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Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society
Birmingham, Alabama**

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

President's Message

Hello my fellow rock hounds,

I hope this message finds you all happily pursuing rocks. They normally don't move very fast so I'm sure you'll catch some. I look forward to seeing some of them at our upcoming meeting. This meeting is the second Friday as usual but be looking out for upcoming changed dates. Some of our regular times have been preempted by library activities. Believe it or not this will be the last meeting before we vote in new officers for the upcoming year. If you feel you are qualified to serve in one of these positions and you'll be able to make the time then please speak with one of the current officers or board members. There are plenty of jobs available. The more help we have the better the club will run.

As my third term as president ends, I would like to prepare the path for the incoming officers with your help. I need to hear from ALL of you about what you expect from this club, what you would like to see from it, any suggestions and particularly on how you can contribute to our success even if you don't feel able to take on a full-time position. This is not a request. This is a DIRECT ORDER from your president. Please email your response to reggie@newenirons.net. If you don't use email then use snail mail. My address and phone number are in the membership directory. I expect to hear from every single member and to have a collection of responses available to discuss with the board of directors and to hand over to the new officers to use for planning the upcoming year. Time is short so please don't delay.

There are a few upcoming events you may be interested in. I'm sure your faithful editor will details include ***President's continued message on page 2.***



REGGIE BOLTON
President A.M.L.S.

- Sept. 11th - Larry Hensley - Forests in Stone - Alabama before the Dinosaurs**
- Sept 17 - 20 - Franklin, N.C. Muncher cabin trip**
- Sept. 19 - 20 - Vara & Rigdon Hitchcock Rock Sale**
- Sept. 26th - Cabbing Party at Moody, AL.**

- Oct. 9th - Gloria Adams - From Mines to You, Election of officers**
- Nov. 6th - Annual Meeting, Officers sworn in, William Holland Scholarship Speaker 2015**
- Dec. 11th - Kontzen Scholarship 2016 Winner announced, Christmas gift exchanged**
- Jan. 8th - To be announced**
- Feb. 26th - To be announced**
- Mar. 11th - To be announced**

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AFMS and SFMS Websites
 The SFMS Newsletter, *the Lodestar*, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>. And www.afed.org Email: sfms@amfed.org

Pres. Message Cont'd. from page 1. details in this newsletter issue. The club has reserved a cabin in Franklin, N.C. for the weekend of September 17th - 21st. Judith Johnson is coordinating this event. We had a great time there last year. The semi-annual open house at Graves Mountain quarry in Lincolnton, GA is October 2nd -4th. For this weekend there will be camping, food and drinks available and porta-toilets. Selling and swapping are encouraged. There will be ATV's ferrying people in and out of the digs. There are a number of interesting minerals found in this old kyanite quarry including world class rutile crystals. This event will be sponsored by M.A.G.M.A. Be looking out for shows by other clubs. Over the next few months there will be shows in Huntsville, Montgomery and Mobile. There are also some in Georgia and Tennessee. Meet rock hounds and vendors and shop for cool rocks in comfort. Whatever you do, keep enjoying rocks. With everyone working together we can expect another year of good times.

Reggie Bolton, President AMLS

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Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2015

Tim Leatherman blessed our spread and we dug in. Sandra announced that Vara and Rigdon Hitchcock brought rocks to examine before the Saturday sale at their house beginning at 8 AM.

Larry Hensley introduced or speaker, Anita Westlake. She is a member of many lapidary groups including the Meteorite Society **others, I couldn't keep up** * The topic was "The ABCs of Geology". Beginning with A for Accretion Theory - the idea that the Earth was formed from cosmic particles crashing together some of my favorites included Fulgerite- fused sand formed by a lightning strike, Quaquaversal- radiating in all directions from the center, and Xenomorphic- not having the characteristic (crystal) form. There were some with pictures that matched the word or phrase but not the definition such as Marine Band which, geologically speaking, is a band of marine fossils in layers of sediment but the picture was the first thing most folks thought of- uniformed musicians. So it was a fun program. Debbie Coleman brought examples of the fluorescent rocks she brought back from Franklin, NJ. The willemite and calcite put on quite a show when hit with a short wave UV light.

Our guests introduced themselves and new members Dottie Harbst, Don Rosenstiel, Martha Ivey, and Deborah Seiberling. Yvonne Foster's granddaughter, Riannon Hodge was visiting from Ontario and has been working on her lapidary skills. Don and Ann Monroe, long time members came to see us too.

Classes at the Hoover Library are on hold while they do some renovations. They should resume in October. In September we are hoping to have a class/demonstration at the Moody United Methodist Church. There will be more information on this to follow. Please let Yvonne Foster or Cindy Hensley know if there is a class you would like to take or teach.

