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**President’s Message**

Hello Folks,

We had a wonderful time at the Bessemer Civic Center during our annual show. We had members come in to the show we haven’t gotten to see in years. We sat and chat with many just catching up and I especially got to a chance to make new rockhound friends. The club experienced something new to the ones who had never been involved with an indoor show except to attend one. I didn’t know all the prep work needed to be done. But thanks to John Gaston and John Wild for their wonderful guidance we were able to do it. Many in the club said “Let’s do this again next year, here NOT OUTSIDE!!” So hopefully we will be having our show there again next year at the same time, Labor Day weekend. In order to have a really successful show, we will need more members to really step up and lend a helping hand, not like this year. The ones who worked the show from the beginning to the end went home over exhausted. They were a part of a new era in the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society’s story.

There were many who played a big part in getting this great endeavor off the ground. Cathy Kellogg and Ben Beadore, the Show Chairs, John and Judi Wild, Don Hill, Levan and Yvonne Foster, especially Bonnie and John Gaston, Vivian Melof, Robert and Anne Lorino, Steven and Barbara Zehran, Christina Tela, Rita Sale, Reggie Bolton, Charlie ??? and many more I can’t remember now. I want say you are true rockhounds, jumping in there and helping out. Thanks to each and everyone of you.

The Sunday after our meeting we will be heading out for our first fieldtrip in awhile. October 10th, Jim Thomas has agreed to help out by leading us to a spot he knows up in Lauderdale county. So get your old clothes on, bring along a bucket or something to put your finds in, water, hat, bug repellent, and pack a good lunch. You will need it! We will have a lot of fun and I will have a handout sheet for all who are interested in going.

The workshop is getting some much needed rework done and a bit of a cleanup. Levan Foster wants to hold a Rock Swap Nov. 6th and an Open House sort of setup for all the new members to see what just what all we do, how we do it, and so forth. SO FAIR WARNING - if you have left some rocks and stuff there without your name on it, it may be used as payment in getting some of this work done. *Continued on page 7.*

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



Sandra Sullivan  
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in OCTOBER - Meeting** on the second Friday night, the 8th. **Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 4th Tue. night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month it will be on **Tuesday the 26th.** Members welcomed!
- **Fieldtrip** - October 10th to the Wheeler Dam area.
- **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.

**We will have our meeting at the Cahaba Heights  
United Methodist Church  
3139 Cahaba Heights Road  
Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243  
Friday night at 6:30 pm on 10/08/21**

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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.*

*Chatham Hellmers, Valerie Jones, Elena Llivian, LaRay Lockhart, Denise Willoughby, Andie Bradon, Michael Hagans, Keith Hargill, Anna Smith, and William Cooper*

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 9/21~**

The show always takes the place of a meeting for the month in which it is held in. So there are NO meeting minutes ONLY comments from some of the main participates of the show.

**Cathy Kellogg says ...**

Hello fellow rockhounds,

This year was our first Gem Show hosted at the Bessemer Civic Center, and I wanted to thank ALL who turned out to help, especially Ben Beadore, the new co-chair. For a new show, it was considered a success. The club did make a little money and we had a decent turn out of customers. Looking at the responses we were given, our TV star John Wild and Face Book were both key in the word getting out, with flyers and word of mouth next.

Our vendors shared their thoughts and most were very happy with our new venue and would like to return. Folks, we have a great opportunity here to grow this show into an even BIGGER success. For that to happen, we hope everyone will keep the dates on your calendar to help and think of how we can generate even MORE buzz and foot traffic. Till next time.



These are pictures from the mezzanine with Sandra Sullivan's phone camera.



**A.M.L.S. Board Meeting 9/28/21 Minutes ~**

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

First, thanks to the few volunteers that made our initial indoor show a success. They worked way



harder than they should have. Special thanks to **Bonnie Gaston** for feeding the vendors. There was good attendance and the vendors were pleased. The club netted about \$6000. Plans will go forward on doing it again next year.

Our fiscal year ends September 30 and soon Reggie Bolton and Larry Hensley will get together to go over expenses and money taken in to present to the membership. Next year's budget will be based on these figures.

