ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

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President's Message

Hello Folks,

Hope all is well with you and yours, rocking along! I would like to announce we have some new members so please talk with them. Get to know them and they will get to know us better. We are a very diverse group.

Last month we held our first in person meeting to talk about a number of items; like our upcoming show, workshop stuff, and THE ANNUAL AUCTION ! Very pleased to announce we had a successful auction with many goodies going home to a good place ! We may have either a yard sale or another auction later on in the year.

We have some brave, bold and fearless members and need more of the same. The nominating committee got it's first member with Vivian Melof stepping up to say she would help out. I will appoint 3 more but we need 2 to volunteer to be on this important committee that will choose the officers for next year. Please HELP out our club.

We have been busy at the workshop getting a count on what we have in regards to having a show. If we go into a show prepared with sale items, we are more successful! With the much needed help of strong man Justin Weems and young Gabby, we are taking a good account of what has laid dormant for over a year. Some items had to be discarded due to mold/mildew in the tote, see pictures below.

Bad box, mildew tub, and tumbled rock







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Website: https://www.lapidaryclub.com



Sandra Sullivan President A.M.L.S.

Upcoming in JULY - TOMORROW NIGHT!
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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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.

> Justin Weems, Michael Shaddock, and Diane Runnells

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. Meeting Minutes 6/11/21

AMLS meeting June 22, 2021, our first in-person meeting since February 2020.

John Gaston arranged the meeting at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. He also blessed our meal and meeting. Pizza and drinks were provided by the club, a few members brought desserts. Thank-you all.

Sandra shouted the meeting to order as she had forgotten the gavel. We are all working to get back in the swing of things. The first order of business is to put together a nominating committee for the 2022 slate of officers. This will consist of three club members and three current board members. John Wild or Sandra can take your suggestions or let them know if you would like to volunteer.

It's auction night but we have much more at the workshop so we may want to have a yard sale or additional auction in the future. Sandra suggested having a day at the workshop for teaching how to clean quartz. It would be a good learning experience and we could get some of the club's dirty quartz crystals and other rocks cleaned up before we have another sale.

John Wild was our auctioneer for the evening assisted by Don "Vanna" Hill. Much spirited bidding went on. Everyone enjoyed seeing Bill Fowler's florescent rocks and a few bidders got to take some home. The club raised \$560. plus. The leftovers (auction items) were packed up for next time. Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes 6/29/21~



In attendance, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, Sandra Sullivan, Vivian Melof, John and Judi Wild, and Ben Beadore.

Ben said we have been getting some vendor interest in our up-coming show. So far 38 tables have been sold, that's 6 vendors. John Wild will check with members who have participated in past shows. Cathy Kellogg will reach out personally to past Tannehill vendors who have not responded yet.

Jinger Glasgow has agreed to be publicity chair as she has experience in this area. Sandra will contact other Alabama clubs. Signs will need to be posted on the highway and the road to the Bessemer Civic Center. A count needs to be taken and signs made.

What activities for kids do we want? Geode cracking for sure. Grab bags, sifting for gems, rock

painting are things we have done in the past. Sandra, with some help, inventoried items on hand. We have enough geodes but may need other items. John Wild said he could get what we need in Franklin, NC at their up-coming show.

We need a florescent vendor. Space could be made on the stage that could be darkened. Dennis Bucannan may be interested.

The nominating committee is an ongoing struggle. Vivian agreed to be on the committee. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

John Wild says ...

While we were attempting to plan for our 2021 Gem and Mineral Show, we became aware that our nonprofit status for AMLS had been revoked. It was quickly determined that the appropriate annual tax returns had not been filed. We had discussions with IRS on the method to reapply for the nonprofit classification. I gathered the required information and submitted the package at the beginning of June.

One of the interesting facts I learned is that as a 501c(7) organization, our profits are not taxed and the donations we receive are not tax deductible.

When we receive a response from IRS, we will update the club.

Thanks, John



Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers;

Niki Lee Hurst Robert Lorino Judith Johnson Ira Mills and others we don't know about.

CLASSES AT THE WORKSHOP ???? Who's ready for some classes at the workshop and some fieldtrips? I AM ! Let's start

planning a good class on cleaning our rocks and a fieldtrip to Graves's Mt. in Lincolnton, GA.in October. Who's In? Let's get back to as normal as possible soon. Sandra



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 !