On the subject of classes, the Kontzen Schol-

Meeting Minutes Continued... ship contest is coming up and applications (available in this publication) are due in November. It is awarded in memory of Joe and Frances Kontzen to a member who is active and contributes to the good of the club.

Lifetime Membership nominations are also due by November. Up to two people can be awarded this honor. Jackie Seale made certificates for the winners of the tumbling contest. Cathy Kellogg, Gene Blackerby, John Gaston, Dianne Lightfoot and Reggie Bolton can hang them up with pride.

It's time to renew our membership with the Dixie Mineral Council. Remember, they have monthly field trips all over the southeast which any AMLS member can participate in. We will host a trip to Brookwood in February 2017 and hope to have a club trip in Feb 2016. Other rock collecting opportunities are Graves Mountain fall rock swap and dig. There you can find rutile, kyanite, iridescent hematite, lazulite and other goodies. A \$20 donation is requested to help cover expenses such as port-o-lets and golf carts for transportation to the pits. Also we are planning a trip to the Muncher cabin in Franklin, N.C. September 17th thru 21st. The rent is \$100 per night split between the occupants that night. Tentative plans include Friday- Sheffield or Cherokee mine, Saturday- Mason Mountain mine, Franklin Museum and Fiddling on the Square, Sunday. Contact Judith Johnson or Reggie Bolton if you are interested.

Please make sure Sandra Sullivan has your current e-mail address for the Rockhound Roundup and other club communications. A surprise birthday cake appeared for Sandra thanks to Vara Hitchcock. After singing, we indulged. Also, fluorescent mineral from Franklin, N.J. was shown by Debbie Coleman. Door prizes awarded.

Respectfully submitted,
Bunny Bolton,
Recording Secretary



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

Sept. 11 - 13 Orlando, FL: Annual show; Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society, FL National Guard Armory; 2809 Fern Creek Ave.; Fri. 1 pm-6 pm, Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$5, Students ; contact Paul Hayes, 1400 Sawyerwood Ave, Orlando, FL 32809, (407) 816-1229; e-mail: phayes3@cfl.rr.com; Web site: www.cfmgs.org

Sept. 11 - 13 Winston-Salem, N.C.: Annual show; Forsyth Gem And Mineral Club, Education Building, Winston-Salem Fairgrounds; Enter Gate 9 from 27 th Street; Fri. 10:00 am- 7:00 pm, Sat. 10:00 am-7:00 pm, Sun. 12 noon-5:00 pm; Adults \$3.00, Students K-12 Free; Activities; Gold Panning, Geode Cutting, Grab Bags and Mineral Identification.; contact W. A. Marion, 1163 Bear Creek Church Road, Mocksville, NC 27028; e-mail: arional@yadtel.net; Web site: www.forsythgemclub.com
866 Email: tommitchellx@gmail.com

Sept. 12 - 13 Siloam Springs, AR: Annual show; Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society, Clubhose; Hwy 43N; Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm; Admission is Free!; Auction 1:00pm Saturday. Free setup as this is a tailgate event. Contact Dave Leininger, 14029 White Oak Lane, Bentonville, AR 72712, (479) 721-1579; e-mail: hulagrub@aol.com; Web site: www.nwarockhounds.org

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

Sept. 25 - 27 Jacksonville, FL: Annual show; Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society & Tomoka

Faceters Guild, Morocco Temple; 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road South; Fri. 10 am-7 pm, Sat. 10 am-7 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Children under 12 are FREE!; Over 80 dealers, guest speakers, inflatable planetarium and many lapidary demos and demo classes throughout the event.; contact Jason Hamilton, 3733 Crown Point Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257; email: JGMSHOW@hotmail.com Web : www.jaxgemandmineral.org/show.html

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>.

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 & Minerals; Beads; Fossils; Tools & Lapidary Materials; Jewelry & Jewelry Making Supplies. Contact: Jerri Heer, President, Dealer Chair - jheerx6@aol.com Judy Anderson, Show Chair - ventana1609@yahoo.com Club Phone: (813)-684-2039.

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

www.kidsloverocks.com



Dixie Mineral Club Fieldtrip
An Official Field Trip of the The
Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Soci-
ety (Charleston, SC) (HOST)

Saturday, September 19, 2015

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

“Savannah River Agate”

Stoney Bluff near Girard, GA

COLLECTING: “Savannah River Agate” fossils and micro minerals. This material is actually a conglomeration of agate, jasper, chert, and opalite all mixed together to form a layered specimen that will tumble or cab into beautiful display pieces.

