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**President’s Message**

Hello Folks,

This newsletter has been a hard one for me to get put together; outside influences is my story and I’m sticking to it! Now that it okay to have meetings for those who have had their two shots, I find myself wanting to go places now. I call this itchy feet! I want to take in a rock show, like the one in Cartersville, GA or the Tellus Science Museum. Anyone else?

**We will have our first in person meeting this month!** John Gaston has us lined up to attend our next 2 meetings at his church, St. Marks’s United Methodist Church on Columbiana Rd. in Vestavia Hills, AL. See page 6 for directions. ALL are welcomed and AMLS will bring the pizza’s! So come hungry!

We are in dare need of some important skill sets, like a webmaster, etc. If you can help get us in touch with the right ones for the job, it would be much appreciated. We need to get the slate of officers for next year set soon.

Cathy Kellogg has a wonderful helper, Benjamin Beadore doing a lot to learn about putting together a venue. Robert Lorino and Levan Foster has kept the workshop going. Yvonne Foster has stepped up and is currently offering silver smithing classes at the workshop. Reggie Bolton has kept the bills paid too. Bunny Bolton has always done the recording minutes for us. These are key people doing what it takes to keep AMLS going.

This is important folks! While being quarantined in February of this year, we were to have a nominating committee formed. It is to consist of 3 members of the board of directors and 3 members from the membership. We need good leadership to help get this rock club rocking again! We need a lot of help coming back from this pandemic. Our first indoor show with a learning curve is exciting and scary too. Next year this club *Cont’d. on page 5*

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



Sandra Sullivan  
President A.M.L.S.

**Upcoming in JUNE - AUCTION by John Wilder**

- Meeting date JUNE 11th at 6:30 pm just like a regular meeting; the second Friday of the month at ST. Marks UMC on Columbiana Rd Vestavia. Board meetings are scheduled for now the 4th Tue. night 6 pm on ZOOM. Members welcomed !
- Workshop open usually with **Robert Lorino** for Tuesdays and **Levan Foster** for Thursdays or 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.

**YES, WE ARE DOING IN PERSON MEETINGS! We need to START TALKING ABOUT ROCKS AND A SHOW AGAIN! WHO WANTS A ROCK SHOW ????**

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**For more information:**  
**AFMS, EFMLS, 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.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) Email: [sfms@amfed.org](mailto: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.*

***Christina Tela, Rita Sale, Raech Williams and Frank Buck***

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

#### Members Serving on the Board of Directors :

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
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***A.M.L.S. Zoom Meeting Minute 5/14/21***

AMLS meeting 5/14/21 in attendance Sandra Sullivan, Reggie & Bunny Bolton, John Wild, Vivian Melof, Cathy Kellogg, Robert Lorino, and George Fant

Reggie said that John Wild now has all the financial information needed for the IRS and Sandra has located the original incorporation papers although they are in a delicate condition. The non-profit status should be back in place soon.

Cathy has sent out an e-mail announcing the AMLS Show Labor Day weekend at the Bessemer Civic Center. An application is attached so we can look forward to vendors be signing up.

An on-line auction is scheduled for Friday, May 21st on the AMLS Facebook page. Cathy Kellogg has posted pictures of the items which will be available. We are going to start small and see how it goes. Thanks to all who have worked putting this together.

On June 11th and July 9th we will have our meetings in person at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Columbiana Road in Vestavia Hills. We are trying to get back to our traditional meetings at 6:30p.m. Thank-you John Gaston for arranging this. John Wild may be able to set up a Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person.

Our bond is up later this month and needs to be renewed at a cost of \$500. The board agreed to this but the membership has to vote on an expenditure of anything over \$100. Since we did not have a quorum at this meeting, another meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 19th at 6PM.

Sandra has been in touch with Gilbert Douglas and will try to get out there to start clearing out our shed on his property.

Meeting adjourned. No door prizes drawn..

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

***A.M.L.S. ZOOM Meeting 5/19/21***

In attendance; Reggie and Bunny Bolton, Sandra Sullivan, John and Judi Wild, Don and Jill Hill, Tim and Jan Leatherman, Cathy Kellogg, Levan and Yvonne Foster, John Gaston, Ben Beadore, and George Fant, plus all the cats we could count.

John Gaston raised the question of whether we are qualified to be a 401-C7 Corporation since we take in money from non-members. Since that money



comes from club events that should not be considered an outside source. It needs to be made clear to people making donations that they are not tax deductible as we are not a charity. John Wild moved that we pay the IRS \$600. to apply reinstate our 401-C7 status. Jan Leatherman seconded and the motion passed. A form N-990 must be filed annually. We discussed the cost and decided to go ahead with the \$600. cost for the IRS. The cost of the insurance came up too. We authorized Reggie Bolton to pay the \$500. for the next three years.

