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President's Message

Let's start with a Guessing Game. The first clue is 43. This is an important clue, as there is only one 43 on the entire number line. Our second is 4 and 5. Last, but not least, is this clue - June.

Being Rock Hounds as we are (and therefore smarter than the average hound) you have no doubt guessed it. The 43rd Tannehill Gem Mineral and Lapidary Show is coming up this June 4th and 5th.

Already Cathy Kellogg has sent out invites to the dealers. Already, the clock is ticking on getting the word out to the public; Publicity Chair. Soon, we'll be needing one and all to be volunteering for jobs/ shifts to help ensure for another successful show.

The Tannehill Show is one of the Four Main Features of our club that set the AMLS apart from simply being a social gathering club. Now don't get me wrong. Social Gatherings are a good thing. But we're more than just that. Not to put too fine a point on this, but we're artists as well. More than hobbyist, many of our members are professionals, selling what they produce to a public eager to buy. The Tannehill Show is one, but just one, of the things we, as members, bring to both the larger community and to one another.

Another thing we bring is our skills and talents. We have the ability to teach one another. We have the ability to teach a great deal, for there is a great deal of knowledge and expertise in this club spread out over a wide range of crafts. My job as president, as I see it, is to help facilitate this exchange of ideas, skills, and knowledge. Your job, of course, is to make it happen. Because, trust me, I'm not one of the artists of this club, but you all are. So one thing I'll be addressing in this upcoming meeting is this aspect of our potential - the ability to serve one another through teaching. Don't be surprised if you see a blank sheet of paper moving from person to person, a sheet destined I trust **not** to remain blank for *President's message continued on page 2.*



LARRY HENSLEY
President A.M.L.S.

- Jan. 8th** - Derrick Rayl - 3D Printing
- Jan. 10th** - Sunday (Hopefully) Fieldtrip to Patty Quarry in Summerville, GA.
- Jan. 25th** - Board meeting Hoover Library 6:30 pm in the break room.
- Feb. 20th** - Hoover Library Class, Wire Knitting or Crochet Work

- Feb. 26th** - Kenneth Kornegay - Oregon Sunstones (due to the annual book sale we have been bumped to the fourth Friday night)
- Mar. 11th** - Tom Talty - Clues ????
- April 8th** - Annual Auction
- May 13th** - Show prep
- June 3, 4, & 5** - Tannehill Show
- July 8th** - Anita Westlake
- August 12th** - Kim Cochran

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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

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long. Upon this sheet, I'll be inviting you to fill out some special skills and talents that you have in the lapidary arts that you'd be willing to share/teach. We can work out the details, the how's and where's later, let's first see what we've got to share. We are a sharing club. That is our secret.

The *third* thing we've got that really sets us apart, are the tools and equipment that we as a club have. The trick, of course, is getting our hands on this equipment, and that trick is best performed by getting our feet inside a club building/work shop. Easier said than done, but better done than talked about. So, this is another item we will be addressing.

Fourth, but not least, are Field Trips. I cannot thank Bud and Lou Ann enough for their gracious offer to chair this, and already they have come up with a possible trip to the Patty Construction Quarry, maybe this month of January. Whether this particular field trip pans out or not, this is really an exciting development, and greatly appreciated! **Page 3** →

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Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2015

**** SPECIAL NOTES ****

Larry Hensley, our new president, began the meeting by asking for visitors to identify themselves. Liz (a jewelry maker) and James Henry, Mary Jones, Rosemary Chatham, Jan Leatherman, Pamela Edwards, and Melissa and Brian Acton and their children-Aidan, Lilly, Cameron and Emma were welcomed by the members.

Cindy Hensley reminded us that one of the magazines she uses for our classes at the Hoover Library went missing from the sign-up table at the November meeting. If you picked it up thinking it was one of the many magazines members do give away, please bring it back.

Bud and Lou Ann Newell were introduced as our new Field Trip co-chairs. Darricke Rayl is working on being able to Skype our meetings to those who can't attend.

