upright while soldering, and the simple butt joint that looks strong sometimes breaks when you start to bend the prong over the stone. There's nothing worse than having a prong break off when you're setting the stone \*#~\*!

I solved both problems with one little trick. It holds the prongs in position while soldering and it gives you a stronger joint at the same time. Locate and center punch the position for each prong. Then drill holes a little smaller than your prong wire. Sand a small taper on the ends of your prong wires and stand them up in the holes. The wires support themselves, soldering is easy, and the joint is stronger because of the increased soldering area.

**TWISTING WIRE**

Twisting wire can be done with an old hand drill but goes much faster with a power tool. My preference is to use a screw gun, although a Foredom should do well.



Just make a little hook out of coat hanger wire (or use a screw-in cup hook) and chuck it up in your screw gun. Grip the free ends of the wire in a vice and slip the looped end onto your hook. Keep a little tension on the wires as you twist.

Note that a power drill is too fast a tool for this unless you have one with variable speed.

Brad

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

Get all 101 of Brad's bench tips in

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" on Amazon

**Jewelry Television Gem Lovers Conference  
July 23-24, 2015**

<https://www.jschoolinstitute>.

Jewelry Television  
140 Hayfield Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37922

For additional information contact  
**JSI Event Coordinator** Courtney Thompson  
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This two day learning experience includes 29 classes lead by Experts in the gemstone industry and your favorite JTV Hosts, live show viewings, access to rare gemstone collections, and so much more! The cost of the conference is \$50.00 which includes lunch each day and the customer appreciation diner.

**Classes include Stories from the Mine with  
Amanda Adkins**

Amanda Adkins has an extensive career in the mining industry. In this class, she will share her stories from the mines as well as adventures she had while being on "Prospectors."

**Mastering the Refractometer** ~ The refractometer is one of the basic tools used in gem identification, and a tool every gemstone lover should feel comfortable using. Learn how to use it in this class taught by world-renowned gem expert, author, and consumer advocate Antoinette Matlins.

**Mining and Cutting Opals in Lightning Ridge Australia** ~ Michelle and Danny Hatcher own a Lightning Ridge mine in the region where the highly prized opals are mined in Australia. As second generation owner- operators of a family owned mining company, they are experts and appear on live JTV shows. Daniel has served on the Lightning Ridge Mining Board and was Director of the Lightning Ridge Miners Association. Michelle makes beauty out of rough as one of the most highly regarded expert black opal cutters in Lightning Ridge.

**Collecting Gems and Minerals; Why Are They So Rare and Valuable? Instructor: Bryan Lees**  
Gemstone prices are rising, material is getting rarer and production is under pressure in many parts of the world. These pressures and the resulting high prices are affecting all aspects of the trade. This class will focus on several areas in the world where these issues are pressing.

## News Release on Greene County Earthquakes

**June 17, 2015 (Updated June 30, 2015)**

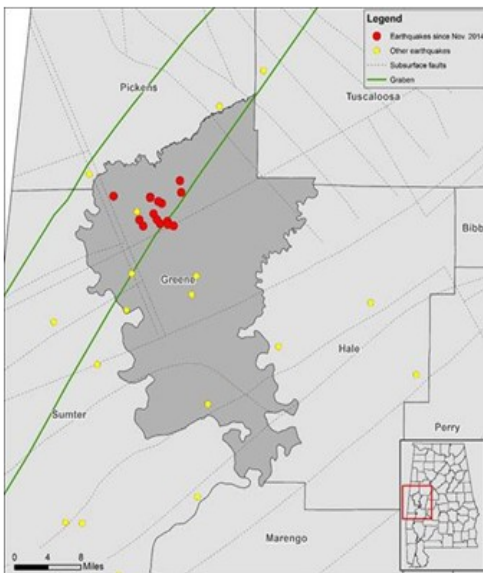
The Geological Survey of Alabama monitors geologic events such as earthquakes through its Geologic Investigations Program. The information below concerns recent earthquake events occurring in Greene County, Alabama.