Show info-John Gaston said the recent Biloxi show only had 9 vendors but those did well. The Mobile show chair shared that they added the words "and sale" to "rock show" in their pre-show publicity. This made it clear that it was not just rocks to look at.

In June we will have an in-person meeting at St. Mark's United Methodist Church thanks to John Gaston. John Wild suggested that the club buy pizza for the meeting rather than try to have our regular potluck. John Gaston will bring ice and Sandra will bring drinks and paper products. A zoom option may be available

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

***A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting 5/25/21~***

In attendance John Wild, Sandra Sullivan, John Gaston, Ben Beadore, Bunny and Reggie Bolton, Cathy Kellogg, Yvonne Foster, Don Hill, Robert Lorino.

John Gaston informed us that Carolyn Neyman, widow of Kenneth Kornegay, is about to move and will have a rock hounds only garage sale soon.

Publicity for our up-coming rock show needs to kick into high gear. Ben is working on flyers to be distributed at other rock shows, to our fellow rock clubs, and the general public. We will soon need members to take them to places where people might be interested. Posts will be made on our Facebook page which members will need to share.

John Wild said he is finished with the IRS paperwork on reinstating our 501-C7 status. He e-mailed a copy to the membership to look over before he mails it. Reggie took him the check for \$600. If the club wants to apply for grants in the future, we can apply to change the 501 level.

Our June meeting will be held in person at St Mark's United Methodist Church on Columbiana Road. A.M.L.S. will supply the paper products, pizza, and drinks. Doors open at 6 pm ***Continued on page 7***

**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 !**

**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](mailto:rick@wncrocks.com); Website: [www.AmericanRockhound.com](http://www.AmericanRockhound.com)

**June 19 – 20 Grapevine, TX. Annual show; Arlington Gem and Mineral Club**; Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S Main St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, seniors and children (3-15) \$7, free admission Sun. 10-5; Adults \$8, seniors and children (3-15) \$7, contact Rick Allen - Show Chairman, (817) 528-475; Email: [rickallen57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickallen57@sbcglobal.net); Website: [www.agmc57.org](http://www.agmc57.org)

**July 21-25 Franklin, N.C. Annual show; Echo Valley Gem Show**; Echo Valley Showplace, 6456 Sylva Rd (across from GLW), 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, crystals, gems, rough rock, cabochons, slabs, beads, jewelry Sun 9-4pm; contact Damian; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

**July 23-25 Franklin, N.C. Show and sale; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC**; Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, 1288 Georgia Road; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, free admission for children 12 and under; Dealers from across the U.S., offering a great selection of rough and cut gemstones, gold and silver jewelry, minerals, beads, findings, lapidary equipment, and repairs; contact Linda Harbuck, 98 Hyatt Road, Franklin, NC 28734, (828) 524-3161; Email: [lindah@franklinchamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklinchamber.com); Website: [www.visitfranklinnc.com](http://www.visitfranklinnc.com)

**Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:**

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

**Aug. 14-15 Gonzales, LA: Annual show; Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society**; Lamar Dixon Expo Center Trademart Building, 9039 S St. Landry Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$5 Adults; \$3 Children 5-12; Children 4 and under free; \$1 off for Scouts in uniform; Military personnel free with military; Vendors will be selling rock specimens, fossils, minerals, tools & jewelry. We will be raffling off an Amethyst Cathedral again this year; contact Wanda Gawarecki, 5191 Hwy 19, Ethel, LA 70303, (225) 603-3870; Email: [mercymom3@gmail.com](mailto:mercymom3@gmail.com); Website: [www.brgemandmineral.org](http://www.brgemandmineral.org)

**Aug. 21-22 Bossier City, LA: Annual show; Arklatex Gem & Mineral Society**; Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd., 2009 Chelsy Dr.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; \$4.00; Aug 21-22 Bossier City, Louisiana: 46th annual show, Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society, Bossier City Civic Center, Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4. Adults \$4.00, Admission is free for Children under 6 & Students with I.D., Custom and unique Jewelry, Beads, Gems and Minerals, Fossils, Educational exhibits and Demon; contact Delwin Glasner, 2009 Chelsy Dr., Benton, LA 71006, (318) 517-7372; Email: [dglasner2001@yahoo.com](mailto:dglasner2001@yahoo.com); Website: see email for Delwin Glasner

