



Rockhound Roundup

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May Meeting

Friday, May 10

Speaker: Mike Harrison



*Bring
Your
Kids!*

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We've been planning it for a long time; and now the time has come to finally, Post-Covid, REstart our Junior Rock Hound group! John Gaston and his committee invite ALL kids below the age of 18 to join. First item on the agenda: NAME your group. Start thinking about how you want to identify yourself, then programs, field trips, etc. It's the club members' group, so anything can be changed to fit your schedules and interests.

First OFFICIAL Meeting of our Junior Rock Hound group will be Friday, June 14 at 5:00 pm (before our regular club meeting).

The Junior Rockhound program is designed to encourage our youth to get outside and play in the dirt!! During their journey they will learn earth sciences, fossils, rocks, gems, lapidary, jewelry making and much more. Along the way they will earn 20 merit badges and graduate from Junior Rockhound to Rockhound. Plus badges for extra-curricular activities such as helping at our festivals, workshops, etc. PLUS, participate in National competitions. **LEADERS AND HELPERS NEEDED.**

Read more about Junior participation at <https://www.juniors.amfed.org/juniors-newsletter>.

Presidential Message

Hello, NO, I'm NOT the club president, I'm a stand-in. First, let me repeat something we all know: Reggie Bolton is Superman. And if you ever saw the movie you'll understand when I say, even Superman gets tired some-time.

Boy, that COVID did a job on us these past years, but I find that many other organizations, and especially clubs like ours, also suffered. Officers like ours were asked to be Supermen and women, and they can't continue as they have.

I've heard folks say "*we need more young members!*" We have the young members: we need our young members to understand that its their job now to get involved with program planning, event planning, field trips, day trips that count as field trips, parties, picnics, beer hall meetings, whatever floats your boat! IT'S OUR CLUB. We can do whatever we want.

Imagine the power you would have: you could plan only those meetings that you wanted. Invite your closest friends to be on your committee and have access to the lists of past speakers and YEARS WORTH of past field trips. Rocks don't go away, people. People change, rules are written and often forgotten, might have to do a little spying here or there.

You could be a Superman. For as long or as little as you want. Please take a moment right now to email thelapidaryclub@gmail.com to comment on this message. We could all be a thread in Superman's cape to help this club soar into the future.

—*Editor*



Our May Program: Name that Mineral!

The program this month will be presented by the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society president and SFMS Youth Coordinator, Mike Harrison. Mike comes from an engineering background but has gained his knowledge of geology and mineralogy from the "School of Hard Knocks". He has put together his own fun way to learn about minerals that will give you a chance to immerse yourself in the mineral world in a non-intimidating way and gain practical knowledge while having fun. It will be **"Name That Mineral!"**

You will get a chance to hold (see, feel and even taste, if you want) and identify 20 different minerals and test your knowledge of the mineral world. Some will be polished slabs, some unpolished slabs, and some rough (natural) specimens. You will fill out your "contestant sheet" with the common name (what most people call it), what type of rock or mineral (igneous, sedimentary, chalcedony, etc.), hardness, and where in the world it can be found!

Mike will give a crash course in mineralogy (very basic but important stuff) before we play the game. You will be amazed at how much you know and how much you will learn. **And it will be fun!** But most importantly, it will give you a chance to see, feel and learn about some of the most common and collectable minerals. Come prepared to contemplate, analyze, argue (with your neighbor) and laugh. This will be Mike's fourth time presenting this program and it has been a blast every time.

Minutes for Approval for April Meeting

John Gaston blessed our meeting and we headed for the pot luck table and to check out the auction choices.

Reggie called the meeting to order and asked if anyone had changes to the March minutes. There were none so Sandra Sullivan moved to accept them, Anthony Piazza seconded and the motion passed. Reggie welcomed new members Dennis and Brenda Wallin and Bonnie Wallin.

The budget needs modification for a theft insurance bond which we purchase every three years to protect our finances. It's \$525 and was left out of the budget. Also our liability insurance purchased through the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) increased from the \$225 last year to \$500. Some of you may have noticed increases in your own insurance, I know we have. Anthony moved that we add these increases to the budget. Don Hill seconded and the motion passed.