Levan is putting together a rock swap for Saturday, November 6th with a rain date of the 13th. The main idea is to showcase the workshop and Yvonne will do soldering demonstrations. The club will set up tents and tables. Charge for one table will be \$10, Members will be able to reserve one table up until Nov 3, then a second table can be added and non-members can reserve one if there are any left. Ben Beadore is going to make us a new, removable 5' ramp for the back door. Sandra will get him a shop key.

Not much progress has been made by the nominating committee. In particular we need a new treasurer who is more familiar with current practices.

The next AMLS meeting will be October 8th at Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church. Details to follow. There will be a field trip to Wheeler Dam area on Sunday October 10th. Info will be at the meeting

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 PANDEMIC**

**Oct. 8 - 10 Huntsville, AL. Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society;** Jaycee Community Center, , 2180 Airport Rd. Huntsville, AL 35801; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$3, weekend \$5, primary & secondary students \$1, under 5 free; Contact Lowell K. Zoller, 12021 Defender Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803, (256) 534-8803; Email: [lzol@comcast.net](mailto:lzol@comcast.net); Website: [www.Huntsvillegms.org](http://www.Huntsvillegms.org).

**Oct. 8 - 10 Westwego, LA: Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana;** Alario Center, 2000 Segnette Blvd; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults: \$5, students, and military (both with ID) \$3, free admission for children under 12 ; 50th annual show, featuring dealers offering gems, fossils, minerals, Contact Gem & Mineral Society of Louisiana , P.O. Box 52973, New Orleans , LA 70152, (225) 571-7871; Email: [show@gmsofla.org](mailto:show@gmsofla.org); Website: <https://www.gmsofla.org>

#### **John Wild says ...**

Judi and I are vendors at **Mentone Colorfest** the weekend of **October 16-17**. The show is held at Brow Park in Mentone and features many unique Arts and Crafts vendors as well as live entertainment and most importantly....food! My favorite part of the weekend is Tomato Pie and roasted ears of corn. Typically the vendors showcase handmade jewelry, art, woodworking, homemade jams and jellies, handmade knives and much more.

**Oct. 15-17 Knoxville, TN Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society;** Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; \$6 a day for adults or \$10 for the whole show; children under 12 are admitted free.; Kid freindly activities. contact Teresa, 6115 Atkins Road, Knoxville, TN 37918-6016, (865) 258-0795; Email: [teresapolly@bellsouth.net](mailto:teresapolly@bellsouth.net); Website: <http://www.knoxrocks.org>

**Oct.16-17 Sanford, FL. Florida Fossil Hunters;** Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$4, children \$1; Fossils, rocks, minerals, artifact, educational exhibits, and activities

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

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

for children; contact Valerie First, 223 Ringwood Dr, Winter Springs, FL 32708, (407) 721-0481; Email: [vjfirst@aol.com](mailto:vjfirst@aol.com); Website: [www.floridafossilhunters.com](http://www.floridafossilhunters.com)

**Oct. 22-24 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 \$3.00; Under 12 FREE; contact Linda Harbuck, 98 Hyatt Road, Franklin, NC 28734, (828) 524-3161; Email: [lindah@franklin-chamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklin-chamber.com); Website: [www.visitfranklinnc.com](http://www.visitfranklinnc.com)

**Oct.29-31 Hickory, N.C. Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.;** Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Ave. Dr. SE; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5.00 for adults, good for all three days. Children 12 and under, Military (active or retired) and Law Enforcement with ID are free.; Admission is good for all three days;. Show Chairperson: Dean Russell 5254 Olde School Drive, Hickory, NC 28602; Contact (828) 303-1448 or [cvgmcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:cvgmcsecretary@aol.com); CVGMC Website: [www.cvgmc.com](http://www.cvgmc.com)

**Oct.30-31 Port St. Lucie, FL. St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club;** MidFlorida Event Center, 9221 SE Civic Center Place; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5.00 for 12 and over. contact Bobbie Richards, (772) 475-5593; Website: <http://www.slcrockandgem.org/AnnualClubShow2.html>

**Nov.13 – 14, Melbourne, FL Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society** Annual Parade of Gems Show & Sales Sat. and Sun. From 10am - 5pm. At the Melbourne Auditorium 625 E Hibiscus Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32901 U.S. Pricing/Ticket Info \$5 door donation or \$4 with coupon here or on our website or FB page.  
<https://www.canaveral-mgs.com/our-show.html>

**Nov.19 – 21, Columbia, SC The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society** 53rd Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show. Fri. and Sat. 10 - 6; Sun. 12 – 5.Sun. Jamil Temple 206 Jamil Rd. Columbia, SC 29210. \$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free. All military & their dependents free.  
803-736-9317 [ashrader@mindspring.com](mailto:ashrader@mindspring.com)

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

### **Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~**

#### Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problem

Last month I mentioned my club's effort to start holding in-person meetings in September. These are now allowed by the city, but we worried that many of our members might not be ready to venture out just yet. So we opted to try it in hybrid mode to accommodate both.

