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Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society  
Birmingham, Alabama

President’s Message

Hello Folks,

With the fall colors surrounding us, let us be grateful for all we have, the lives that touch ours, and of course all the rocks we have! And if you are new to the club, we have been having the workshop open and going strong. We are located in Leeds, AL. right in the middle of town.

On behalf of Levan Foster and Robert Lorino, thank you for coming out to join in on the fun at the Rock Sale at the workshop this past Saturday. We had a lot of fun getting to know new rocks to ourselves. Or just getting caught up with other members was enjoyable and meeting new folks too. I am sorry if you couldn’t make it. We had a good day in the sunshine!

A big shout out to Benjamin Beadore! He is the wonderful carpenter that built our new backdoor ramp. We can now get the big saw near the restroom outside and run it in the open air. Thank you, Ben!

This is the month we start collecting dues for the new year. If you just joined, don’t worry about it. Per the by-laws we are to collect the dues between now and December 31 of that year to remain in good standing. Please see our treasurer, Reggie Bolton to give him your dues with a filled out application (last page). If you have changed your email address be sure to include that too.

We have a fieldtrip scheduled for this upcoming Sunday, November 14th to Section, AL. for paint rock agate. Please be at the McDonald’s in Springville, AL. at 10 am for check-in with the fieldtrip manager, Jim Thomas. We plan a wonderful day of getting agate that normally occurs at 1600 to 1800 feet up.

This is the month we have our election scheduled but to my dismay, we do not have anyone willing to step up. We will not have a rock club unless we are willing to support it and pitch in when needed. This will have an unfortunately a ripple effect if the two positions, president and vice president isn’t filled by our December meeting. We must pay for our clubs’ dues to the Southeast and Eastern Federations come January 2022. We pay for our insurance then and for the show insurance too. These are important to the club in order to produce a show in early September. I urge each and everyone to examine if you could possible step up.

Keep on rocking,  
Sandra Sullivan

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



Sandra Sullivan  
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in NOVEMBER - Meeting** on the second Friday night, the 12th. **Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 4th Tue. night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month it will be on **Tuesday the 23rd**. Members welcomed!
- **Fieldtrip** - November 14th to Section, AL.
- **Workshop** open usually with **Robert Lorino** for Tuesdays and **Levan Foster** for Thursdays or Levan says the workshop is **NOT OPEN because of Veteran’s Day**. Levan says the workshop isn’t getting anyone on Saturdays. So if you want to go use the workshop other than Thursdays, call, text, or email Levan Foster. He says usually Thursday afternoons are 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 11/12/21**

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The SFMS Newsletter, *the Lodestar*, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at [website: https://southeastfed.org](https://southeastfed.org). 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. These are our newest members.*

*Larry Yednak, Sharon Keef, Monya Broom, and She She Vaughn*

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 10/8/21~*

We gathered at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church for the first time here since we had to stop having meetings due to the pandemic. Note \* We gathered at the St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Vestavia in earlier months. Sandra Sullivan explained why there was a lot of rocks and books on a table. She had received them earlier that afternoon from Ann Skipper. She said they had belonged to her father, Mr. Howard Skipper.

The call for the blessing to be said and John Gaston had a wonderful one available just for us. We ate a covered dish meal like always. Afterwards Sandra called the meeting to order and recognized the new members and visitors. She had ready the items to go over on what you may need on a fieldtrip in buckets.

Sandra called for the last meeting minutes to be approved as printed in the October newsletter. Robert Lorino made the motion and John Wild seconded it. The minutes will stand as written.

