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**President’s Message**

Hello Folks,

We have had a very interesting year for 2021. I am sorry to say this will be my last president’s message to you. I have enjoyed being a part of this rock club for many years. The people is what really makes this club a great one. Without your participation we can not sustain a functioning rock club. We need to come together, form a quorum, vote on officers for 2022, and have members to fill open positions. The club needs your help in order to stay a well greased working rock club. We need to be able to vote on important decisions that effects the future and maintain a continuous flow from one year into another. A.M.L.S. has weath-ered many things but a virus can’t keep us down for long. We need you to vote on the big things coming.

We had our first indoor show EVER! That was a new experience for many of us who haven’t been apart of putting together an indoor show. We are learning and developing on many fronts.

We haven’t had a lot of fieldtrips but that will be changing soon. Jim Thomas has stepped up to be our Fieldtrip chairman for 2022 and we really do need to getting back out there in the dirt.

We have a workshop that has a few growing pains now. A workshop meeting was held on site with several coming to the realization we need to sale a lot of this. Not only did the Shop Equipment Chairs bring out the equipment and all their attachments but had these items ready for a decision to be made on them. Reggie Bolton, John Wild, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Robert Lorino, Ben Beadore, and myself had a frank discussion on what we really had and what was need-ed for each machine. We didn’t get to all - Yvonne Foster had a faceting machine ready for a discussion on it and a trim saw was found underneath the cat lit-ter for slabs that just happens to be on a good roll a-round cart! All agreed the membership should have first dibs on the machines that do sale. We will be get-ting this all lined up soon. This is one of the topics for discussion with the membership this Friday night. Many in the club that are good at putting your hands to work on these machines like these so this would be right up your alley! Refurbishing equipment is a gift as far as I am know.

**Hopefully, your smiling face will be with us at the meeting this upcoming Friday night!**

Keep on rocking,

Your soon to be EX - president, Sandra Sullivan

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



Sandra Sullivan  
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in DECEMBER - Meeting** on the sec-ond Friday night, the 10th. **Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 4th Tue. night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month it will be on **Tuesday the 28rd**. Members welcomed! Just email Sandra.
- **Fieldtrip** - Due to the holidays, there will NOT be a fieldtrip.
- **Workshop** open usually with **Robert Lorino** for Tuesdays and **Levan Foster** for Thursdays. So if you want to go use the workshop other than Thurs-days, 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 12/10/21**

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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. These are our newest members.*

***Susan Arnold, Lori Bond, and  
 Katie Louise Grayson***

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

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

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***A.M.L.S. Meeting Minutes 11/12/21~***

Levan Foster blessed our meeting and the pot luck began. Sandra Sullivan made us some delicious chili! Thanks to all who contributed. Treasurer Reggie Bolton collected dues and gave out membership cards. Meanwhile the trials and tribulations of getting lapidary supplies and rocks delivered was discussed.

New members Keith Harrigill and Elene Llivina introduced themselves.

Jim Thomas has arranged a field trip to the home of Cody Wilkes in Section, AL to purchase paint rock agate and other rocks he inherited.

Sandra asked for October's minutes to be accepted but a quorum was not present. Reggie reported that he sent a check to Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church for \$550. to cover our use of the meeting hall for next year. There is around \$10,000. in the checking account. A deposit check for the 2022 rock show needs to be sent but must be voted on by the membership first. Still no word from the IRS on our application for 501-C7 status.

Our club needs new officers! A vote will be taken at the December meeting with swearing in to follow. Levan Foster stepped up and volunteered to be our next president.

Yvonne Foster will continue to teach silver smithing to one person per month and would like to teach some group classes as well. If there is a project you are interested in let her know. Levan announced the next fifth Sunday cabbing party will be in January. Always a good time, cabbing parties are a great way to learn new skills and get to know other folks who love rocks.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

***A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting 11/23/21~***

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

We began with a discussion of what to do with all of the club's rocks. We need shelves to replace tables for storage. Robert Lorino moved and Reggie Bolton seconded that Sandra Sullivan purchase one set of wire shelving to see if it will be suitable. The cost is around \$70. (expenditures under \$100. do not require a vote of the membership). This motion passed.