By hybrid, I mean that our club meeting would be attended by some members from home via their computers and by other members at an in-person session in our old meeting room.

Well, it was a success in every way. Our club's Zoom Coordinator, Darren, pulled off this nice technical success without a glitch. Attendance was like a typical meeting. A total of thirty people showed up - 10 in person and 20 online. And that included two in-person guests who may join as new members.

Participants from home took part in the business meeting and enjoyed the speaker's talk as we've done over the last 18 months with Zoom. Participants in the meeting room watched everything via the digital projector we use for speaker presentations and could speak to the online participants using a camera and microphone. Both audiences could ask questions at our business meeting and during the speaker's presentation. The evening speaker and the Club President participated from home.

We're keeping track of the numbers. Obviously, the rental cost of the meeting room is a little expensive for a small turn-out of just 10 people, but we feel it's necessary to continue experimenting to find the best way forward for the club to be able to serve all members.

October and November are already booked as hybrid meetings. Wishing you well, Brad Smith  
Happy hammering,

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### LAYOUT TOOLS

Dimensions on some features of a design can be



fluid while others must be accurate for the design to work. When precision on a piece is important, good layout techniques are essential. These are the tools that I rely upon to get holes in the right place, to achieve correct angles, and to cut pieces the correct length.

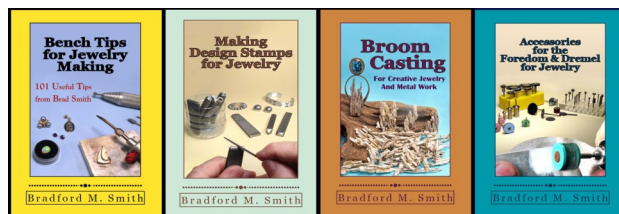
I like crisp sharp lines to follow, so I often coat surfaces with a dark marker and scribe my layout lines onto the metal. A square makes quick work of checking right angles or marking where to cut, and the thin center punch helps me mark a place to drill holes exactly where I want them.

Finally, a good set of dividers is probably my favorite layout tool. They let me quickly mark a strip for cutting, swing an arc, and divide a line or curve into as many equal segments as I need. I keep at least one set of dividers in every toolbox.

### INVENTORY RECORD

In an ideal world each of us who sells their jewelry has a good record with photos of all pieces in our inventory. We use it for insurance purposes, to record the cost to produce, to note where the item was sent out on consignment, and maybe to store descriptive text for marketing. Eventually, we note in the record when the piece was sold and for how much.

It's nice to also have good pictures of each piece, but sometimes we don't have time for a full-on photo session. In situations like this it's worth doing a quick group shot with the help of a phone, a camera, a scanner, or even a color copier. The quality is at least sufficient for an accurate identification in case a piece is lost.



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

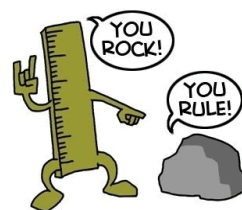
See all Brad's jewelry books at

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See the paperback edition at [https://](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0988285886/)

[www.amazon.com/dp/0988285886/](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0988285886/) and the Kindle

edition at <https://amazon.com/dp/B07D4B45JJ/>





**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  
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[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."**



***Levan Foster says ...***

***Rock Swap and Sale ~***

Come join us Saturday November 6, from 10am - 5pm, behind the workshop. Bring your rocks, for swapping, or selling them and/or buy some more. (*Rain date Nov. 13*)

We will have tables available behind the workshop for \$10 per table. There is a one table per person limit, until November 3, then I will send out an email to see if anyone wants another table.