The program for our May meeting will be mineral ID and info on the kid's program with Mike Harrison of the Huntsville club. Any kids interested in the junior program should try to be there. In June Carlos Mario Sanchez will give a presentation on Columbian emeralds.

Recording secretary, Bunny Bolton says if you need minutes taken for committee meetings let her know and Ivey Cook, corresponding secretary says she can set up Zoom meetings if you need one.

Reggie, as treasurer, needs to get with Jinger about vendor deposits. The word needs to spread that show flyer art work is done and available on the website so members can print their own for distribution.

All ALMS members should have received an e-mail with proposed changes to the club bylaws made by Vicki Lais. Our bylaws must be reviewed every 10 years. Under the current bylaws we have 19 officers making it hard to get a quorum. Tannehill is mentioned several times as our show location which has changed, and there is no longer a need for a stamp committee. Please contact Vicki if you have suggestions for other changes. Anything not covered by the bylaws and standing rules goes to Roberts Rules which is wordy to say the least. Standing rules will be worked on as well since they are easier to revise than bylaws. There are other changes which you can see in the e-mail. Levan Foster moved that we accept the changes, Jill Hill seconded and the motion passed.

We need a 2nd vice president to line up more field trips. All members can participate in Dixie Mineral Council trips and Graves Mountain in Lincoln, GA is coming up. Sandra Sullivan said the rock picking next to her driveway will be an easy trip to Springville April 20-May 5. E-mail or text her to let her know you're coming.

Saturday April 20 we will have a table and the geode cracker at the Punk Rock Flea Market at Cahaba Brewery. This is part of our publicity/community outreach. Thank-you Rhonda and Jillian Jordan for staying on top of this event.

There are 169 people on the membership list. 109 are paid so notices will go out to the rest.

Education chair, Yvonne Foster asked that you text her (written record) with ideas for classes.

Ivey reported that the nominating committee should be 3 people. She and Vicki Lais are on it and one more needs to be added from the membership. A committee list is being passed around with current committee members and blank spots for volunteers to sign up.

The website has a members section where you can find past Rockhound Roundups, flyers, forms, etc. Please send photos taken at club events by e-mail to John Cook at webmaster@lapidaryclub.com.

Business done, we started the auction with Don Hill as auctioneer. He did a terrific job and the club raised \$1007.

Respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary.

More about the Junior Rock Hound Program activities available to our members

The Mission of the Future Rock Hounds of America program is to provide the help and resources adult leaders and parents need to explore the world of earth science, geology, mineralogy, paleontology, and the lapidary arts with youth.

The **Badge Program** is one of many American Federation of Mineralogical Society (AFMS) Future Round Hounds of America (FRA) programs designed for club to use in working with youth. The program is designed to reward youth with a series of badges, patches, and a completion pin. For each badge, there are easy to use activity guides.



Other Future Rock Hounds of America youth programs include:

- ◆ Rock Pals Rock Exchange
- ◆ Awards, Contests and Scholarships
- ◆ Partnerships with Other Youth Organizations
- ◆ Resources for Learning and Teaching
- ◆ Fun with Rocks - games and puzzles



Display by Huntsville PEBBLE PUPS group at Huntsville Gem and Mineral Show

Upcoming SFMS Shows and Events

May 10-12 MARIETTA, GA: The Georgia Mineral Society's 55th Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show, Location: Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy, SE, Marietta, GA 30060, Show Hours: Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon – 5 p.m. FREE Admission! FREE Parking! Over 30 Dealers! Door Prizes! GMS Annual Show (gamineral.org)

May 18-19, 2024 BILOXI, MS: Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society 42nd Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, Location: JOPPA Shrine Temple, 13280 Shriners Blvd, Biloxi, MS. Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission: Adults \$6, children (10 and under) free with adult. Jewelry, live demos, exhibits, kid's corner, and door prizes hourly, Facebook: facebook.com/gulfportgems, Website: www.gulfportgems.org

June 8-9 GASTONIA, NC: Gaston Co. Gem & Mineral Club, SUMMER GEMBOREE 45TH ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, AND JEWELRY SHOW, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4 Rocks, minerals, gems, fossils - sluice mining and geode cracking outside! Fun for the whole family! No Admission Fee Link(s): gastongemclub.weebly.com Johan Newcombe Event Center 1840 E. Franklin Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054 ([map](#))

June 2-8 YOUNG HARRIS, GA: SFMS Week at William Holland, Classes, instructors and cost can be found at: <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org>.