On equipment it was stated that rock placement in the saws needs to be better supervised/explained.

This will help keep the blades in good shape. More water-soluble coolant is needed and John Wild will take care of ordering that. There is an annual workshop budget and Reggie needs to check on how much of that has been spent. Reggie proposed that a meeting of knowledgeable folks take place at the workshop to evaluate the machines the club has and decide what needs to be repaired, revamped or sold. A time of 5:00pm on December 5th was chosen.

Levan Foster has agreed to serve as club president for 2022. We will take a vote at the December meeting/holiday party if a quorum is present and swear in the 2022 officers. The A.M.L.S. board can appoint other officers but the president must be voted on by the membership.

John Gaston will present a program at our January meeting on mineral ID. He also repeated his offer to hold a kid's class during the business portion of our club meetings. John has a lot of knowledge and experience in teaching kids about minerals and it would be great to have kids attending again.

Sandra Sullivan has agreed to be 2022 vice president who is responsible for programs. John Wild made a motion seconded by Vivian Melof and it passed.

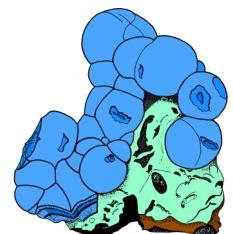
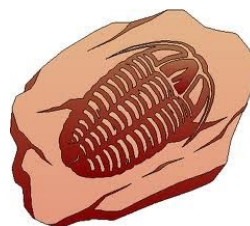
Ways were discussed to reach out to members who are not participating in our activities and potential new members. Instagram and better use of facebook are some possibilities. Maybe a members-only facebook page in addition to the public page could be added. Sandra moved that we send cards to the membership with club news, upcoming events etc. Reggie seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary



**THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR A  
FIELDTRIP IN DECEMBER DUE TO  
HUNTING SEASON AND THE  
HOLIDAYS.**



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**

**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)

**Dec. 11 – 12 Franklin, TN Mid Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society’s 40th Annual Earth Treasures Show Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show and Sale.** Williamson County Ag Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane, Franklin, TN 37064. Sat. 9 – 6, Sun. 10 -5. Admission: \$5 (2-day pass, \$7), students (18 and under) \$1, children 12 and under free with an adult. Scout Youth in Uniform are free. For more information, go to <http://www.mtgms.org/show.htm>

**Jan. 14 -16 Largo, FL. Pinellas Geological Society;** Central Park Performing Arts Center , 105 Central Park Drive; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5; Adults \$2, ages 12 and up; contact Leona Feldhausen , 2655 Nebraska Avenue #247, Palm Harbor , FL 34684, (727) 709-3236; Email: [Sheffieldleona@gmail.com](mailto:Sheffieldleona@gmail.com)

**Jan. 15 -16 Deland, FL. Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society;** Volusia County Fairgrounds (Tommy Lawrence Arena), 3150 E. New York Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, kids 12 and under free; Free Parking, Demos, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Grand Prize Drawing. Visit our website for \$1 off Coupon [Tomokagms.org](http://Tomokagms.org); contact Mary DeJan, 1000 Walker St., Lot 292, Lot 292, Holly Hill, FL 32117, (386) 871-6221; Email: [tomokagmsvendor@gmail.com](mailto:tomokagmsvendor@gmail.com); Website: [tomokagms.org](http://tomokagms.org)