**Sept. 10-19 Denver, LA: Annual show; Eons Expos, RLLLP**; National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt Street; daily 10-6; Free admission; Denver area largest show, with 100 tents outside and 400 dealers inside on both floors of the Main Building and on both levels of the adjacent Events Center; contact Lowell Carhart, 106 Horseguards Ave, Bossier City, LA 71111, (804) 291-6357; Email: [lowellcarhart@yahoo.com](mailto:lowellcarhart@yahoo.com); Website: <https://www.coliseumshow.com>

**These shows could be a fieldtrip too !!!**



**Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~**

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems  
 Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith

>> If your club is having monthly online meetings and would like a list of speakers that have presented some really interesting topics at my club, please get in touch. We've had some great talks:

- A tour through a modern diamond mine
- Rockhounding in the Sonoran Desert
- Opal mining in the Australian outback
- Low cost sand casting for the home shop
- Field trip to Davis Creek for Obsidian
- Hunting for meteorites

Happy hammering,  
 - Brad Smith  
 BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com

**DRILL PRESS VISE**

A drill press vise is a versatile tool to hold a workpiece securely and in precise alignment. It reduces the of risks of working with high power motors, using larger drill bits, and dealing with heat generated in the operation. The vise can be clamped to the drill press table if needed and is quite handy for use at the bench to hold things for sawing or riveting.



You can find them at stores that carry machine tool supplies. My feeling is that the best ones are made from steel. In particular, I like the ones with V grooves cut into the jaw plates. That lets me hold a punch straight upright or hold a rod horizontal. To find a supplier, search on "drill press vise" at sites like www.micromark.com , mscdirect.com/enco , small-parts.com , grizzly.com

**DENTAL GOLD**

You might think that a couple pieces of dental gold would be valuable, but if you only have a small amount, it can be a problem. Sending it to a refiner is expensive for small lots.

I made the mistake of thinking I could melt it and roll out my own sheet. It turns out the trace metals in dental gold make it a good material in your mouth but cause it to crack if you try to forge it or roll it out as a sheet. They ruined my whole ingot.

So what to do with a couple gold crowns? A

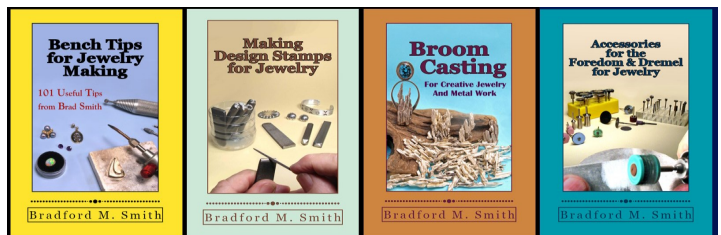
reasonable alternative is to try incorporating the metal into your jewelry. If you have enough material to do a casting, that's probably the best use for dental gold.

If you're not into casting, try melting it on a solder pad and while molten, divide it into small pieces with your solder pick. Then re-flow each piece to make little gold balls for use for accents on your designs. The balls can also be planished a bit to make small discs or struck with a design stamp to add texture.

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

See all Brad's jewelry books at  
 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/>



**President's message continued ...**

will need fresh leadership for these coming days. I believe the members of AMLS is ready for getting back to our old ways; fieldtrips, classes, federation workshops, and of course meetings. If you have been a member for more than 2 years, please consider how you could make a difference in going forward with these important steps. I have enjoyed being the president, but my time is up. I know some maybe dancing a jig at this news, but I think I can remain the editor for awhile longer.

I would like to say to all those that are sick and shut in, we are thinking of you and wishing you were back with us. Maybe soon we can all get together for another fieldtrip like for sharks teeth, paintrock agate, black tourmaline, or Brookwood again.

**Hope to see your smiling faces at the St.Mark's U.M.C. this Friday night! Bring the kids!**

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





## 2021 EFMLS Regional Show & Annual Convention

DISCLAIMER: As Covid-19 Restrictions in New York State remain in place, it is uncertain whether the physical Convention will take place in Syracuse, NY in July. As the Convention Advisory Committee Chair, I will continue to coordinate with the Host Society on updates from the state as they develop. In the event the 2021 EFMLS Convention can not be held physically in Syracuse, the Convention will be held virtually on the same dates (just as we did for last year's Convention in Hickory, NC)

Thank you, Cyndy, EFMLS Convention Advisory Chair 2020 – 2021

### Hosted by the Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse (GMSS)

Scheduled for July 9-12, 2021 – Syracuse, NY

The Eastern Federation conducts their Annual Convention each year in concert with a Regional Show sponsored by an Affiliate Member Society. As many members as possible of Member Societies are encouraged to attend as there are individuals and programs available to help their local organizations with their local business. The weekend events include one or more field trips and a variety of awards are presented at the Saturday Evening Banquet and Editor's (BEAC) & Website Contest Breakfast. There is also great camaraderie during the event and the shows are always excellent.