### Overview

Since November 2014, there have been 17 earthquakes in northwestern Greene County, Alabama (see Figure 1 and Table 1 below). The magnitude of these earthquakes is small, with many earthquakes only lightly felt by residents in the area. We encourage anyone who feels a Greene County earthquake to report their experience here: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/dyfi/>, or click on the corresponding event in the “Did You Feel It?” column of Table 1 below.

Although few earthquakes are on record for the northwestern Greene County area prior to November 2014, small clusters of naturally occurring earthquakes happen frequently around the country each year. Such events do not indicate a large magnitude earthquake is going to occur. The probability of a large magnitude, damaging earthquake in Greene County is very low.

In the immediate area of the earthquake epicenters (northwestern Greene County), there is no record of recent oil and gas well activity or mining activity. According to State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama records, there are no active oil wells, gas wells, shale gas wells, injection wells, coalbed methane wells, or hydraulic fracturing (fracking) related to any oil and gas well activity in northwestern Greene County. There are also no coal mines in the immediate area.

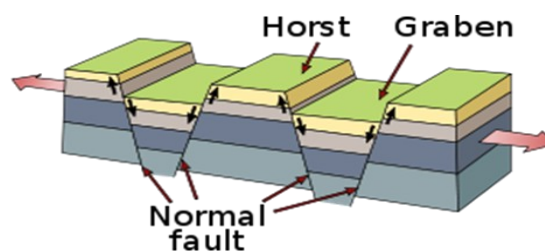


**Figure 1.** Earthquake epicenters (large red points) of the recent Greene County earthquakes (Nov. 11 – June 17), earthquakes prior to November 2014 (small yellow points), subsurface faults (compiled at a 1:250,000-scale for GSA Open-File Report (OFR) 0810; dashed lines), and an outline of a graben structure (OFR 0810; green lines).

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia For other uses, see [Graben \(disambiguation\)](#).

In [geology](#), a **graben** is a [depressed](#) block of land bordered by parallel [faults](#). *Graben* is [German](#) for *ditch* or *trench*. The plural form is variously given as graben<sup>[1]</sup> or grabens.<sup>[2]</sup> A graben is the result of a block of land being downthrown producing a [valley](#) with a distinct [scarp](#) on each side. Graben often occur side-by-side with [horsts](#). Horst and graben structures are indicative of tensional forces and crustal stretching. Graben are produced from parallel [normal faults](#), where the [hanging wall](#) is downthrown and the [footwall](#) is upthrown. The faults typically dip toward the center of the graben from both sides. Horsts are parallel blocks that remain between graben; the bounding faults of a horst typically dip away from the center line of the horst. Single or multiple graben can produce a [rift valley](#).

Infrared-enhanced satellite image of a graben in the [Afar Depression](#).



## 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.~*

Julianne Bernstein

Kristin Birge Mary Boley

Justin, Piper, Madison, and Jan Boss

Drucsilla (Dru ) Chaffe

Carol F. Clayton

Nathan Erdmann

Jessica Grunda

Dorothy Harbst

Claude and Suzi Huff

Martha Ivey

Ann and Jay Kilgore

Donna and Wayne Littlepage

Bobby and Lisa Loggins

Randall E. Mc Daniel

Bud and Lou Ann Newell

Deborah Seiberling

Charlsa Sewell

Gerald and Nancy Smith

Ron Smith

Elin and Allen Snow

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



Cindy  
Hensley



Yvonne  
Foster

## HOOVER LIBRARY CLASS

*Cindy Hensley and  
Yvonne Foster Say...*

*Chain Maille Projects*

*July 18, 2015*

**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](http://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??*



Last page funnies ...

GEODES

By Hugh Sheffield (12/02 Outcroppings)

A geode sets 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 this irregular sphere,
And wonder how it first got there.
To my shop we make our way,
My diamond saw I put to play.
And as my eyes soon behold,
"Are these bright crystals made of gold?"
Soon the light plays upon my hand,
And shining crystals defy man.
For he cannot 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.



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

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

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



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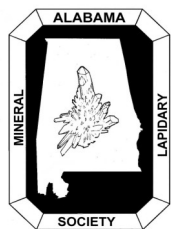
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*If undeliverable, please return to the address above.*

**Meeting: Friday night July 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**

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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.

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*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.*