July 9-11 Marietta, GA: The Georgia Mineral Society; Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy SE ; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; Free; Over 30 dealers; free parking and admission; silent auctions throughout the show; drawings for door prizes; special grand prize drawing for Juniors; workshops. The COVID-19 guidelines for the Cobb County Civic Center will be followed for the show.; contact Shelley Stubbs, (678) 612-7293; Email: mayshow@gamineral.org; Website: gamineral.org

July 21 - 25 Franklin, N.C. 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: <u>mbellpoint@gmail.com</u>; Website: www.bellpointpromotions.com

July 23 - 25 Franklin, N.C. 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@franklin-chamber.com; Website: www.visitfranklinnc.com

July 30 - Aug.1 Spruce Pine, N.C. Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce; Spruce Pine Commons, 12085 S. Hwy 226 ; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12:30-5; \$ 4/ Children under 10 are free; Since the early 1950's Spruce Pine, North Carolina has been the host of the Festival and welcomed visitors from around the world to shop for beautiful jewelry, gemstones, minerals, beads, crystals, fossils and more! ; contact Patti Jensen, PO Box 858, Spruce Pine, NC 28777, (828) 765-9033; Email: pjensen@mitchellcountychamber.org; Website: www.ncgemfest.com Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

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

Aug. 6 – 8 Augusta, GA. 33rd Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show; Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; \$4 per Adult or \$6 Weekend Pass. Children 12 & under free with Adult; Member Display Cases, Lapidary Demos, Educational Resources, Hourly Door Prizes. Dealers: Minerals, Fossils, Meteorites, Cabochons, Crystals, Loose Gemstones, Gold-Silver-Fine and Everyday Jewelry, Treasures, Beads & More; contact Wayne Parker; Email: dwpgems@gmail.com; Website: www.agams.club

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 ; Website: 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: <u>dglasner2001@yahoo.com</u>; 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; Website: https://www.coliseumshow.com

Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~

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

>> 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

FANCY RIVET HEADS

For a nice looking rivet head, use brass escutcheon pins. You'll have perfectly rounded heads that are all the same size and shape. The pins are a little hard to find, so try the best hardware stores first. Be sure to get solid brass pins, not brass plated steel. If unsure, test them with a magnet.

The pins are readily available online. Lee Valley Tools has them in 16 or 18 gauge and lengths from 1/4 inch to 1 inch. Go to

http://www.LeeValley.com and do an item search on "escutcheon pin"

For best results, select a drill that gives you a hole with a close fit to the rivet. Trim the rivet to a leave a little less than one diameter sticking out the back side. Place the head on a scrap of hard plastic on the anvil so as to not flatten the head. I prefer a ball peen hammer (with a small 3/8 inch ball) for setting the rivet.



EASIER PRONG SETTING

When setting stones in a prong mount, the tool is less likely to slip off the prong if you grind a shallow groove into its face or rough up the face a bit with sandpaper. Some folks prefer a prong pusher for doing this, and others like a set of pliers with a slight groove on one jaw.

The easiest way to create a slot on the pusher is with a file, and the quickest way to create a slot on one jaw of your pliers is with a separating disc. Then do a rough polish on the slot with a medium grit, knife-edge silicone wheel.

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/

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We may need a few items but now is the time to get that all lined up. We will need members to help out with the loading up at the workshop, at the show itself, and the coming back to the workshop after takedown to off load items back inside the workshop. I don't want heavy items that will hurt people loading and off loading, SO LIGHTER BOXES !! Ben Beadore has been busy with the show flyers and there will be plenty to hand out to as many people as possible. Please take a few for the barber shop, church bulletin boards, anywhere you see a large gathering and this is allowed. The more people who has a flyer in their hands, the more potential shoppers will have for our vendors. Got any good ideas for the show? Please see our show chairs Cathy Kellogg and Ben Beadore or email them with your ideas at amlsgemshow@gmail.com.

Our very own Levan Foster and Yvonne has been busy beavers and keeping the workshop going. They have worked tirelessly during the absence of our member Robert Lorino. Robert has been out with health issues but is well on his way to mending. Levan has been the Membership Chairman for some time now. He has kept me up to date with completed records of new members added to our listings. Don't know where we would be without him. I believe we will have a great show due to so many good hearted reakbounds in this glub. See you THIS

good hearted rockhounds in this club. See you THIS FRIDAY NIGHT at the St. Mark's Church in Vestavia 6pm for food and fellowship. It's potluck night! I will bring the drinks and paper products for us. You bring YOU! Keep on rocking,

Sandra Sullivan, President



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

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.