John Wild spoke about the show because we didn't have the people available that handled that. John wants to thank especially Bonnie Gaston for coming in with the food for the vendors. They said "We need our coffee!" so we need to have the concession stand open or provide a coffee pot and coffee stuff for them. He talked with many of the vendors and they said doing the show was much better and they were pleased with the outcome during the covid pandemic. John informed us the backdoor was unlocked on Sunday and that no one was watching for 2 hours. Why did this happen? He said we need more club members to be involved in the set up through the closing and returning of items to the workshop. Labor Day weekend in 2022 has been set up for our show at the Bessemer Civic Center by way of Ben Beadore. The attendance count wasn't available at this time but Cathy Kellogg has that. The vendors did stress we need more advertising done. We need to make the show more interesting for kids. The Bessemer city sales tax was an issue for some vendors. Questions were taken from the members and the subject was mentioned the club needs to be a mentor to the vendors who have no experience at doing shows.

New business – Levan Foster wants to do an old fashion Rock Swap and at the workshop in Leeds on November 6 with pop-up-tents in the back yard for anyone wanting space. Yonne Foster will be doing a soldering demo up front and Sandra will be selling rocks. Hopefully Robert Lorino will be doing a cabling demo in the cutting room.

Fieldtrip – The handout was passed around and the fieldtrip will be October 10, 2021 to the Wheeler Dam area for geodes. Jim Thomas will be leading this expedition.

The calendar discussion developed with this summation: meetings will be held the second Friday night of the month and the board meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday night of the month on ZOOM. There will not be a workshop on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25th.

An estate appraiser contacted Sandra about a large jade Buddha and an amethyst crystal cluster big enough to be made into a desk. John Gaston helped her with that.

After a little bit of discussion, it was decided that an impromptu auction would be held on the item donated to the club because they were already there. Index cards was used for our numbers and a small amount was raised for the club. The remainder was loaded into Sandra 's car for the workshop sale on November 6.

When the items for sale was finished then the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lorino in the absence of Bunny Bolton.

### *AMLS board meeting 10/26/21~*

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

Jim Thomas has agreed to do some (more) field trips and Sandra will ask if he would be our field trip chairman.

Ben Beadore said that the workshop needs some more shelves and suggested steel restaurant type might be good. He also has spoken with Terry at the Bessemer Civic Center regarding a show Labor Day week-end 2022. We will need to pay for the space for Thursday for load in as well as Friday-Sunday for a total of \$4,450. Reggie will need to send a deposit check for half but first the club membership must vote on it. Sandra shared vendor comments. Most were okay with the venue, time and cost but thought the concessions needed to be open. Other suggestions included better kid's activities (must have better member participation for this), more advertising and badges for vendors.

A good number of people became members at the show but Sandra reported that some of their e-mails bounced back. Reggie said that none of the membership cards he sent out came back so we can still contact them. Membership participation *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 PAN-DEMIC**

**Nov. 6-7 Plant City, FL. Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club;** Sady Gibbs Martin Community Center, 302 Maryland Ave; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; Adults \$5; Over 40 vendors, kids activities, exhibits; contact Jerri Heer, 9016 122nd Ave, Tampa, FL 33637, (419) 344-9999; Email: [jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com); Website: [Tampabayrockclub.org](http://Tampabayrockclub.org)

**Nov. 12-14 Gray, TN Kingsport Gems & Minerals Society;** Building # 1 Appalachian Fairgrounds, 100 Lakeview Street; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 students, children 6 and under free; There will be fossil casting ; contact Robert George Morgan, 181 Harmony Acres Drive East, JONESBORO, TN 37659, (423) 956-9486; Email: [morganjewelry@msn.com](mailto:morganjewelry@msn.com)

**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)

**Nov. 20-21 West Palm Beach, FL. Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches;** Expo Center East at the South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults/Seniors \$9, 2-day pass \$14 (visit website to get \$1 coupon), free admission for children under 12; More than 70 dealers, demonstrations, displays, speakers, and activities for children; contact Barbara Ringhiser; Email: [bar5678@aol.com](mailto:bar5678@aol.com); Website: [www.gmspb.org](http://www.gmspb.org)

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

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

**Dec. 4-4 Hixson, TN. Tennessee Valley Rock & Mineral Society;** At the Pavillion Chester Frost Park, Chester Frost Park; Sat. 9-5; Free; contact BC Ozzie Osbonlighter, 1389 Penny Lane, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379, (423) 400-1796; Email: [bcoozzie@epbfi.com](mailto:bcoozzie@epbfi.com)