TOOLS: Light digging tools and small pry bars to free larger boulders from the sandy soil. Leather gloves are recommended. If you plan to look for micro-minerals by busting the larger agate/chert specimens, you will also need some chisels and a sledge. More importantly, you **NEED** eye protection (face shield would be best) and long heavy pants as this agate can act like shrapnel when cracked with a rock hammer or sledge!

DIRECTIONS: From I-20 in Augusta get onto I-520 (Bobby Jones Expressway) and head toward the south end of the expressway. When you reach Exit 9 (Mike Padgett Hwy), exit and head south (most likely Hwy 56 at that point) approx. 15 miles to McBean, GA. Just beyond McBean turn left onto Hwy. 23 and follow it SE about 14 miles to Girard, GA.

ASSEMBLY TIME: 9:00 A.M. at the vacant lot just south of the Post Office in Girard, GA.

CONTACTS: Lawrence Moss 843-819-0726 or Jorel611@yahoo.com



Mini Miners Monthly Link:
[A Monthly Publication for](#)
[Young Mineral Collectors Vol. 9](#)
[No.8 August 2015](#)

Dear Mini Miners,

Please find the link to the August 2015 issue of
Mini Miners Monthly.

Faithfully,--

Save the Date !

The Emmet O’Neal Library has the A.M.L.S. on their calendar for the following dates:



October 9th

November 6th (first Friday night of the month)

December 11th

January 8th

February 26th (due to the annual book sale we have been bumped to the fourth Friday night)

Thanks to Reggie B. for getting this done. *Please let it be known your friendly corresponding secretary tried her best to get us the second Friday night of each month but just couldn’t do it. S.S.*



Reggie,
Thanks for renewing your
membership in the DMC.
We look forward to your
Brookwood field trip during Feb-
ruary of 2017.

Hope that a lot of your members will be able
to attend one of our monthly field trips hosted by
one of our other 30 DMC member clubs.
Thanks again, Jim DMC

EXTENDED FIELDTRIP

The trip this year to the Muncher cabin in scenic Franklin, N.C. at the Rose Creek Mine has been planned for Sept. 17th thru the 20th. The cabin sleeps twelve people total. You will be expected to share the expenses of the rental of the cabin, food, and travel.



There are many good local mines that have a lot of variety in what can be collected there. Please see Judith Johnson at the meeting to sign up and get the necessary travel information. You can contact her at 205-594-4203 if you can't make the meeting. Always a fun trip with fellow rock hounds!

CABBING PARTY! CABBING PARTY!

Due to the Hoover Library still doing renovations, we will be having out in of the month gathering this time on the eastern side of Birmingham in the small hamlet called **MOODY, ALABAMA!**

When: Sept. 26th 10 am to 4 pm

What: Cabachon making and jewelry making

Where: 820 Church St. just off Hwy 411 North



Directions: Take I-20 East to Exit 141 B (go under the bridge and bear to the right at this exit). Continued on this road Hwy. 411 North for 2.7 miles. Turn left onto Church Street. There will be a new O'Reilly's Auto Parts

store on the corner. The United Methodist Church will be on your right. Park and go into the Fellowship Hall. Bring whatever you wish to work on.

Contact : Levan Foster 205-276-8786 or

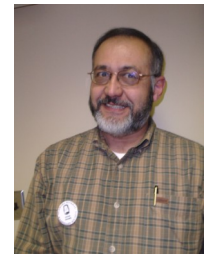
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Sapphires the birthstone for September ~



Star sapphire cabochon displaying six - ray asterism. Permission for public use of this image in perpetuity is given by me, Mitchell Gore, the owner of this image. from en:Image:Star-Sapphire.jpg from wikipedia

Steve Adams says ... He will be teaching four week-long Cabachon classes at William Holland Retreat in 2015. Class dates are 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/>



John Rasmussen says ... As in past months, anyone who wishes to receive the Lodestar (currently our subscription list is 455 people) needs to send their email address to sfms.lodestar@gmail.com

Anyone who has an article to contribute is invited to submit to sfms.lodestar@gmail.com. Please send in word or open office format. Shows are also invited to submit graphic or photos to enhance their listing.