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

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

Feb. 5-6 Merritt Island, FL. Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club; Kiwanis Island Recreation Center, 951 Kiwanis Island Park; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$6 admission, \$1 off with coupon or flyer, Children under 12 free accompanied by an adult; Hourly door prizes, raffles, children's activities including sluice and spinning wheel, demos, grand prize drawing, and silent auction. Vendors will have rocks, slabs, gemstones, fossils, crystals, handmade jewelry; contact Roz Mestre, show chairman, 1867 Longleaf Rd, Cocoa, FL 32926, (321) 431-0159; Email: [roz.mestre@att.net](mailto:roz.mestre@att.net); Website: [www.centralbrevardgems.com](http://www.centralbrevardgems.com)

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

### Kid’s Corner ~ Mineral Quiz

*How much do you know about minerals? Take this quiz and find out.*

1. A mineral that occurs in only one color is called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A mineral that occurs in two or more colors is called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Brightly colored specimens of chalcopyrite and bornite are commonly called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Yellow beryl is called \_\_\_\_\_ which means \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Milky quartz is white due to \_\_\_\_\_ trapped in the crystal.
6. Iron gives \_\_\_\_\_ quartz its yellow-brown color.
7. Which variety of beryl is commonly more valuable than diamonds? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Blue beryl is called \_\_\_\_\_ which means \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Which copper mineral is always green? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Which copper mineral is always blue? \_\_\_\_\_
11. When trace amounts of \_\_\_\_\_ are trapped in celestite, the celestite is blue.
12. What makes the mineral rhodochrosite red? \_\_\_\_\_
13. A substance trapped inside a mineral that gives the mineral its color is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

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**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?

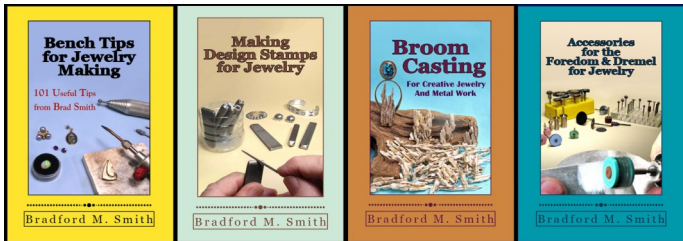
This month there wasn't an email from Brad Smith on his Bench Tips. Really good tips can still be had by purchasing one or two or all of his books from Amazon. See info below.

[BradSmithJewelry.com](http://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/>



**Kid's Corner ~ Mineral Quiz Continued ~**

14. Green quartz gets its color from what mineral trapped inside? \_\_\_\_\_

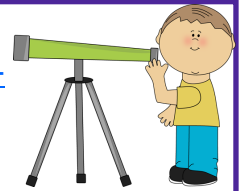
Choose from these terms:

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| Gold                                     | Idiochromatic         | Azurite    |
| Sea water                                | Sun gift              | Malachite  |
| Manganese                                | Allochromatic         | Emerald    |
| Chromophore                              | Peacock Ore           | Citrine    |
| Heliodor                                 | Green mica (fuchsite) | Aquamarine |
| Microscopic inclusions of gas and fluids |                       |            |

[WWW.MINIMEGEOLOGY.COM](http://WWW.MINIMEGEOLOGY.COM)

**Meteor Shower Alert ~**

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



**December 13-14, 2021, mid-evening until dawn, Geminids**

In 2021, the peak night of the Geminid shower must endure many hours of moonlight from the waxing gibbous moon. But the moon will set in the wee hours before dawn, providing some dark hours. Plus, some of the brighter Geminids might overcome the moonlight. So you can try watching the usually reliable and prolific Geminid meteor shower from mid-evening December 13 until dawn December 14. We can't guarantee what you'll see, but you might see something! The Geminid meteor shower radiates from near the bright stars Castor and Pollux in the constellation Gemini the Twins. This is one of the Northern Hemisphere's best showers (and is still visible, at lower rates, in the Southern Hemisphere). The meteors are plentiful, rivaling the August Perseids. They are often bold, white and bright. On a dark night, you can often catch 50 or more meteors per hour in a dark, moonless sky. The greatest number of meteors typically fall in the wee hours after midnight, centered around 2 a.m. local time (the time on your clock no matter where you are on Earth). That's when the radiant point is highest in your local sky.

