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**President's Message**

Hello Folks,

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE** - The St. Mark's UMC has asked us **NOT** to have food or drink at this next meeting. We are continuing to keep going forward no mater what!

Hopefully this is reaching you with an *ALL'S WELL Here* type of message. Our membership is a special group of people! Not only do we love rocks of all kinds, we love making something with them, displaying them, and giving them away. How many attended the Cabbing Party hosted by Levan Foster? Had a good time? Please let him know because we need more of them too.

Who is ready for a fieldtrip? Who wants to go to Graves Mountain in October? We need to get our hotel reservations now! I would like to go look for geodes and fossils in the north-western part of our state. Who is with me? These questions are some of what we need to do as a club. Are you up for it?

It's time to get our stuff collected to have another successful show. This time it will be at the Bessemer Civic Center this upcoming Labor Day weekend. I have been spreading the word as many of you have too. I will have more flyers at this upcoming meeting. Please be ready to hand out a few to your friends and loved ones. My drugstore cashier even is interested in coming by. You will be surprised at who really like just looking at pretty rocks.

Over the Labor Day weekend we will be loading up items at the Leeds workshop, hauling everything to the Bessemer Civic Center, then unloading on Thursday, 9/2/21. We will be working the show from Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Breakdown will start at 4 pm on Sunday for all the vendors and the A.M.L.S. We will need helpers loading in Leeds, off-loading in Bessemer, and reversing the process to get items back to the *Continued on page 5.*

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



Sandra Sullivan  
President A.M.L.S.

**Upcoming in AUGUST - FRIDAY NIGHT!  
NO FOOD OR DRINK PLEASE !!!**

- Meeting date **AUGUST 13th 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.*

*Tenia Davis-Evans, Haylee Miller, Mary Crutchfield, Gerri Keller, Edna Jackson, and Chris Jahraus*

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 7/9/21***

John Gaston arranged the meeting at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. He also blessed our meal and meeting.

John Wild began by pointing out a recent article posted to our Facebook page about the minerals used to make the colors of fireworks. He then told us that the paperwork regarding the club's 501-C7 status had been completed and submitted to the IRS along with a check for \$600. We should hear back from them in 2-6 months! This status is that of a social or hobby club and donations to the club are not tax deductible. We will need to file with them every year to keep up the status.

**SHOW TALK** The two things most needed for the show are vendors and volunteers. Volunteers will be needed to handle the door, man the club area, and vendor courtesy. John Wild will send an e-mail to SFMS\* member clubs regarding possible vendors. So far we have 9 vendors for a total of 52 tables. The Bessemer Civic Center will provide 45 tables so more will need to be rented. That expenditure has already been figured into what vendors are charged.

All members need to be spreading the word about our show. Social media is crucial for this and everyone should be sharing what is on the AMLS Facebook page. There are also flyers to be distributed, please help by posting them at your local library, businesses with a bulletin board etc.

The club will offer geode cracking again this year. This is always a favorite activity and John Wild will see to purchasing more geodes at the Franklin, NC wholesale show. Cabbing demos, grab bags, rock painting, and some sort of craft are other activities we are considering but will require volunteers so will depend on how many members step up.

Levan Foster announced that there will be a cabbing and sawing party on Saturday and Sunday, July 24 & 25, 2021 starting at 10 AM bring a rock and/or slab and a food contribution. He hopes to make this a regular gathering.

Sandra asked to vote on accepting the May and June minutes. Reggie Bolton so moved and Cathy Kellogg seconded, the motion passed.

John Wild and Vivian Melof are the first two members of the nominating committee. We need 4 more folks, who's willing to help? Contact John Wild Wild or Sandra Sullivan. We will need board members for 2022.

We hope Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church will be ready to host us again for our

August meeting. They have been renovating. Programs are needed for the October and November meetings. Ideas anyone?

Door prizes were awarded and meeting adjourned,  
Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary



\*SFMS Southeastern Federation of Mineral Societies

***A.M.L.S. Board Meeting 7/27/21 Minutes ~***

In attendance Reggie and Bunny Bolton, John Wild, John Gaston, Sandra Sullivan, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Robert Lorino, Ben Beadore.