-- SFMS Lodestar John Rasmussen, Editor

Slate of Officers For 2016 —

- President - Larry Hensley
- Vice President - John Wild
- Treasurer - Jackie Seale
- Recording Secretary - Bunny Bolton
- Corresponding Secretary - Sandra Sullivan
- Historian - Sandra Sullivan
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- Program Chair - John Wild
- Property Chair -
- Publicity Chair -
- Show Chair - Cathy Kellogg
- Webmaster - Steve Adams
- Members on the Bd. - Judith Johnson
- Karen Williams

If you have any qualms about these folks in these positions, please come to the meeting prepared to volunteer for the position or vote as stands. We are getting as many positions filled as possible before our October meeting. Our rock club needs good people in the remaining open positions. Please consider helping out any way you can. Your friendly editor, Sandra Sullivan

ROCK SALE Sat. & Sun. Sept. 19 and 20 LAST PILE FROM THE STORAGE UNIT! starts at 8 am **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. Rigdon and Vara Hitchcock



says try to come by in the afternoon on **Sunday after lunch please.**

Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig"

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday October 2, 3, and 4, 2015

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

THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL.

NO NEED TO SIGN-UP, JUST SHOW UP FOR ALL "ROCK SWAP AND DIGS"!

Mark your calendar and tell all your friends about these great events!

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.

The Joe and Frances Kontzen Scholarship

This scholarship was proposed after the death of Joe Kontzen by Rick Kittinger who was a long time show chairman. Rick knew Joe and Frances Kontzen well and for many years. They were very instrumental in the early years and were active in the club for as long as they could. The Kontzen Scholarship is funded from the Tannehill show proceeds and is usually awarded annually at the December meeting. The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) works with the two lapidary schools, William Holland and the Wild Acers Retreat (EFMS Workshop). The SFMS sets aside two sessions per school for a total of four sessions. This is a scholarship for one week of instruction in a class of your choice. Only one class of instructions will be awarded. You will have room and board with meals included. Each of these schools are different from the other but both are excellent in the classes offered.

By awarding this scholarship in December, it allows the recipient plenty of time after the holidays to decide on which class to choose. The schedules for classes at the two schools will be made public or posted. Usually the SFMS website has all the info including bios of the instructors after the first of the year. Each year the schedule offers a good range of classes and will have a variety of instructors with different ways of teaching.



Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

Application for the Joe and Frances Kontzen Scholarship

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____



Number of years you have been a member of AMLS? _____

Do you regularly attend meetings? _____

Do you volunteer to help with the Tannehill Show in June? _____

Do you attend fieldtrips? _____

Have you ever attended one of the SFMS schools/classes at William Holland in Young Harris, GA or Wildacres Retreat in Spruce Pines, NC before? _____

Would you be willing to teach or demonstrate a workshop skill at an AMLS club meeting after returning and write a brief article for the newsletter about your class? _____



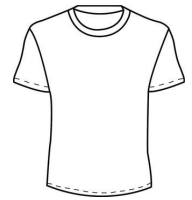
If you are submitting this application at a club meeting, please fold in half and place it in the basket on the sign-in table by the door.

If you are printing this from the website for the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, please mail to:

Sandra Sullivan
P.O. Box 1067
Springville, AL. 35146

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Last page funnies ... Rockhound & Lapidary T-Shirt Slogans



May the quartz be with you!
Old lapidarians never die, they just recrystalize!
We Dig Mother Earth
Follow me, I am looking for gold...
Kiss a lapidarian and get your rocks off
Lapidarians do it in the dirt
Diamond saws are a girl's best friend
Be Daring - Cab It
Ain't nothin but a rock hound dog
Trilobite Me
We Will Rock You
You're a gem.
Rock Off

I Dig Rocks
I Dig Gold
I Dig Fossils
I Dig Crystals
Lapidarians DIG The Dirt
Lode Off My Mind
I'm a lapidarian and I'm hung like a horst
Lost a rock? I will find it for you.
Come Fossick With Me
WARNING: Rockhound Going For Gold
MAGMA
Rock On
I can make your bedrock.

Attention Club members ~ Do we want to order more t-shirts with something like these slogans on them?

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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 !***

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



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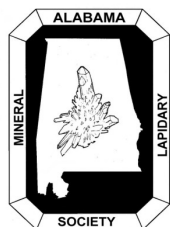
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**Meeting: Friday night Sept. 11, 2015**  
**Place: EMMET O'NEAL LIBRARY**  
**50 Oak St. Mt. Brook, AL. 35213**  
**205-897-0459 info@eolib.org**  
**Time: 6:30 pm gathering and fellowship**  
**And food. 7 pm Program**

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

**PURPOSE:**

*To bring about a closer association of clubs and societies devoted to the study of the Earth Sciences and the practice of the lapidary arts and crafts in the southeastern part of the United States.*

**OBJECTIVE:**

*To cooperate with similar Federations to promote public interest in the Earth Sciences and the conservation of natural resources.*

