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President’s Message

Hello Folks,

I will be going for my second covid 19 vaccine shot next week I think. We have lost many not necessarily in our club but related to club members. It still hurts us to see so many leaving us too soon. Stay vigilant and mask up please. I have enjoyed my stay in place sort of (stay at home) but now I still have a loong list of “TO DO’s “

On that list is getting out for a rock sale, or a fieldtrip, or a rock show. I have itchy feet wanting to go out there to see more rocks or do more classes. I really enjoyed the classes I took before during the SFMS weeks. Check them out and see if you would like to learn something new to add to your already diverse abilities. We have members in our club who teach at William Holland Lapidary School in Young Harris, GA. Or right here at our workshop in Leeds. Spread your wings folks!

We have been working behind the scenes to get what we can do out of the way before we can get the actual show plans going. Some of it will have to be handled by an accountant/ lawyer and some of it will just be us doing what we always do > pitch in and get it done.

We need to scope out new vendors for our new indoor show. A first for the A.M.L.S. Please be on the lookout for anyone who likes to sell rocks at an indoor show. We chose the Labor Day weekend to give us more time and we have learned we need it. Whether we are loading, unloading, setting up, the rockhounds of this club always work together for a wonderful experience. Join in on the fun and get to know some great down-to-earth people too.

**See you this Friday night 6PM on ZOOM!
APRIL 9,2021.**

Keep on rocking,
Sandra Sullivan, President A.M.L.S.



Sandra Sullivan
President A.M.L.S.

Upcoming in APRIL - CHANGE HERE

- Workshop open usually when you call **Levan Foster** for Thursdays or **Robert Lorino** for Tuesdays. Levan says the workshop is **NOT** getting anyone on Saturdays. So if you want to go use the workshop other than Thursdays, call, text, or email Levan Foster. He says Thursday afternoon is good for him. See page 2 for contact info.
- **ZOOM Meeting date Apr. 9th at 6 pm just like a regular meeting; the second Friday of the month.** Board meetings on ZOOM scheduled for now the **4th Tuesday night 6 pm** on ZOOM. Members welcomed as always.

YES, WE ARE DOING ZOOM MEETINGS! We need a way of staying in touch with one another AND START TALKING ABOUT ROCKS AND A SHOW AGAIN!

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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.amfed.org Email: sfms@amfed.org And the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies or EFMLS <https://www.efmls.org>

A.M.L.S. WORKSHOP ADDRESS:
 8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, AL. 35094
 (Across from The Pant Store)

Please welcome any new members with a handshake and tell them a bit about A.M.L.S. and what you like about it.

George Fant of Gadsden, AL

If you know of someone who would like to visit or be interested in rocks, feel free to invite them to our meetings/workshop.

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A.M.L.S. Zoom Meeting Minute 3/12/21

In attendance Sandra Sullivan, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Jinger Glasgow, Molly and Scott Klatt, John Wild, Don and Jill Hill, Robert Lorino, Cathy Kellogg, John Gaston, Rick Mc Contha, and Ben Beadore.

Sandra called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes from the February meeting be accepted. John moved to accept them and Don seconded, the motion passed.

Cathy Kellogg, our show chair, along with co-chairs Molly Klatt and Ben Beadore, met today to plan. We need info on prices for tables, power, tickets, the 5 RV spaces. If we have a lot of vendors we may need to use the lobby, otherwise the club can use it for other clubs and like minded groups to use for tables. Sandra will get info on the coin show held at the BCC and get it to the show chairs.

The BCC has a sound system we can use for announcements. Decisions need to be made about what the club will offer for sale. It was suggested the club get a Square for processing money. The show chairs will report back to the board at their next meeting on 3/30/21.

Don can help with drafting a map of the table set up. A possible charge for entry was \$5. for adults, 12-18 year olds \$3. under 12 free.

Reggie confirmed that the web domain has been paid for. Molly agreed to help with the website and see about a twitter or instagram account.

The April auction is coming together slowly.

Door prizes were awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes 3/30/21 ~

In attendance Sandra Sullivan, John Wild, John Gaston, Levan Foster, Jinger Glasgow, Cathy Kellogg, Ben Beadore. Molly and Scott Klatt, Robert Lorino, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Cassandra Faulkner, Angela Adams.

Molly has drawn up a 3'x3' poster for the BCC. It still needs info like entrance fees but will soon be ready. That is info also needed for a listing in RockNGem.

The club's EIN number has not been updated and that needs to be done immediately

Continued A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting

and before any advertising or intake of money happens. The IRS needs to see our bank account info and records of money in and out plus proof of community outreach.