Our August meeting will be held at St. Marks UMC again. John Gaston has found church members who will be our chaperones as he and Bonnie will be unavailable. Attempts to contact Cahaba Heights UMC have been unsuccessful but we hope to be back there in October (no September meeting because of the show). Sandra will get in touch with Larry and Cindy Hensley about this since they were the initial contact.

**SHOW NEWS:** John Wild has e-mailed SFMS\* member clubs about vendors and has had some responses. Reggie has been in touch with the Federation about show insurance but has not sent a check in yet as they still have the \$300. from last year which was not used.\*\* \$151. has been sent to Jefferson County for a business license for the show and tax envelopes will be requested for vendors to use. John Gaston suggested board members make personal calls to club members to get volunteers lined up. Volunteers will be needed for loading the geode cracker and other club items on Tuesday or Wednesday, load in on Thursday and packing up on Sunday, taking money up at the door, and manning the club area and activities Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Ben will contact Don Hill about making a map of vendor spaces.

The number of vendor tables is up to 67(?). Sandra has more flyers to distribute. Jinger Glasgow and Sandra have been working on a banner design for the event. Reggie said he may not be able to participate in the show this year due to family health concerns. If Covid-19 causes the show to be canceled the Bessemer Civic Center will refund our deposit of apply it to a future show.

John Wild has been trying to access the club's website to make some changes but has not been successful. He will contact Steve Adams for help. Levan Foster reported that a ***Continued on page 5.***

**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 PANDEMIC**

**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: dglasner2001@yahoo.com ; Website: see email for Delwin Glasner

**Sept. 3, 4, & 5 – Bessemer, AL: Annual Show; Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society;** Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave. SW Bessemer, AL. 35022; Fri, 9 – 6, Sat, 9 – 6, Sun. 9 – 4. adults \$5, teens \$3, 12 and under free. Multi type of vendors, Hourly door prizes, Contact Cathy Kellogg [amlsgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:amlsgemshow@gmail.com).

**Sept. 3 – 6 Hendersonville, N.C.: Annual show; Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society;** Whitmire Center, 310 Lily Pond DR; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-6, Mon. 9-6; adults \$4.00 children under 12 free with adult; Exhibits, Demos, Vendors, Hourly door prizes; contact Diane M Lapp, 22 Foxmoor Ct, ETOWAH, NC 28729, (828) 775-8098; Email: [dlapp48@gmail.com](mailto:dlapp48@gmail.com); Website: [HCGMS.com](http://HCGMS.com)

**Sept. 10 - 19 Denver, LA: Annual show; Eons**

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

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

**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>

**Sept. 17-19 Marietta, GA: Annual show; Bellpoint;** Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, free admission for children under 15 when accompanied by a paying adult ; Select dealers from near and far selling exquisite minerals, gems, jewelry, beads, rocks, geodes, healing stones, fossils, crystals ; contact Damian; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

**Sept. 17-19 Arden, N.C. Annual show; MAGMA,** Jacquot & Son Mining; Camp Stephens, 263 Clayton Road; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; free admission; 14th annual gem, mineral and fossil show, dozens of vendors from across the U.S. offering gems, minerals, fossils, rocks, artifacts, meteorites, trinitite; contact Richard Jacquot, NC 28748, (828) 779-4501; Email: [rick@wncrocks.com](mailto:rick@wncrocks.com); Website: [www.AmericanRockhound.com](http://www.AmericanRockhound.com)

**Sept. 25 – 26 Sanford, FL. Show and sale; Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc;** 6100 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32809, Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$5, Kids \$2, Scouts in uniform Free; Offering: minerals, rocks, fossils, beads, gemstones, hand crafted cabochons, etc. Hosing silent auction, door prizes and family activities.; contact Salvatore Sansone, 6100 S. Orange Ave., Ste. 190A, Orlando, FL 32809, (321) 278-9294; Email: [ssfossilhunter@aol.com](mailto:ssfossilhunter@aol.com); Website: <http://www.cfmgs.org>

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

**Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~**

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

[Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.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

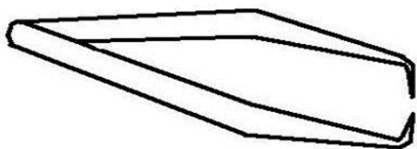
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**FIND THE BALANCE POINT**

With odd-shaped pendants or earrings it's often difficult to find the right place to attach a bail or loop so that the piece is balanced and hangs straight.