May Birthstone: Emerald



The May birthstone is perfectly suited to the celebration of life blooming everywhere. Legend has it that wearing emeralds will imbue the wearer with heightened intelligence and allow them to think objectively. Others use the stone to promote healing. It has even been claimed that emeralds allow the wearer to predict the future. The best emeralds express an even, deep green. Some may have blue undertones. Emeralds are known to commonly include eye-visible inclusions. Generally speaking, the fewer the inclusions, the higher the value of the stone. Colombia has been the source of the finest emeralds for more than 500 years, and Colombian emeralds are the standard by which all others are measured. **(HINT: Our June meeting is about EMERALDS)**

Workshop News

Come visit, bring a prospective member, use the equipment, or introduce a new member to the skills and processes of lapidary at our workshop in Leeds. Use of equipment is \$5 an hour and includes both saws and lapidary equipment. **Use of equipment is restricted to Members Only.**

Robert Lorino usually opens the workshop on Tuesdays and Levan and Yvonne are at workshop Saturdays from 12-5, unless Yvonne is teaching a class and then she opens earlier. **Check MO, the members-only Facebook page for schedule changes.**



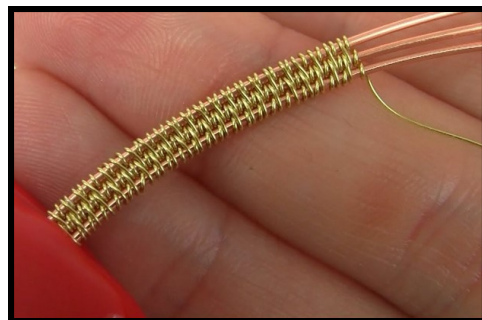
Classes for May

MAY 18 Wire wrapping class from 10:00 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$10 to the club and \$5 for copper.

MAY 19 Wire weaving class from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$10 to the club and \$5 for copper.

Maximum 6 seats per class. Please confirm with Yvonne by **TEXT at 205-602-8280**

Examples of Wire Wrap and Wire Weave



From the Nominating Committee

Here are the positions we need to fill:

President —Duties per Bylaws:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors and shall be the general executive officer of the society.
- b. Be director of activities and perform such other duties as usually appertain to this office.
- c. Make annual report of his stewardship at the annual meeting and present a copy of the report to the historian.
- d. Call special meetings when deemed necessary.
- e. Appoint special committees.
- f. Appoint a recording secretary pro tem in the absence of that officer.
- g. Serve as member ex-officio of all standing & special committees except nominating committee.
- h. Summarize actions of the Board of Directors & report to the membership at next general meeting.
- i. Provide "President's Message" for the monthly newsletter.
- j. Present recommended budget to the membership for approval at the annual meeting in February.
- k. Appoint an Auditing Committee of two or more in September of each year, who will report the results of the audit at the November meeting.

1st Vice President (Programs) —Duties per Bylaws

- a. Assist the president in the performance of his duties
- b. Schedule an appropriate program for each regular meeting
- c. Chair the Program Committee
- d. Preside at meetings of the society and the board of directors in the absence of the president
- e. Succeed to the office of president in the event of vacancy in that office.

2nd Vice President (Field Trips) —Duties per bylaws

- a. Plan scheduled trips to interesting sites of interest to the society
- b. Obtain permits or permission for access to those sites,
- c. Announce any special needs and precautions regarding sites
- d. Provide adequate directions for reaching sites
- e. Collect any required fees or release forms
- f. Arrange for parking areas on field trips
- g. Chair the Field Trip Committee

Other committee positions will be appointed by the president, including membership, property custodian, general show, hospitality, publicity, and web site.