The show chairs have been hard at work. It has been decided that space will be sold by the table. Each table/space will cost \$100. and 4 tables will include a power outlet. For vendors who purchase fewer than 4 tables, power will cost \$20. Table rental will cost us about \$11. each with a \$150. delivery charge. We will take care of setting them up rather than paying \$2. each for that. John Gaston suggested checking with Veal Convention Services for pricing on table rental. He will also email copies of some vendor contracts for other shows to the show chairs to help put one together for our show. Security will cost \$25. per hour per officer and we will need two. This and other expenses will need to be voted on by club members at a regular meeting.

Ben wants to meet with John Gaston and John Wild, who do multiple shows each year, to pick their brains.

amlsgemshow@gmail.com. The new show e-mail address is so Cathy, Ben, and Molly will have access to it and it will allow them to share and save documents. A Square account will be opened and we will retain the PayPal account as well.

Sandra, Robert, Levan, and Ben have been discussing signage to make it easier for new members to find the workshop but not make it tempting to thieves. Large numbers will be added to the awning. Sandra will bring the numbers, caulk gun, and ladder and Ben will attach them. Some sort of logo will go on the door.

Cathy and Levan have been working on the auction with a live/static hybrid planned. Sandra has been cleaning up the workshop to prepare for it. If we have to delay it until the EIN number problem is cleared up we may be able to have the live portion, actually live, possibly in the area behind the shop or the nearby parking lot.

The Bob Smith Memorial Tumbler is being readied for use. Levan and Scott are looking at replacing the plug for starters. Sandra will order more grit as well as belts for the cab machine that uses them.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary



Clubs and Societies Shows and Rock Swaps via RockNGem shows, SFMS website, and other sources

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE SHOW CLUB OR CHAIRMAN BEFORE GOING ! THE SHOW COULD BE CANCELED DUE TO THE VIRUS !

Apr. 7 – 11 Edison, LA. Eons Expos, RLLLP; NJ Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue; Wed. 12-8, Thu. 12-8, Fri. 12-8, Sat. 10-7; Wed-Fri \$15 (unlimited re-entry), Sat-Sun \$20 (unlimited re-entry), family pass (weekdays) \$30, family pass (Sunday) \$40; Wholesale and retail sale, free parking every day, all COVID-19 restrictions followed for your safety. ; contact Lowell Carhart, 106 Horseguards Ave, Bossier City, LA 71111, (804) 291-6357; Email: lowellcarhart@yahoo.com; Website: <https://ny-nj-gemshow.com>

Apr. 9-11 Raleigh, N.C. Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club; NC State Fairgrounds, Kerr Scott Building, 10609 Chelsea Dr; Fri. 3-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; free admission; Vendors, silent auction, geode sales, demonstration of wire wrapping, gem cutting, gem trees, and grab bags.; contact Cyndy Hummel, 10609 Chelsea Dr, Raleigh, NC 27603-8950, (919) 779-6220; Email: mchummel@mindspring.com; Website: tarheelclub.org

Apr. 16 - 18 Lawrenceville, GA. Bellpoint; Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, free admission for children under 15 when accompanied with a paying adult; Dealers selling minerals, jewelry, gems, crystals, fossils and rocks; contact Damian; Email: mbellpoint@gmail.com; Website: www.bellpointpromotions.com

Apr. 17 – 18 Sanford, FL. Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.; Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$5, children \$2, free admission for scouts in uniform; President Salvatore Sansone, 6100 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32809, (321) 278-9294; Email: ssfos-silhunter@aol.com; Website: www.cfmgs.net

May 12-16 Franklin, N.C. Echo Valley Gem Show; Echo Valley Showplace, 6456 Sylva Rd. (across from GLW) ; Wed. 9-6, Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6; Free admission; Dealers from around the world selling minerals, fossils, rough rock, slabs, cabochons, jewelry, beads, crystal, gems. *Sunday

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates>
<http://www.jewelryshowguide.com/event/>

hours: 9am-4pm; contact Damian ; Email: mbellpoint@gmail.com; Website: www.bellpointpromotions.com

June 18-20 Arden, N.C. MAGMA, Jacquot & Son Mining; Camp Stephens, 263 Clayton Road; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; 13th annual gem, mineral and fossil show; dozens of vendors offering gems, minerals, fossils, rocks, artifacts, and meteorites, among other items; contact Richard Jacquot, PO Box 542, LEICESTER, NC 28748, (828) 779-4501; Email: rick@wncrocks.com; Website: www.AmericanRockhound.com

ROCK, GEM, & MINERAL SALE

Personal rock collection from 25 years of rockhounding !