Come see the equipment at the workshop. Watch a silversmithing demo, and hopefully a cabbing demo. There is a parking lot at each end of the street with a short walk to either the front or the back of the workshop. If you don't have rocks, join me on a Saturday before the 6th. Help cleanup and get paid in rocks, or show up early on the 6th and help setup. MARK YOU CALENDARS - November 6, 10 am – 5pm, at the

AMLS Workshop  
8036 Parkway Drive SE  
Leeds, AL. 35094

If you know you will want a table, contact me at [AMLS.rock.swap@gmail.com](mailto:AMLS.rock.swap@gmail.com)



***Behind the workshop in Leeds is where we plan to set up the pop up tents and tables for the rocks, slabs, etc. This area has been cleaned off and Ben Beadore will be installing a new ramp from the back door. Hopefully we will have a big saw out there to demonstrate cutting a slab. Hope to see you there!***





## Safety ~

*Happy October!*

Good grief, I guess that in 3 or 4 weeks we will start seeing the Christmas decorations and based on the supply chain issue, if you have

not gotten that perfect present, maybe next year. Sorry; but this is an issue, and all have probably seen the supply chain issues in the grocery stores. We finally got the automatic dishwasher that was supposed to have been delivered in mid-August. Anyway, we do have it. I did remember how to wash dishes by hand.

Ok, lapidary stuff. This month I am repeating the admonitions of you are responsible for your own safety and must review what your plans are to complete your task. Now, talking about saws. Rock saws must be treated with respect, if you are to have a useful life out of these. Proper lubrication and in some cases, alignment must be performed. I have a 6" saw that needs new bearings. This is an old saw, about 50 years old, I have had the saw for 15 years and gotten good service out of the unit. Before I figured out that you must let the saw do the cutting on a stone, I bent a blade when I jammed the piece into the blade then twisted the piece. Well, as luck would have it, I worked the kink out of the blade and have used it for several years. Now the bearings are so bad they rapidly overheat and my chore is to disassemble the machine and replace the bearings. One thing learned on replacing bearings on a cabbing machine, the alignment is critical, if you are to have a smooth-running saw or cabbing machine. Replacing the bearings is not a big chore, but the alignment is. Patience is required along with the proper personal protection, particularly safety glasses.

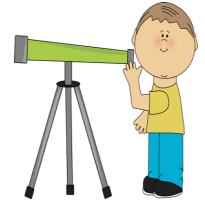
As all know, the stone and saw will dictate the feed speed of the stone to the saw. A soft stone may seem to be an easier cut, unless the material mats the diamond surface. I have cut several very soft stones and found that the lubricant makes a big difference. If the lubricant washes away the residue from the stone, it goes faster. As with a cabbing machine and a soft stone proper "rinsing" away the stone residue speeds the cutting. Also, these is a great diversity of opinion on the lubricant for the saws, several folks use specialty prepared lubricants and other use mineral oil and some use motor oil. I have only used mineral oil and motor oil. To me the mineral oil is much better, it is easier to clean up after cutting as the motor oil does a good job of being everywhere and more difficult to clean up.

Anyway, be careful, I was "properly" trained on a 6" saw by a guy that ***Continued on the top of page 8.***

## Meteor Shower Alert ~

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

October 8, 2021, nightfall and evening, Draconids



In 2021, watch the Draconid meteors at nightfall and early evening on October 8. You might catch some on the nights before and after, as well. Fortunately, the thin waxing crescent moon sets before nightfall. It won't hinder this year's Draconid shower. The radiant point for the Draconid meteor shower almost coincides with the head of the constellation Draco the Dragon in the northern sky. That's why the Draconids are best viewed from the Northern Hemisphere. The Draconid shower is a real oddity, in that the radiant point stands highest in the sky as darkness falls. That means that, unlike many meteor showers, more Draconids are likely to fly in the evening hours than in the morning hours after midnight. This shower is usually a sleeper, producing only a handful of languid meteors per hour in most years. But watch out if the Dragon awakes! In rare instances, fiery Draco has been known to spew forth many hundreds of meteors in a single hour.

October 21, 2021, before dawn, Orionids

Unfortunately a full moon accompanies 2021's Orionid shower. Try watching for these meteors in the wee hours before dawn on October 21. You won't escape the moon, though. On a dark, moonless night, the Orionids exhibit a maximum of about 10 to 20 meteors per hour. More meteors tend to fly after midnight, and the Orionids are typically at their best in the wee hours before dawn. These fast-moving meteors occasionally leave persistent trains. The Orionids sometimes produce bright fireballs, which might be able to overcome a moonlit glare. If you trace these meteors backward, they seem to radiate from the Club of the famous constellation Orion the Hunter.