For more info: contact Cyndy Hummel, Chair of the EFMLS Convention Advisory Committee:

[ConventionAdvisory@EFMLS.org](mailto:ConventionAdvisory@EFMLS.org)

**Map of directions to St. Marks United Methodist Church  
2901 Columbiana Rd.  
Vestavia Hills, AL. 35216  
205-822-5980**

Take I-65 to Exit #252. If coming from the south, go straight across Hwy. 31 and go up the hill. The church will be on your right.

If coming from the north, take Exit #252 and turn left at the end of the off ramp and go under the bridge. Take the NEXT LEFT hand turn, at the traffic light, Columbiana Rd. Travel up the hill and the church will be on your right.



\*\*\* NOTE - Turn into the parking lot and go to the upper parking area. We will be going towards the back. Park close to the kitchen entrance with the awning because that is the door we will be entering.

\*\*\* Mask are optional. We hope to have a ZOOM meeting too for those who are not attending meetings just yet.

A.M.L.S. will provide the drinks, paper products, and the pizza's for our evening meal. If you feel the need to contribute, please bring a dessert, See you there!



**SFMS William Holland Workshops**

**The William Holland Workshop is canceled for in-person classes !**

We are sorry to report that William Holland has canceled their classes for 2021. They will be back better

than ever in 2022. You can check out their Facebook page for the explanation.

<https://www.facebook.com/williamhollandlapidaryarts>

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

**The Wildacres Workshop will Go On**

We will still offer the workshops at Wildacres. Go to [www.sfmsworkshops.org](http://www.sfmsworkshops.org) to see descriptions and instructor bios.

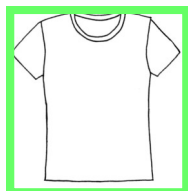
The following classes will be offered at Wildacres in August & September.

- August
- Rowan Morgan - Wire Wrap
- Morning Sherrod - Southwest Silver
- Cindy Moore - Metal Mania
- Jeff Sheer - Special Projects
- Bill Harr - Casting
- Jason Hamilton - Silver II/Filigree
- September
- Chuck Bruce - Silver III/Inlay II
- Jerri Heer - Gem Trees
- Tom Slavicek - Leather
- Marilou Hillenbrand - Chain
- Cindy Moore - Metal Mania
- Bill Harr - Casting
- Teresa Polly - Gem ID



**Notices...** Announced by Helen Serras-Herman:  
 Fall 2021 EFMLS Wildacres session, Sept. 6-12, 2021.  
 Speaker-In-Residence will be Wolfgang Mueller

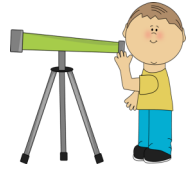
A.M.L.S. still has a few T-shirts available at a discounted price. See Sandra Sullivan if you would like one! They are so beautiful!



**Meteor Shower Alert**

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

This a wonderful website for all you star gazers out there. Check it out! Kids love to know more about the stars too. S.S.



**Friday Night ANNUAL Auction is the program!**

This coming Friday night our very own Mr. John Wild will be holding the auction with quiet a verity of items. We have a number of slabs, rough rock, tumbled Brookwood, jewelry, and a bunch of other good stuff !

The club will be providing The pizzas so come and join in on the fun of a live and crazy auction.

See you there!  
 Sandra



**AMLS Board Meeting Minutes Conti'd ...**

with pizza served at 6:30. We will try to have a Zoom option for those not ready for an in-person meeting or those who otherwise can't make it.

Sandra is going to appoint a nominating committee for next year's officers. It will consist of 3 members and 3 board members. Nominees must have been in the club 2 years. Anyone interested in serving should contact a current board member.

Meeting adjourned.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

**DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS-**

We will be starting back with our regular meetings on the second Friday night. Due to the Cahaba Heights UMC being renovated, we will meet at the **St. Marks United Methodist Church in Vestavia.** We need your participation if we have a good working club. I look forward to seeing you in person. S.S.