APRI: 29 thru May 1, 2021

8015 South County Road 55, Cottondale, AL. 36320

- AL. Petrified wood from Clio, AL.
- Thunder eggs, Chalcedony Ross
- Petrified Wood from California
- Chert from Dothan landfill
- Rose Quartz from Hogg Mine in Lagrange, GA.
- Shells and Coral
- Slabs, cabs, rough, tumbled stones
- Jewelry and items from Gem & Mineral Business
- ROCKS, ROCKS, and MORE ROCKS

ROCKS WILL BE SOLD IN LOTS !
PRICES ARE SET, however will accept \$7999.00
For the entire lot. **CASH ONLY**

Gwen Mc Gilberry 334-790-7831

(Due to the death of Herb Whittington, Gwen now has to sell off all the rocks from their business)
*** *This could be that roadtrip or fieldtrip we didn't get to make back in the summer we had over 100 degree temps and it was called off.*

Sidenote - Herb and Gwen were dealers at our Tannehill show for many years and Herb also did a program for us about diving in the Tennessee River for mussel shells to sell to the Japanese market.

Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~
Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

BEZEL PROBLEMS



When bezel setting a cab that has rather sharp corners, have you ever had problems pushing the metal down at the corners? It's a common problem often causing a wrinkle in your bezel and a grimace on your face.

In order for a bezel to capture the stone, the top edge of the bezel must be compressed and become shorter to lay down onto the stone. With a round or oval stone this naturally happens as you push and burnish the bezel. But when setting a stone with corners, the tendency is to push the long sides of the bezel down first. No compression occurs along the sides, and all excess metal is left at the corners. Compressing everything there is difficult. Often the only way to remove the extra metal at the corner is to make a saw cut and fold the two sides in to touch.

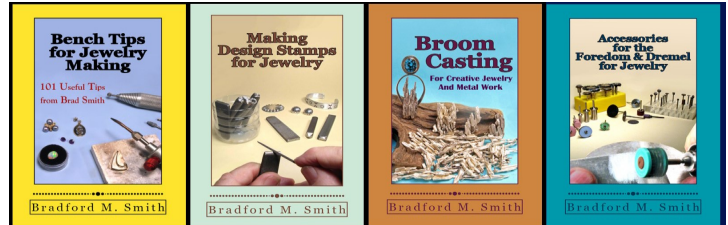
If you want a smooth bezel all around the corners, the simple solution is to set the corners of the bezel first. Then push in and burnish the sides. In this way the necessary compression is distributed along the length of all sides and not forced to occur at the corners. With the corners set first, the top edge of the bezel can easily be compressed along the sides.

CHEAPER & BETTER PICKLE

Most jewelers use a granular pickle mixed with water. The active ingredient is sodium bisulfate. This can be purchased online (<http://amzn.to/2HkNTro>) or from local stores as a

as a common pool chemical used for adjusting the acidity of the water. It's sold under various names, so be sure to check the list of active ingredients for a brand that is 95% or more sodium bisulfate.

An added benefit is that the pool chemical is more pure in form than what is sold for jewelry use and does not cause the brown grime often found floating on the top of the pot.



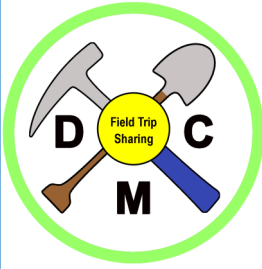
BradSmithJewelry.com "Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry"

See all Brad's jewelry books at
[Amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith)

See the paperback edition at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0988285886/> and the Kindle edition at <https://amazon.com/dp/B07D4B45JJ/>

Sylacauga Marble Festival ~ The Sylacauga Marble Festival always begins the first Tuesday in April, with 2021 marking its 13th year. April 6-17, 2021, 9AM-4PM each day. Location: B.B. Comer Memorial Library, 314 North Broadway Avenue, Sylacauga AL 35150 and Blue Bell Park, 436-498 N Norton Ave, Sylacauga, AL 35150. Sculptors, including Bill Cook. Cook is a Knoxville, Tennessee-based sculptor renowned throughout the Southeast, will hold a symposium during the festival where he will show slides of some of his sculptures, discuss carving techniques and host a Q&A session. The festival is open to the public, child-friendly + sensory-friendly (for example, people who cannot see are welcome to touch the sculptures). A group of sculptors at the Sylacauga Marble Festival. Photo via AM3 Stone, pre-COVID





IMPORTANT: DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics (DMC Field Trip Sharing Program (amfed.org), but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips. Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.