*Via the website listed above*

***President's message continued ...*** Please come by and at least identify your stuff and rocks, and put YOUR NAME on it. We really need your help here folks.

It has been mentioned the Oak Mt Fall Festival will be on Oct. 23rd this year. The A.M.L.S. has participated in the past but will ONLY do this if enough people step up to help do it.

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



*Safety continued from page 7.* Anyway, be careful, I was “properly” trained on a 6” saw by a guy that was a stickler for safety and cleaning up after you finished. He was even more of a stickler around the cabbng machines. He once threatened to withdraw a person access to the workshop because she was digging the stone into the face of the wheel and had gouged a hole in the wheel and then she complained that the machine was at fault. Of course, the dumb machine caused everything, including her stone digging into the wheel. Anyway, she did not make too many return trips and our machines tended to last longer. Folks need training on the use

of all the equipment and for a good service life, these machines need proper maintenance and care. And as you perform these maintenance activities and use the equipment be prepared and understand the issues and the hazards.

As a closing, on a TV program highlighting survivors, one guy had never owned a gun. His gun jammed and in clearing the jam he shot his thumb. Fortunately the TV series folks had an emergency vehicle close by and rushed him the emergency room. He lost about an inch of his thumb, but still had most of it. The moral of this is understand what you are doing and if you need training, get it. In the south one of the most overused comments is “betcha you can’t do this”, often with not the planned outcome.

Be safe and be prepared, the hurricanes and storms do not care whether you are vaccinated or not.

Bob Green

SFMS Safety Committee Chair

Via SFMS Lodestar Newsletter Subscribe and Submit to: SFMS.Lodestar@gmail.com October 2021

### SFMS Executive Meeting – Annual Meeting Schedule - November 19-21, 2021

**A BIG THANK YOU to the Columbia Gem and Mineral Society for offering to host this year's Annual Meeting. State Director John Narang has been working hard to make all the arrangements and while there is a**

**few details to be ironed out, most of the arrangements have been made. Registration forms will be sent out to all clubs as soon as a few details are finalized. They will also be posted for download on the new [website: https://southeastfed.org](https://southeastfed.org).**

*Pay attention !!!!*

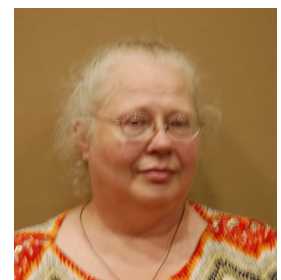
**THIS IS A GOOD DEAL  
YA'LL !!  
TAKE NOTICE** →

**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 ...

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The day is dark and wet and cold,  
A high level of ozone and mold;  
It's a great day to stay at home,  
This is no time to get out and roam;  
It's a time to write or paint or read,  
Getting cold and wet, I don't need.

But at home, I cannot stay,  
Our Club's Field Trip is TODAY!!!  
Boots go on, hat on my head,  
Hammer in hand, get out the lead;  
First a drive, then a walk,  
Find the place—from the talk.

Looking for a fossil, mineral or gem,  
In a cave or a mountain rim;  
Luck and skill, go hand in hand,

On private or government land;  
Tension builds, how will I fare?  
Only Leverite, or something rare.

Its important that I know,  
Rules of collecting, as I go;  
Ask permission, before I pick,  
Anything up, or break a stick;  
I must protect our Club's good name,  
Future Rockhounds don't need my shame.

No matter what, the conditions are,  
or whether the location, is near or far;  
When our Club has a Field Trip planned,  
other things from my mind are banned;  
Its time for stress to unravel,  
Come on Rockhounds—Let's travel!!!

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.

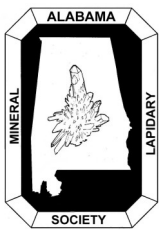
*Visitors Welcomed !*

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Wkshp. open 11 am	6	7 Wkshp. open 1 pm	8	9
10	11	12 Wkshp. open 11am	13	14 Wkshp. open 1pm	15	16
17	18	19 Wkshp. open 11 am	20	21 Wkshp. open 1pm	22	23
24 31	25	26 Wkshp. open 11am ZOOM Bd. Mtg	27	28 Wkshp. open 1pm	29	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 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.*