**December 22, 2021, before dawn, the Ursids**

In 2021, a bright waning gibbous moon will hinder the Ursids. Die-hard meteor watchers in the Northern Hemisphere might watch anyway. This low-key meteor shower is active each year from about December 17 to 26. The Ursids usually peak around the December solstice, perhaps offering five to 10 meteors per hour during the predawn hours in a dark sky.



### New DMC Partner Program

Clubs are encouraged to establish COVID-19 policies for their field trips. If you need help determining policy, please let me know.

The DMC Schedule page is here <https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program/dmc-field-trip-schedule> where you can check to see if your club is scheduled to host in 2022. If you are scheduled to host in 2022, please get an early start on preparing for your trip.

The DMC field trip notice, (the document with details of your field trip), is the same, but now there is a new form for submitting the notice. The trip notice template and the submission form are on the new website here: <https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program/dmc-field-trip-form>

All of the DMC pages are on the new website under SFMS Field Trips: <https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program> Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks to all of the clubs who continue to support the DMC Field Trip Sharing Program. Let's all work together for another great year of DMC field trips!

Stay healthy, stay safe.

Lori Carter

DMC Coordinator  
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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."



**Agnes "Polly" Vaughan**, age 78, of Calera, Alabama passed away on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. Agnes was born March 22, 1943. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Watts Vaughan, Sr.

Both were very active members in the A.M.L.S. for many years. She held the editors position until she was asked to take over as the treasurer. Polly would give a ride to friends Frances Furgerson and Virginia Griffis. The grandkids came to meetings too. Visitation will be Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 10:00 AM until 11 AM at Ridout's Trussville Chapel. Funeral Service will follow at 11:00 AM with burial at Sulphur Springs Cemetery in Trussville, Al.

### 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 ...*

You can get the SFMS newsletter by just asking to be on the email list and the editor will send it directly to you. Easy-peasy!

Rock On,  
Lori Heinemann, SFMS Lodestar Editor

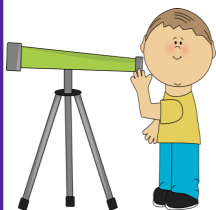
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### **Meteor Shower Alert ~**

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

**ROCKS FROM SPACE!**



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### **Meteor shower guide: Find a dark sky**

Here's the first thing – the main thing – you need to know to become as proficient as the experts at watching meteors. That is, to watch meteors, you need a dark sky. It's possible to catch a meteor or two or even more from the suburbs. But, to experience a true meteor shower – where you might see several meteors each minute – avoid city lights. EarthSky's Best Places to Stargaze page shows dark locations worldwide. Once you choose your dark area, you can watch from many sorts of areas: a rural backyard or deck, the hood of your car, the side of a road. State parks and national parks are good bets, but be sure they have a wide open viewing area, for example, a field. You don't want to find yourself stuck in a forest on meteor night. An EarthSky friend, veteran meteor-watcher and astrophotographer Sergio Garcia Rill, also offers this specific advice:

... you might want to give it a try but don't know where to go. Well, in planning my night photoshoots I use a variety of apps and web pages to know how dark the sky is in a certain location, the weather forecast, and how the night sky will look.



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. Your help in taking care of this goes a long way at the show. S.S.

### **A.M.L.S Christmas Gift Exchange**

Our annual Christmas party will have our usual exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift about \$10. to \$15. in value that would be appropriate for rockhounds. If you are a child, please bring a gift for a child. If you're a lady, please bring a gift for a lady, and a man's gift for a man. Or bring something that anyone would be excited to receive as a gift. Besides a good rocks, it is always exciting to receive books, fieldtrip equipment, and you get the idea. Any rock related items will be much appreciated.