The Joe and Frances Kontzen Scholarship was awarded to Cathy Kellogg who was very excited to receive it. Larry Carby is the alternate. Cathy also spoke about the Tannehill show. She has refined the application to reflect new prices for vendor spaces. It will be on the club website in January for vendors to download. Think about volunteering to work the event the first week-end in June. The club needs you and it's a lot of fun!

Liz Henry volunteered to manage our Facebook page with Cathy Kellogg's help. November minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

The business part over with, we got to the carolling. Sarah Grace volunteered to lead us in *Joy to the World*, *Jingle Bells*, *Rudolph* and *The Rockhound's 12 Days of Christmas*. Then Sandra read the poem "I'm Awfully Fine for the Shape I'm In". The meeting finished up with our gift exchange and checking out what everybody got. Many folks were able to say "I got a rock!"

Respectfully submitted by
Bunny Bolton,
A.M.L.S. Recording Secretary



LOST MAGAZINE ~ If you attended the October club meeting you may have picked up a jewelry magazine from the signup table by mistake. This belongs to Cindy Hensley and she needs to get it back. This was from her resource library. Please return it to her, ph. # 205-937-5810.

DUES ARE DUE ~ It is that time of the year folks. Dues are due between the November meeting and the end of December. The rockclub must pay the club dues to the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFSM) and the Eastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS). We have to pay for our insurance too.

CHANGE IN FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES ~ We have members who have a conflict with the first Monday night of the month being our board meeting scheduled time. The board meeting will probably be moved to the last Monday night of the month. Hopefully, more people can attend. Please mark your calendars starting in January 2016.



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Technologically. Let's talk tech. I'm not a techie, but we have members who are. We should (and will) reach the point where we are able to Skype our programs. People (such as Jackie or Bob) who are unable to attend our meetings will be able to watch/participate, should they wish, on Skype. Second, I look forward to the prospect of training a camera on our program speakers, so that we can record the excellent programs this club offers.

Well... there you go!
A few Resolutions to go with a New Year!
Larry Hensley, President A.M.L.S.

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

Jan. 8 - 10 Largo, FL: Annual show; Pinellas Geological Society, Largo Cultural Center; 105 Central Park Drive, Parkside Room; Fri. 10 am-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 12 Noon-5 pm; Admission is Free; 40th Annual Show Drawing \$1.50, Silent Auction; contact Leona Sheffield, 2655 Nebraska Ave #247, Palm Harbor, FL 34684, (727) 709-3236; e-mail: sheffield-leona@gmail.com

Jan. 9 - 10 Nashville, TN: Annual show; Intergalactic Bead Show, TN State Fairgrounds; 500 Wedgewood Ave. ; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$5; Looking for a relaxing way to spend the weekend? Then shop the Intergalactic Bead Show! Intergalactic Bead Shows unites beaders, jewelry makers and enthusiasts with some of the world's finest and rarest beads as well as precious stones, gems and finished jewelry from all over the world. We provide buyers with a relaxing, beautiful ambiance in which to shop as well as high quality products from some of the best artisans in the industry. ; contact Shawwna Whitson; e-mail: Info@beadshows.com; [Web site: Beadshows.com](http://www.beadshows.com)

Jan. 16 - 17 Deland, FL: Annual show; Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Building; State Rout 44 , (1 mile East of I-4, Exit 118); Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$4 Admission , Children Free; 45th Annual Gem & Jewelry, Minerals & Fossils Show & Sale Demos & Classes in Faceting, Lapidary, Wire Wrapping and lots more Over 50 Vendors Free parking Don't forget to stop by the Coquina Kids table for great demos for the kids ; contact Rosemary van Wandelen, 3051 Keyport St, Deltona, FL 32738, 386-479-1509; e-mail: rrborzoi@yahoo.com; [Web site: www.tomokagms.org](http://www.tomokagms.org)