A quick way to make a tool for this is to modify a set of tweezers. Any set of tweezers will work. Spread the tips, sharpen them with a file, and bend the tips at a right angle to point towards each other.

To use the tool, suspend the pendant or earring between two sharp points to see how it will hang.

**DRILL BREAKAGE**

Using a small drill is difficult for a beginner, especially if it is hand held in a flexshaft or Dremel. They are easily broken if you push too hard or if you tilt the drill while it's in the hole.

Most problems, however, are the result of buying cheap drills that suffer from poor quality steel and/or inaccurately ground cutting edges. A good drill from jewelry supply companies is well worth the price.

Remember that drilling always goes easier with lubrication. A little wax or oil is all you need. Almost anything will work - Three and One, beeswax, mineral oil, injection wax, car oil, olive oil, or one of the commercial cutting waxes. The lubricant helps to move chips out of the hole and reduces friction of the drill against the side of the hole,

keeping the drill cooler.

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)

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workshop in Leeds. I know this sounds like a lot but folks it is worth it to have a successful show. Please pick a day to help out wherever you can and enjoy the rock show. Rockhounds come together at amazing times! We are easy going folks that help out because "Many hands make for light work!". Please let Ben Beadore, Cathy Kellogg, John Wild, or myself know where and when you can lend a hand.

Onto another subject, the Nominating Committee needs a few more good folks. Please see Vivian Melof, John Wild, or myself if you would like an input on our next set of officers.

We have many new members and I have been burning up the internet sending out **New Membership Packets**. Please take a moment to welcome these new folks with a smile and answer any of their questions about us. Looks like up to six different families.

See you at the St. Mark's United Methodist Church tomorrow night, Friday the 13th !!! Don't worry, we won't have any black cats or ladders to walk under.

Keep on rocking,  
Sandra Sullivan, President

**A.M.L.S. Board Meeting minutes Cont'd ...**

Levan Foster reported that a good time was had at the 2 day capping party and a new member was added. He would like to have them on a regular basis. \*Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies

\*\*since then last year's \$300. has been refunded so Reggie will send another check for this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary



### New DMC Partner Program

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Coronavirus variants are causing concern now, but hopefully next year they will be just a memory. The plan is still to restart DMC trips next year, but that is always subject to change. I will keep everyone informed of DMC status as we move forward.

While we are waiting, I would like to introduce a new program called the "DMC Partner Program" and get some feedback from current DMC clubs. Click here for a pdf with details. Please let me know what you think and if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions for improving the program, etc. Also, please let me know if you have any other ideas or suggestions about DMC in general.

I am currently working on the new SFMS website and I have already moved the DMC pages there: <https://www.southeastfed.org/dmc-field-trip-program> Please note that along with our spiffy new website, there is a also a spiffy new DMC email address: [dmc@southeastfed.org](mailto:dmc@southeastfed.org)

Many thanks to all of the clubs who continue to support the DMC Field Trip Sharing Program. I am looking forward to when we can all collect together again.

Stay healthy, stay safe.

Lori Carter

DMC Coordinator

[dmc@southeastfed.org](mailto:dmc@southeastfed.org)

[sfms-dmc@amfed.org](mailto:sfms-dmc@amfed.org)

**P.S.** If you are not responsible for field trips in your club, please forward this to the person who is, and let me know so I can change the mailing list.

Please reply by e-mail to: [dmc@southeastfed.org](mailto:dmc@southeastfed.org)

Website: <https://www.southeastfed.org/dmc-field-trip-program>

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

**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 NOT provide the drinks and paper products. The church has requested NO FOOD OR DRINKS be served !! Just in.***



**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.sfmssworkshops.org](http://www.sfmssworkshops.org) to see descriptions and instructor bios.