**Dec.4-5 Pinecrest, FL. Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild;** Evelyn Greer Park, 8200 SW 124 Street; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Admission is \$6 – children under 12 admitted free (with paid adult admission; There will be exhibits, displays, demonstrations, raffles, and vendors showcasing mineral & fossil specimens, gemstones, fine jewelry, and artisan-crafted collectibles. Children's activities include jewelry-making sessions, surprise grab-bags, and scavenger hunts; contact Sandy Mielke, (305) 460-2244; Email: [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org); Website: [www.miamigemandmineral.com](http://www.miamigemandmineral.com)

**Dec.10-12 Arden, N.C. MAGMA, Jacquot & Son Mining;** Camp Stephens, 263 Clayton Road; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; Free; Annual Christmas Show; Dozens of vendors from across the U.S. offering gems, minerals, fossils, rocks, artifacts, meteorites, and 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)

**Dec.10-12 Lawrenceville, GA. Bellpoint;** Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy., Enter on Davis Rd; 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, healing stones, geodes, fossils, crystals; contact Damian; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

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

**For the 2022 show** in September, please save and pass onto Sandra Sullivan your gift wrapping tubes. With the pretty designs now on gift bags, it is harder and harder each year to have enough tubes for the map sales we have at the show. *S.S.*





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

In my club the hybrid meetings are going well. We can accommodate the members and guests who wish to come to the meeting room as well as those members who do not venture out for healthcare or other reasons. And the Zoom capability lets us offer a vastly wider range of great speakers with no extra costs for travel.

As a help for our planning in the new year, could you please let me know a bit about your club meetings. Address is [BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com](mailto:BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com)

- Do you offer your meetings online?
- Have you tried meetings in hybrid mode?
- Do you make use of invited speakers?
- Would you like my list of Zoom speakers?
- Could you share a couple good leads for speakers?

**MARKING YOUR TOOLS**

It makes sense to mark your tools if you ever lend them to friends or take them out to classes or workshops. Question is how to mark them permanently. For metal tools, I use a very small ball bur running fast in the Dremel or Foredom to "engrave" my initials. Other times I'll form the initials with a number of hits with a center punch.

But for hammer handles and other wooden tools, the country boy in me came back and thought "Why not make a branding iron?" If you'd like to try one, all you need is a little scrap copper or nickel about 22-24 gauge, a piece of heavy brass or copper for a base, about 6 inches of metal rod and a piece of wood for the handle.

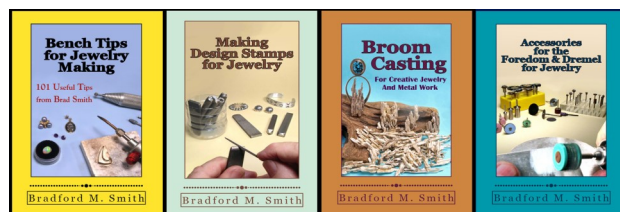
I formed my initials from a couple 4mm strips of sheet nickel. The "S" was one piece, but the "B" was three pieces soldered together with hard. (Remember to form the letters backwards). I then soldered the letters with medium onto a piece of 1/8 inch thick brass bar to act as a heat sink. Finally, I soldered a piece of 1/8 round rod on the back of the brass bar as a shaft to join to a wooden handle.

**NO SCRATCH VISE JAWS**

If your bench vise has replaceable jaws, there is a simple modification to customize it for bending sheet metal and holding jewelry pieces without worrying about the jaws leaving scratch marks.

I make a duplicate set of jaws from high density plastic such as Nylon or Delrin. Remove the jaws and use them as a template. Cut two pieces from a 1/2 inch sheet of scrap plastic. Then clamp the steel jaw over the plastic and drill through the steel side and into the plastic. Finally, use a larger drill to counter-sink the plastic for the screw heads.