Jan. 23 - 24 Panama City, FL Panama City Gem & Mineral Society, Central Panhandle Fairgrounds; 2230 E. 15th St.; Sat. 8 -5 , Sun. 9 -4 ; Free Admission; Minerals, Fossils, Wire wrap Jewelry, Beads & Beadwork, Super Door Prize. We would love to see you there.; contact Steven Shipton, 5113 E. 13th Ct, Panama City, FL 32404, 850-867-0586; e-mail: shipton3 @com cast.net

Jan. 29 – Feb.14 Tucson, AZ Wholesale and retail show; AS Shows, Kino Sports Complex; 2500 E Ajo Way; Daily 10-6; Free Admission; A world class collection of vendors.; contact Jim Gehring, 2003 Viscount Row, Orlando, FL 32809; e-mail: Jim@as-shows.com; Web site: KionGemShow.com

Jan. 30 – Feb.13 Tucson, AZ Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions, L.L.C., Three locations: InnSuites Hotel, Ramada Ltd., Mineral & Fossil Marketplace; 475 N Granada, 665 N Freeway, 1330 N Oracle; Daily 10-6; Free Admission; 400 Dealers in three locations, selling minerals, fossils, meteorites, gemstones, cutting material, decorator items, and more.; contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, 505-867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

Feb 6 – 7 Merritt Island, FL Annual show; Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club, Kiwanis Rec Center; 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd ; Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Adults \$5.00, Children Free under 11 Yrs old; This is our Symphony of Gems, our annual fundraiser for our club. There will be about 26 vendors selling rocks, slabs, minerals & specimens, finished jewelry, handcrafted silver and gold jewelry, used and new equipment, lapidary tools, beads, pearls, findings. There is a \$1 off coupon on our website as well as in the Florida Today newspaper.; contact Roz Mestre, FL, (321) 431-0159; e-mail: roz.mestre@att.net; Web site: www.centralbrevardgems.org



**Dixie Mineral Club Fieldtrip
An Official Field Trip of the
Tampa Bay Mineral and Science
Club**

**Saturday, January 9, 2016
Vulcan Limestone Mine
16313 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Brooksville, FL
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

The January 9, 2016 field trip hosted by the Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club will be to the Vulcan Limestone Mine to collect echinoids (fossil sand dollars and urchins), druzy calcite crystals and chert for cabbing. [\[Link to the fossil flier PDF\]](#)

The meeting time will be 8:45 AM as we go into the mine in convoy at 9:00 AM. The gates are locked behind us so don't be late. If you are unavoidably detained, call Fred Hendershot (813-892-5864).

Directions to the Vulcan quarry: Take I-75 to exit #301, Brooksville. Go ten miles into Brooksville and follow Rt. 98. It will turn north in town and go another ten miles north. The Vulcan/Cemex signs are on the left (the Cemex sign is larger and easy to spot). Park in the large field and sign the Vulcan liability waiver. For Google Maps and GPS units, the address is 16313 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613.

Dress code: Sturdy closed shoes or sneakers, no sandals or open toed shoes. Jeans or long pants are preferred to protect your knees and long sleeve shirt or sun screen. If it is a bright day, a hat or ball cap would be useful. The one thing they do not have is a restroom, stop at the gas station in Brooksville before you arrive.

Equipment: This is surface hunting, so digging tools are not necessary, other than a screw driver or butter knife to pry fossils from dirt. A rock hammer is helpful at times if you want a piece of chert. We park at the hunting site, so you can leave your lunch, drinks and cooler in the car. Sun screen might be handy. Bring drinks and snacks as we stay until 12:00 noon and/or 2:00 PM.

MEMBER UPDATE ~

Let us keep our member in our thoughts and prayers ~ our Treasurer, Jackie Seale has improved. She has had a hard battle.

If you know of someone in our group sick or in the hospital, please email Sandra Sullivan about them.



Now for our youngest and newest member in our club in 2016!