The following classes will be offered at Wildacres

***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

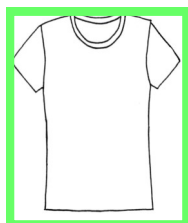
**Notices...** Announced by Helen Serras-Herman:  
Fall 2021 EFMLS Wildacres session, Sept. 6-12, 2021.  
Speaker-In-Residence will be Wolfgang Mueller



**A.M.L.S.** still has a few T-shirts available at a discounted price.

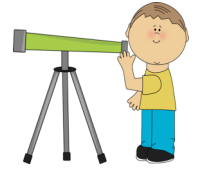
See Sandra Sullivan if you would like one!

They are so beautiful on representing our rock club!

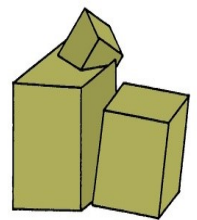
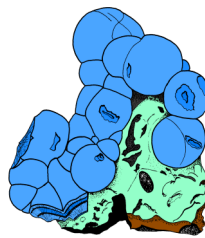


**Meteor Shower Alert ~ AUG. 11-13 NOW!**  
<https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide>

Per Wess Wyatt of Channel 6 News, Perseid Meteor Shower will be from Midnight until dawn. We could see over 60 shooting stars per hour! We will have a waxing moon also. So grab your children and go outside to see this wonderful spectacle.



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.



**DO YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF THESE ???**

REQUEST for the TANNEHILL SHOW ITEMS ~

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.

**Education**



*August 23-29. September 13-19*

**The August workshop has a few open spots**  
 In Wire Wrap, Filigree, and Special Projects.  
 All other classes in August have a waiting list.  
 Info at [sfmsworkshops.org](http://sfmsworkshops.org)

*September 13-19*

**The September workshop has open spots**

In. Gem Trees  
 Leather  
 Gem ID  
 Electro-etching  
 Inlay  
 Waiting list for  
 Metal Mania. Full  
 Casting. Full  
 Chain. Full

Info at [sfmsworkshops.org](http://sfmsworkshops.org)

Please come and join us for a week or two of fun in the mountains of NC.

***For some Lapidary fun.***

If you have any questions please contact Lisa Roberts Education Chair at [antleycreations@yahoo.com](mailto:antleycreations@yahoo.com) or call 423-494-7096. Please do not call Wildacres for info about Workshop.

Claudia Erwin will be our Registrar.

Contact info for Claudia at [registrarwildacres@gmail.com](mailto:registrarwildacres@gmail.com) or call 865-973-1933

We look forward to seeing you at the SFMS Workshop at Wildacres 2021.

**Lisa Roberts**

**Education Chair**

Thank you

Lisa Roberts - William Holland Director SFMS Week [antleycreations@yahoo.com](mailto:antleycreations@yahoo.com)

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**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.





Last page funnies ...

RUBY FEVER by our member Judith Johnson

Rubies, sapphires, emeralds, garnets
My mind reels with the possibility of finding one.
I am high with the beauty of the surrounding mountains.

The dark green pine and fall trees, still wet from the night, display their magnificent colors.
The turkey vulture thermals in the clear, sapphire blue skies.

Smoke from the fire where coffee is brewing adds a pungent odor to the air.

The stream diverted though the cool wooden flume.

My fingers are sensitive to the cold water as I wash the red mud from the gritty gravel.

The water turns red as it flows through the rough wooden trough.

My trembling hands show my excitement as the water clears.

I raise my sluice box and the small red and blue pebbles are lit up by the clear unpolluted sunshine.

As an amateur I carefully capture each shining treasure.

My jar fills and I am reluctant to take a break. My fingers are worn, my back sore but the next wash might hold the big one.

Later we sit around the crackling fire and listen to the stories of Ruby Fever.

My clothes are stained with the red mud, my fingers are waterlogged and sore.

My soul is fulfilled as I enjoy the good people and the mountain music.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

# AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Wkshp. open 10 am</i>	11	12 <i>Workshop open at 1</i>	13 <i>Meeting 6:30pm</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Wkshp ZOOM Bd Mt</i>	25	26 <i>Wkshp. shop open 1</i>	27	28
29	30	31	<i>Sept.1 Load up at the workshop!</i>	<i>Sept.2 Move into the BCC!</i>	<i>Sept.3 AMLS SHOW</i>	<i>Sept.4 AMLS SHOW</i>

## 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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**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.*