Plastic can be obtained from the scrap bin at a local plastics store, can be purchased online from Ebay, or can be repurposed from an old kitchen cutting board.



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

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

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



**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

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**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."**

**Mary Chin Quan ~  
May 7, 1925 - October 19, 2021**

Mary and Young married at 16 and started their family soon after with the birth of the oldest of their five sons in 1942. To support themselves, they started a traditional Chinese laundry business on the southside of Birmingham which they ran successfully for over 30 years. Together they proved to be quite talented at starting and running businesses, including a dry cleaning business, and a uniform and Chinese art and antiques shop, with Mary primarily managing the staff and finances. Always seeking new ways to improve their lives, later in life Mary taught herself to



craft award-winning artisan jewelry, creating another successful gems tone and jewelry business. Mary will be missed by all who knew her. S.S.

**John Wild says ...**

What a great way to start the new year!

Did you ever want to know how some minerals are identified? If so, mark your calendar for January 14th, 2022! Our first program of the year will be presented by John Gaston where he will show us how to identify minerals by utilizing not only our eyes, but using the various tools available. John Gaston will demonstrate hardness picks, scratch tests, specific gravity tests and MORE!



William Holland School is BACK! Registration will open in December for the 2022 school year with the first classes scheduled to be held the week of 4/3/22. The school has worked very hard to plan a safe opening with procedures in place for extra cleaning and sanitizing, social distancing and other safety measures. Check their website ([lapidaryschool.org](http://lapidaryschool.org)) for updates on class schedules and registration. Don't forget that AMLS has several members that are volunteer instructors at William Holland School. Judi Wild teaches Wire I and II as well as Polymer Clay. In addition, Steve Adams, Larry Carby, and John Wild are all Cabochon instructors (*and all are from our club*).

William Holland School is a unique environment for both learning a new skill, refreshing and old skill and fellowship with your fellow rockhounds. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks, John Wild



### *Editor of the Lodestar says ...*

Hello rockhounds!

Happy November!

Our newsletter covers a wide spectrum of information, varying each month (based on submissions received) Please be sure to check out all we have available each month.

Anyone who wishes to subscribe to the Lodestar and/or submit an article/show/report for publication, send us an email at: [sfms.lodestar@gmail.com](mailto:sfms.lodestar@gmail.com). Simply, send your request from the email address you want the newsletter sent to.

Please share this Lodestar newsletter with your local Club. You may simply attach this newsletter to your monthly newsletter distribution, or send out separately. Thank you for your assistance. As always each club is responsible to submit their show, if they want it to be listed in the SFMS Lodestar.

You may submit your submission months before your Show, and we can include the show in several newsletter issues. If you miss the deadline, then your submission can be included in the next scheduled newsletter issue. Also, have your request a new email, not a reply - to ensure your email appears in the inbox, as a fresh new email. Have your subject line appropriate, so it doesn't go to spam or junk. We are all volunteers, and you'll need to provide all the details in a word or Open Office document. You may submit a .png, .gif, or .jpg if the ad is quarter page size – to allow the information to fit. We are here to share with you and inform you. And, to include your upcoming regional shows, when your club and other clubs provided the information to include in our regional newsletter bulletin... However, we are not here to provide free advertising for other endeavors. Please reach-out to your local club if you are selling something, or want to promote your business. (Not all clubs have an advertising section, but that's the best opportunity I can provide at this time.) Remember, You may submit... your Show, Committee Report, via email. If you miss the deadline, your submission will be posted in the next scheduled newsletter issue.

Rock On,  
Lori Heinemann, SFMS Lodestar Editor

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### *Meteor Shower Alert ~*

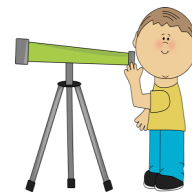
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**Late night November 11 until dawn**

**November 12, 2021, the North**

**Taurids.** Taurid meteors tend to be slow-moving, but sometimes very bright. In 2021, the first quarter moon sets at late night, providing dark skies from roughly midnight till dawn.