Rebecca Lynn Harris Rayl says ...

I am so excited that Evelyn Ann is here! She arrived this morning at 3:44 am at 7 lbs 5 oz and 20.25 inches long. We are so blessed that she is doing well and to start out 2016 this way! Both mom and baby doing well.

New Members ...

Let's all extend our hand of welcome to our newest members ~ James and Elizabeth Henry of Vestavia Hills, AL. and Rosemary & Fred Chatham of Tarrant (daughters Mary Jones, Lisa Buchanan; grandchildren Zak and Kiley Jones)

We have several new members who need to know more about the A.M.L.S. so let's tell them. S.S.



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

www.kidsloverocks.com

Brad Smith Bench Tips ~

DEPTH GAUGE FOR DRILLING

Sometimes you need to drill a number of holes all to the same depth. One quick and easy way to do this is to wind some tape around the drill bit so that the tape just touches the part surface when the hole is deep enough.

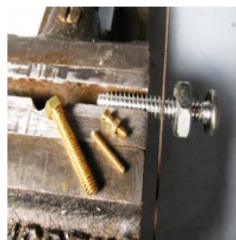
You can set the depth either by measuring from the tip of the drill to the tape or by drilling to the correct depth, leaving the bit in the hole, and wrapping tape around the bit at the surface level.



Note that a little extra tape left free on the end will blow away debris from the drilling.

CUTTING A BOLT

Whenever you have to cut a threaded bolt shorter, it's often difficult to get the nut to thread back onto it. And the smaller the bolt, the more difficult it is to restore any distorted threads. The problem is easily solved with the use of a nut. Here's how I do it.



First, screw a nut onto the bolt before cutting it. Grip the bolt by the threaded section that is to be sawed off. Then saw the bolt to the desired length, taper the end with sandpaper or file, and unscrew the nut from the bolt.

Unscrewing the nut over the freshly cut end of the bolt will straighten out any damage that sawing and filing did to the threads. Gripping the bolt by the piece to be sawed off localizes any crushing damage to the piece that will be thrown away.

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" are available on Amazon or at www.BradSmithJewelry.com

Tannehill Show Planning already begun !

It takes a lot of effort from our members to be able to put on a show each year. We all pull together for the benefit of something that is dear to our hearts ROCKS ! We meet many new faces that just found us and we see many from long ago too. Friendships renewed annually with the club members and dealers jointly coming together for each other.

This year, I am requesting something be saved from this holiday for our show. I need your empty *Christmas paper tubes* for the maps we sale and for the posters we give out to the public. The Geological Survey has been a wonderful partner in spreading the word by donating their postcards, posters, and teachers packets. The empty tubes go fast because only a few of us remember to save them. Many know the club tent stays busy with children, teens, adults, and us grannies. By remembering now will help us out tremendously then. S.S.



For your Information!

Try this important website for info on classes! <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>.

The SFMS Workshop classes are open to all SFMS members, all AMFED Federation members and anyone from the general public that is willing to join a gem club - either a local one to them or one we provide to them.

<http://amfed.org/sfms/wildacres-retreat.html>

The catalog listing of the 2016 classes at the William Holland Lapidary School in Young Harris, GA and Wild Acres is now online. So check out the wide variety of lapidary skills being taught there and read about all of the class teachers. Better hurry if you want to register for a class, because they fill up fast. <http://www.lapidaryschool.org/classschedule.php>

January Birthstone ~ Garnet

Garnet, the birthstone for January, signifies eternal friendship and trust and is the perfect gift for a friend. *Garnet*, derived from the word *granatum*, means seed, and is called so because of the gemstone's resemblance to a pomegranate seed. References to the gemstone dates back to 3100 B.C., when the Egyptians used garnets as inlays jewelry. *Garnet* is the name of a group of minerals that comes in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of tsavorites. Today, the most important sources for garnet are Africa, Sri Lanka, and India.

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Source : www.americangemsociety.org ~

This is a great website ! S.S.