A.M.L.S. will provide the drinks and paper products. This is a pot luck for our evening meal. Please bring a covered dish. See you there!

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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 <u>www.sfmsworkshops.org</u> 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 avail-Able at a discounted price. See Sandra Sullivan if you would like one! They are so beautiful!



Meteor Shower Alert <u>https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/</u> 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.*





This is a picture of a pin given out to members who attended the AFMS Convention years ago. Many across our country have been asking for a PATCH with the different federations highlighted with different colors. Wouldn't this be a wonderful addition to our patches we enjoy. *Keep on rocking, Sandra*

REQUEST for the TANNEHILL SHOW ITEMS \sim

Please save your wrapping paper tubes for those of us who handle the club booth at the show. Many know we sell maps from the Geological Survey of Alabama and give away many posters. These

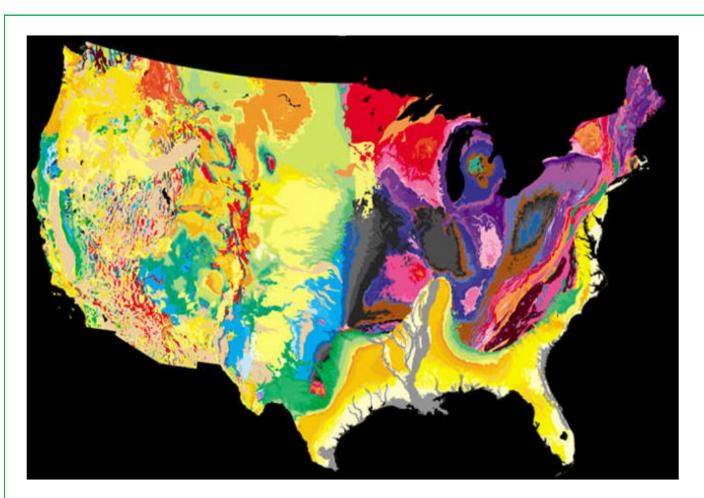


tubes sure come in handy to make these sells go easier.

Thanks, S.S.

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.



This is a Geological Survey of the United States showing just how vast and interesting our country is. Many have taken to the roads to do their rockhounding or shows. Just look at how unique this country is!

Pay attention !!!! THIS IS A GOOD DEAL YA'LL !! _____ TAKE NOTICE

As of 7/1/21, ONLY one person is taking Yvonne up on doing a class with her! A great resource is going to waste here folks!

The workshop is a wonderful place MORE members need to be utilizing with help of our workshop equipment chairs!

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.



ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP

Last page funnies ...

The ROCKHOUND'S TEN COMMANDMENT'S

- 1. Thou shalt not touch thy neighbor's minerals unless he places them in thy hand.
- 2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by pinching, squeezing, or biting.
- 3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossil, for many do not bounce properly.
- 4. Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimen in thine own pocket.
- 5. Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently. Sometimes thou can be wrong.
- 6. Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
- 7. Thou shalt not climb above thou neighbor's head when on a fieldtrip, lest thou art willing to spent the rest of the day digging him out.
- 8. Thou shalt protect thine eyes, hands, and feet so that thou can enjoy many more fieldtrips.
- 9. Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's digging, lest his hammer be dropped upon thy toe.
- 10. Thou shalt not complain about, or denounce, the club officers under penalty of being elected one thyself.

A.M	I.L.S. Applicat	ion for Membership		New	Renewal	Year
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EMAIL ADDRES	SS					
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Family \$25	Single \$20	Junior / Student \$15				
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Meeting time: 6:	0					
		Visitors Welc	omed !	Date Re	eceived	

Via MGMS Řocky Echoes Vol.42 #5 2/02 pg.15 and numerous times in this newsletter too.

JULY 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8 Work shop open 1 pm	9 Meeting 6:30pm	10
11	12	13	14	15 Work shop open	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Work shop open 1	23	24
25	26	27 ZOOM Bd Meeting 6	28	29 Work- shop open 1	30	31

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.