Please reply by e-mail to: sfms-dmc@amfed.org

World Wide Web site for the DMC is: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm

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"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."

DMC Field Trips Cancelled for 2021 as of January 17, 2021

Schedule Moving Forward One Year

I hope everyone is healthy and safe as we enter this new year. COVID-19 vaccines are providing some post-COVID optimism. We are nearing a time when we can share field trips with one another again.

Unfortunately, even with vaccines available, it appears that the virus may still be a problem this year. Until we know for certain that we can gather together safely, we must approach the situation with great caution.

So in the interest of safety, I am moving the entire DMC schedule forward by another year.

All trips scheduled for 2021 are moved to 2022, 2022 to 2023, 2023 to 2024, and 2024 to 2025.

The new schedule is posted on the SFMS website here:

http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dixie-proposed-ft.htm

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks to all of the clubs who continue to support the DMC Field Trip Sharing Program as we work our way through this.

Stay healthy, stay safe.

Lori Carter, DMC Coordinator

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Spring Speaker in Residence to be announced for Spring 2021 WILDACRES 2021

If all goes well, the dates for the EFMLS Wildacres Spring Session are May 17-23. The unknown, of course, is the situation regarding the Coronavirus. Because of this, we are not including a registration form, and asking everyone not to send in checks at this time.

Tentative classes include wire wrapping, chain mail, cabochon making, micromount preparation, faceting, beading, and PMC. These may be subject to change as conditions change. The cost for the entire week will be \$435 which includes room and board, classes, lectures, and other activities. We hope to know by March if Wildacres will be able to open and if the conditions in the eastern states permit traveling. Stay tuned. Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Director



*SFMS William Holland Workshops
June 6-11, 2021*



Who wants to learn Intarsia from Bill Boggs ? The SFMS William Holland Workshops are online. Please go to sfmsworkshops.org for class descriptions and instructor bios. Below is a list of classes. They're starting to fill up, so don't wait too long.

Unfortunately, Gene Sheridan had to back out of the Wire II class. We are looking for a new instructor and should have an announcement soon.

*Some of the items you can make in Cindy Moore's
Metal Mania Class*

The SFMS William Holland Workshops are online. Please go to sfmsworkshops.org for class descriptions and instructor bios. Below is a list of classes.

Paul Roberts - Cab II class
Bill Boggs - Intarsia
Chuck Bruce - Silver III - Inlay II
Cindy Moore - Metal Mania
Dale Koebnick - Silver II - Cab Alt. w/Bezel Prongs & "Step Bezel" Tab Setting
Debora Mauser - Low Tech Casting
Micah Kirby - Electro-Etching with Silver forming
Janet Pace - Flame Painting on Copper (almost full)
Gene Sheridan - Wire II
Jerri Heer - Gem Trees
Tom Slavicek - Leather

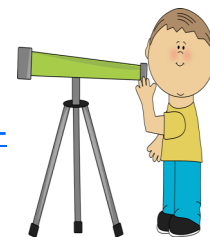
We hope you will join us for this fun and educational week. I know we're all ready to get back to normal.

For more information contact the SFMS WH-
Registrar: Cindy Reed 2020SFMS.WH@gmail.com
Text or Call: 863-255-5256 if calling, please leave a message.

*Meteor Shower Alert April 22, 2021, before
dawn, the Lyrids*

The Lyrid meteor shower – April's shooting stars – lasts from about April 16 to 25. About 10 to 15 meteors per hour can be expected around the shower's peak, in a dark sky. This year, the best time to watch may be the hour or two between moonset and dawn. The Lyrids are known for uncommon surges that can sometimes bring the rate up to 100 per hour. Those rare outbursts are not easy to predict, but they're one of the reasons the tantalizing Lyrids are worth checking out. The radiant for this shower is near the bright star Vega in the constellation Lyra (chart here), which rises in the northeast at about 10 p.m. on April evenings. In 2021, we expect the peak viewing to take place in the dark hour before dawn April 22, after moonset.

<https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide>



*We are trying something new to our ZOOM
meetings; giving away doorprizes!*

The first time we tried this it didn't work out too well. If you see something on page 8 that you like, jot down the number. In fact jot down about three numbers in the order of your choices. Be sure to contact Sandra or Levan to set up collecting your door prize. We have two leftovers from the first time around so if you didn't receive your doorprize we may still have it! Keep on rocking, S.S,

DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS-

Many events are being changed to a later date or cancelled totally. Please stay tuned ! We are trying folks but we need to hear from you. Please contact Pres. Sandra Sullivan, VP John Wild, or another board member (see page 2 for contacts) to let us know what your thinking. **We need your participation if we have a good working club. S.S.**

DOOR PRIZES to be given away at this ZOOM meeting ~



#1. Mystery Slab



#2. Needs cleaning



#3. Waterline Agate



#4. Iridescent Ammonite



5. Silver Earrings

Picture got lost on the way to my email !