Via this website <http://www.minerals.net/mineral/garnet.aspx> ~

This is another good website you may like to bookmark for future references. S.S.

**** ATTENTION ** CANCELLED for January ~ The Hoover Library classes will hopefully resume in FEBRUARY 20, 2016.** 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. Bunny Bolton has agreed to teach a class on knitting or crochet wire for the next class. Come to the meeting and hear Bunny explain what you can expect at the class and what items you may need to bring. Due to Cindy being out of town and Yvonne Foster dealing with illness. We have an opportunity to have some other fine artist in our club step up and teach something they enjoy.



Bunny Bolton



Pictures courtesy Bunny Bolton



Cindy Hensley



Yvonne Foster

AMLS Code of Ethics ~

- 1) I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- 2) I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- 3) I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- 4) I will not go to field trip sites before the club.
- 5) I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- 6) Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted on field trips.
- 7) I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- 8) I will leave all gates as found.
- 9) I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc. on collecting sites.
- 10) I will fill all excavation holes that I dig.
- 11) I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- 12) I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- 13) I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- 14) I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority following this Code of Ethics in all collecting areas.
- 15) I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rock hounds everywhere.
- 16) I will dig only with permission of the landowner.
- 17) I will treat my fellow club members with respect.
- 18) Theft from club members will not be tolerated.
- 19) Club membership lists shall not be used for commercial or personal profit.



Where you might hear...

When looking at the gauge numbers of wire, it is normal to think: "the larger the number, the bigger the wire." However, wire gauges actually work in reverse: "**the larger the number, the smaller the wire.**"

This is because all jewelry wire sizes begin at the number 0, and each time the wire is passed through a drawing die, it becomes smaller. So, a wire that is labeled as 22-gauge has been pulled 22 times, and it is 22 times smaller than its original size. The gauge equals the **diameter**

of the wire, meaning the distance straight across its center. In North America, the size of the holes in a wire-drawing die is based on a geometric formula developed in 1855 by the machine-tool company, Brown and Sharpe. This progression of 39 sizes is known as the American Wire Gauge (AWG). Other parts of the world may use the British Standard Wire Gauge (SWG), where the sizes are just a hair larger than those of the AWG.



Source: <http://www.wire-sculpture.com/jewelry-making-blog/6311/daily-wire-tip-what-gauge-of-wire-should-i-use-to-make-jewelry/>

Dothan Gem & Mineral Society Rockhounds Herald Dec. 2015 page 12

Last page funnies ... The Geologist's Lament
 By RL Frism (Lodestone 1940)

Gather 'round me, hear my story, I'm a rockhound in distress:
 I'm a rockhound bathed in troubles. I'm an outcast, more or less.
 I have fossils in the kitchen. I have crystals in the Hall.
 I have min'rals in the bathtub. I have relics on the walls.
 I have oxides on the carpet. I have oil upon the floor;
 I have black light in the parlor; I have bones behind each door.
 Attic rooms are fairly sagging; Flat rocks pave the cellar floor-
 Pockets bulge with gemmy pieces. All this and millions more.
 Wifey thinks that I am goofy: I don't know: she may be right;
 She insists I've silicosis or some horrid form of "ite"
 Says my head is lined with agate (Freak replacement of the bone);
 Claims my brain is just a nodule, Says my heart has turned to stone.
 Threatens me with separation: Storms about our rock-lined home;
 Says my life is just a geode Or a hunk of mammal bone.
 Are you rated as a fossil? Or obliged to live alone?



OFF the INTERNET : <http://hubpages.com/art/Lapidary-Jokes-For-The-Discerning-Rockhound>

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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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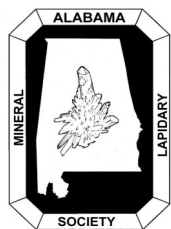
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 to the address above.*

**Meeting: Friday night Jan. 8, 2016**  
**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.*