### **HOLIDAY MEAL ~ DEC.10 th**

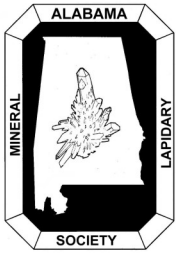
The old timers would bring a covered dish and their own plates, forks, spoons, knives, etc. from home because disposable items were not in the market place like today's world. Usually, the president would be the one to provide the big meat dish; whether it be a ham, turkey, or whatever. These folks didn't know anything but helping one another out. One would bring the dish-washing detergent and others the dishtowels. They were so funny, the ladies were on cleanup duty and the men stood around talking ... so much like today.

We DON'T have to be the old timers, we can use disposable plates and utensils but we DO need to come together for some holiday cheer. We will not be seeing one another again at a meeting until the new year is well underway. So bring a covered dish (no towels) and let's enjoy a meal together.



We can have the gifts instead of doing a door prize drawing. Usually we have Christmas music playing in the background too.





**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. We need you to participate in A.M.L.S. make a quorum.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| President                      | Levan Foster    |
| Vice President                 | Sandra Sullivan |
| 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 ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP**

**2022 Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) 4th annual Rockhound Round-Up.**

Y'all are invited to join us for the 4th Annual Rockhound Roundup! It has been growing with each and every year. It's happening at the same location; the Suwannee River Music Park, Live Oak, Florida, February 18-20, 2022. We'll have a setup day on Thursday Feb. 17 and open the Roundup 9 am to 4 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We invite every SFMS Club and vendor to sign up for a space and take the opportunity to share your club, your area's materials and more. Come to network, see what is working in other clubs, learn what might help in yours. We all know Rockhounds love to talk and share! The application and other information is in the Lodestar and on the new SFMS website: [southeastfed.org](https://southeastfed.org). Check it out! Jerri A. Heer SFMS Secretary and

Roundup Chair secretary@[southeastfed.org](mailto:southeastfed.org) 419-344-9999

[website: https://southeastfed.org](https://southeastfed.org)

*Pay attention !!!!*

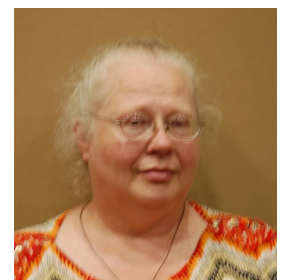
**THIS IS A GOOD DEAL  
YA'LL !!  
TAKE NOTICE** →

**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 ...*

*You can't read these and stay in a bad mood!*

1. How Do You Catch a Unique Rabbit?

**Unique Up On It.**

2. How Do You Catch A Tame Rabbit?

**Tame Way.**

3. How Do Crazy People Go Through The Forrest?

**They Take The Psychopath.**

4. How Do You Get Holy Water?

**You Boil the Hell Out Of It.**

5. What Do Fish Say When They Hit A Cement Wall?

**Dam!**

6. What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice Too Long?

**Polaroids.**

7. What Do You Call A Boogerang That Doesn't Work?

**A Stick.**

8. What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours?

**Nacho Cheese.**

9. What Do You Call Santa's Helpers?

**Subordinate Clauses**

10. What Do You Call Four Bull Fighters In Quicksand?

**Quatro Cinco**

11. What Do You Get From A Pampered Cow?

**Spoiled Milk.**

12. What Do You Get When You Cross A Snowman With A Vampire?

**Frostbite.**

By Anne Woods from the Albany Club *Fulton County Little*

**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.

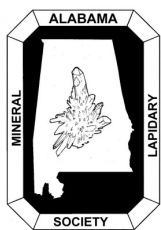
***Visitors Welcomed !***

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

# DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i>	8	9 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	10 <i>Meeting</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	11
12	13	14 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11am</i>	15	16 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	17	18
19	20	21 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i>	22	23 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	24	25
26	27	29 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11am</i> <i>ZOOM Bd Mtg</i>	30	31 <i>New Years</i> <i>Eve</i>	<i>Jan. 1</i> <i>Happy New</i> <i>Year!</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.*