#7. Pretty Agate



#8. Orange rock w/red streaks

DON'T FORGET TO LET SANDRA KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE IN THE DRAWING AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM. PLEASE DECIDE AHEAD OF TIME WHICH DOORPRIZE YOU WANT ! As the drawing winds down so does your number of selected items you have to choose from. Make a mental choice up to say 3pieces before the meeting. If all goes well this time, we can continue to do this at each ZOOM meeting. Maybe with more items too. Let me know if the pictures are ok or if you can it to enlarge. S.S.

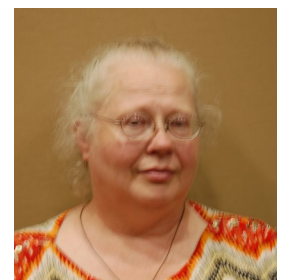
**THIS IS A GOOD DEAL YA'LL !!
TAKE NOTICE →**

SOME UNCLAIMED DOORPRIZES FROM LAST MONTH are still at the workshop !

Please contact Sandra if you won a door prizes. Email or phone - contact info on page 2 for how you want to get it. You can pick it up at the workshop or opt to have it mail by USPS. Pay Sandra

Yvonne Foster says ...

For those who are interested in a silver class, please call her with what you would like to learn. She will teach only one at a time at the workshop in Leeds, AL. for \$50. for 2 day consecutive sessions in order to raise more \$\$ for the workshop. Each session will be 6 hours each and she will have her silver set-up there ready to begin teaching. Please contact her a week or two beforehand for a supply list and maybe some "Homework" . Her contact information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.



Last page funnies ...

May your life be filled with dirt!

May your life be full of dirt!
 May it gather in your shoes
 May you wander o'er the countryside
 with bird and fox and moose.
 May you hunt with pick and shovel,
 For earth's treasures you explore.
 Once found, oh joy... there's more
 and more and more...
 May you have a good, strong backpack,
 and fill it with the best!
 May you have the strength to lift it,
 put muscles to the test!
 May you take it home with prize in hand,
 unwrap and you adore,

You move your bag;
 a pile of dirt has gathered on the floor.
 Before you go another step
 dust off your pants and shirt.
 And leave behind the remnants of rewarding,
 happy dirt.
 Then showers wash away the rest,
 flowing down the drain,
 Gone for 'ere until you're drawn by
 Rockhounds' call again.

*Written by: Joy Stinson -Ottawa Lapsmith and
 Mineral Club Submitted by Dave Hughes Magic Val-
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A.M.L.S. Application for Membership

_____ New _____ Renewal _____ Year

ADULT NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SECOND NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK/CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS(S) _____

Family \$25. _____ Single \$20. _____ Junior / Student \$15. _____

After June 1, the cost of the membership dues are one-half price for *new* members only for the remainder of that year. **Dues for regular members are to be renewed at the November meeting and / or before January 1st of the new year. Please** make checks payable to the

ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY
 8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, Al. 35094

and mail to
Or bring to a meeting!

Info: Usual Meeting Date : Second Friday of each month except for the month of June. The Oak Mountain State Park Show takes the place of the June meeting.

Meeting place : *Cahaba Heights United Methodists Church 3139 Cahaba Heights Rd. Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243*

Meeting time: 6:30 p.m.

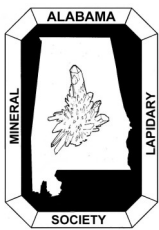
Visitors Welcomed !

Date Received _____

APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>Work open</i> <i>Robert L.</i>	7	8 <i>Workshop open</i>	9 <i>ZOOM Meeting 6 PM</i>	10
11	12	13 <i>Workshop open</i>	14	15 <i>Workshop open</i>	16	17
18	19	20 <i>Workshop open</i> <i>Robert L.</i>	21	22 <i>Workshop open</i>	23	24
25	26	27 <i>ZOOM Bd Meeting 6</i>	28	29 <i>Workshop open</i>	30	

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 2020 are \$25.00 family, \$20.00 single, and Juniors / Students \$15.00. 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 Oak Mountain St. Park Show**). Meetings are currently held at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church and usually last an hour and a half. There is a half hour of snacks and fellowship preceding the meeting.

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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.