**November 17, 2021,** before dawn, the Leonids. the expected peak night of the Leonids is from late night November 16 until dawn November 17.



### ***ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes Continued from page 3.***

participation must be increased. This might be done by having more field trips, cabbing parties and other events and publishing them as much in advance as possible. Levan has been planning a rock swap for the 6th of November and has posted it several times on the club Facebook page. Good programs are another way to get folks involved and excited. John Wild has some he's working on and will start talking them up now for January through March meetings. John Gaston has agreed to do a mineral identification program in January and Sandra will announce it in the Rockhound Roundup starting in November. We also will look into Instagram, Twitter, and other social mediums and contact methods.

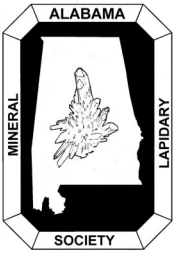
Nothing much seems to be happening with the nominating committee. Some officers would like to retire so we need members to step up. Also, the club by-laws have been amended several times since they were last printed and need to be updated.

Levan made a motion that the board agree to bring to the membership a vote to hold a show on Labor Day week-end. John Gaston seconded it and the motion passed. If the club membership votes to approve, Reggie will send a deposit check to the Bessemer Civic Center.

Levan talked about the rock swap to show off the workshop. It will be held on Saturday, November 6th with a rain date of the following Saturday. There will be tables available for \$10. each and there will be tents as well. Parking is available on the street and around the corner. Yvonne will demonstrate silversmithing and others will show how to make a cabochon.

Since we are meeting at Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church again, Reggie will send them a check for \$550.00 which is \$50. per month for 11 months (no meeting in the show month). Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary





**AMLS OFFICER LINE UP FOR 2022**

Please come on out to help us vote in the members to be our officers to lead our rock club. We need to let them know we support them and will be active members in the rock club.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| President                      | <i>Vacant</i>   |
| Vice President                 | <i>Vacant</i>   |
| 2nd Vice Pres.<br>(Fieldtrips) | Jim Thomas      |
| Treasurer                      | Reggie Bolton   |
| Historian                      | John Gaston     |
| Recording Secretary            | Bunny Bolton    |
| Corresponding Secretary        | Sandra Sullivan |

The chairman of the different committees serve at the leisure of the president for as long as the president agrees. Many of our chairman are doing a wonderful job in the positions they fill. Many are willing to continue on in those positions too. S.S.

**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)

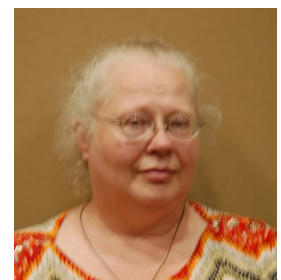
*Pay attention !!!!*  
**THIS IS A GOOD DEAL**  
**YA'LL !!**  
**TAKE NOTICE** →

As of 7/1/21, two people are 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 ...*

*Jeweler Jokes and Lapidarian Jokes*

**Questions**

**Answers**

Q. Where do you find the President of the jewelry company?

A. He's the one in the Opal Office.

Q. What did the jeweler say to the alien?

A. I have something for all your lobes.

Q. What did Mr. Rabbit give Mrs. Rabbit?

A. A 14 Carrot Gold Ring.

Q. What's the difference between an earring and a nose ring?

A. S'not much.

**Lapidarian Joke**

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Q. Where do lapidarians like to relax?

A. In a rocking chair.

**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.

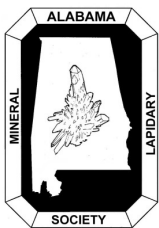
***Visitors Welcomed !***

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

# NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>ROCK SWAP/SALE</i>
7	8	9 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i>	10	11 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>Closed for Veterans Day</i>	12 <i>Meeting</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	13
14	15	16 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11am</i>	17	18 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	19	20
21	22	23 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i> <i>ZOOM Bd Mtg</i>	24	25 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>Closed for Thanksgiving</i>	26	27
28	29	30 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11am</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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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.*