**Cleaning quartz crystal rocks –**

Here are some of the websites I visited:

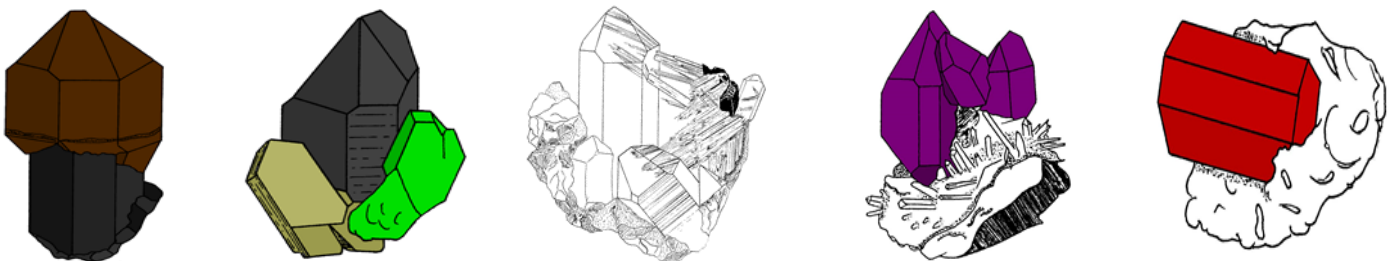
<https://homeon.com/cleaning-quartz-crystals-with-vinegar> Using full strength vinegar, rinsing thoroughly then using full strength house hold cleaning ammonia. (I don't know if I rinsed them well enough personally.)

<https://www.wikihow.com/Clean-Quartz-Crystals> In 9 steps this website can teach you how to remove the deposits on your quartz crystals.

<https://www.mamasminerals.com/How-To-Clean-Quartz> This website says “Newly dug quartz crystals and crystal formations are often stained red-brown from iron and crusted with clay, when they're not coated with tougher substances such as limonite or calcium deposits. Getting these off to display the sparkling beauty beneath can be a lot of work, but the right techniques and cleaners will help. “

And so on and so forth ... You can find different products in the adds that accompany these helpful tip websites.

The club has many quartz crystals that have been donated and need cleaning is why I was researching the best way for me to do it. I have vinegar, oxalic acid, and “Ironout” right now in my basement. Goggles, long gloves, old clothes galore, buckets without holes, and a little bit of patience left in me. I would like to extend an invite to all who would like join in on the experiment with me. Please feel free to bring along your own crystals too and we can set up at date and time at the workshop in Leeds. Keep on rocking, Sandra



These are from Diamond Dan file on crystals. Left to right: Quartz 3.Color.TIF, Quartz.1Color.TIF, Quartz.w Rutile, Amethyst5Color.JPG, and last Beryl3Color.JPG

**THIS IS A GOOD DEAL  
YA'LL !! →**

**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 ...

Volcano Quiz

Do you know your vulcanology? Not Mr. Spock's lineage but the lava belching, ash spewing type?

- 1. Name the 5 types of Volcanoes
- 2. What type of magma do crystals form in?
- 3. What kind of volcano formed the Hawaii Islands?

- 1. Island Arc, hot spot, ocean ridge, continental margin, continental rift
- 2. Magma that is trapped underground and does not reach the surface as lava. This cools slowly, allowing crystals to form.
- 3. Hot spot volcano, accounting for the strung out islands, as the crust moves over the hot spot.

O God, whose name was on the lips of the men who founded this nation, and on the lips of men who died for it, be with us yet. Guide us through this period of crisis, confusion and insecurity. Keep us steadfast in remembering the truths our forefathers lived by. Restore our innocence, renew our vision, enter our hearts and keep us brave. Give us, as Americans, the strength to do your work and To make this country worthy of your blessing. Amen

*Frank Mayo died on October 13, 1989, of heart failure following a brief illness. It is believed that Mr. Mayo composed this prayer while he was President of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies in 1976. His prayer could have been written for today's world. Let us pray his prayer today.*

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

# JUNE 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue                              | Wed | Thu                                  | Fri                          | Sat    |
|-----|-----|----------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
|     |     | 1                                | 2   | 3                                    | 4                            | 5      |
| 6   | 7   | 8 <i>Work shop<br/>open 11am</i> | 9   | 10 <i>Work<br/>shop open 1</i>       | 11 <i>Meeting<br/>6:30pm</i> | 12     |
| 13  | 14  | 15 <i>Work<br/>shop open 11</i>  | 16  | 17 <i>Work<br/>shop open 1</i>       | 18                           | 19     |
| 20  | 21  | 22 <i>Work<br/>shop open 11</i>  | 23  | 24 <i>Work<br/>shop open 1</i>       | 25                           | 26     |
| 27  | 28  | 29 <i>ZOOM<br/>Bd Meeting 6</i>  | 30  | July 1<br><i>Workshop<br/>open 1</i> | July 2                       | July 3 |

## 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 2021 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 our annual 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.

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.*