2024 Bylaws Review Committee Report

Updates continue to be made to the current By Laws, with changes being approved at the April meeting by the general membership at large. These changes included those that reflect membership numbers, and allow the nominating committee more freedom to fill the open officer positions for this year. Also, the number of members present at meetings for a quorum was reduced. Additional changes will be made available as soon as possible for members to review.

IMPORTANT

2024 Gem Show Committee Report

AMLS Show Committee meeting 4/17/24. In attendance Don & Jill Hill, John & Ivey Cook, Reggie & Bunny Bolton, Ben Beadore, Kristen Osborne.

We need a show committee chairman immediately! Jinger's name and contact information are on the vendor contracts so if she can't do the job we need to get contracts and checks that she has. Reggie said it appears to him that we only have 8 vendors committed. Ben said Jinger told him that all vendors have been contacted and that a verbal commitment for the number of tables each vendor needs is more important than a contract right now because the order for rental tables needs to be made ASAP. John said he has talked to Jinger and confirmed that she had talked to all vendors but that he will re-send the e-mails. He is also staying on top of the gmail account.

Kristen said she could start an Instagram account for the show and will need access to other accounts the club already has. She can also get videos etc from last year to John for the website.

Reggie has already signed venue contracts and obtained a city license. He'll see about the county license soon. Levan will be working on treasurer duties as well.

Contracts will be needed for the food vendors and they will need city licenses as well. There is a large display case in the entrance hall which we need to put to use. Members could display their work, state rocks and minerals could be shown, and other uses are possible. We need to get as many club members as possible involved in the show. One easy way is to share Facebook ads.

Here is a list of the show committee coordinators. For a complete list with their duties and volunteers please see the member section of the AMLS website.

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| Event | Treasurer & Legalities | Vendor Dinner & Refreshments |
| Venue | Publicity & Publications | Club Table & Entrance Table |
| Vendors | Event Volunteers | Kid's Area & Club Demos |
| Club Competition Display | | Silent Auction |

Show Committee meeting/ part two 04/18/24

In attendance Levan & Yvonne Foster, Reggie & Bunny Bolton, Sandra Sullivan, John & Ivey Cook, Ben Beadore

Jinger let Ben know she would not be able to be Show Chair. We need a Show Chair now! Ben can help but can't take the job. There are some vendor deposit checks with Jinger that need to go to the treasurer. Reggie will try to pick the checks and contracts up from her.

It's urgent that we get verbal confirmation from vendors as to the number of tables they will need so that we can get them ordered. Levan will contact the vendors about this using the vendor spreadsheet.

Vivian Melof will work with Sandra on the club table. Rhonda will work with Kristen on social media. Kristen has some ideas and is ready to run with them. The Facebook gem show business page can be used for targeted ads. Ben will get that information to them. John Cook will contact each committee head to make sure they are on board. Sandra will talk to John Gaston about setting up the junior program. Reggie will get the Jeffco license. Show insurance has been purchased.

Respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary



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An Official Field Trip of the Northeast Georgia
Mineral Society (Clarkesville, GA) (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10 AM – 4 PM Eastern
Chunky Gal Mountain, Clay County, NC

TRIP: Chunky Gal Mountain (aka Corundum Knob) was named for a Cherokee legend about a buxom maiden who fell in love with a young man from another tribe. Her parents did not approve and attempted to stop the romance, but the young maid was determined to follow her heart, finding her way across the mountain slope to be with her beloved. This area is known for its large deposit of smaragdite, a variety of the amphibole mineral actinolite, that gets its green color from chromium. It often contains small red corundum crystals and garnets. Each collecting area has safety precautions and will be supervised by the Northeast GA Mineral Society, the DMC Coordinator, and the SFMS Fieldtrip Chair, so please cooperate with them. All registered attendees must sign in when they arrive to complete a waiver of liability and to receive a list of forest service rules. Parking is limited in these areas, so carpooling is highly recommended.

COLLECTING: Area 1) This is a creek known for small red almandine garnet chips. Rocks with hornblende and garnets, the source of the garnet chips in the creek, can be found nearby. Blue corundum and red corundum can also be found in this area. **Area 2)** This area requires a steep hike to the top of the mountain. It has green smaragdite with red corundum. You can confirm the corundum with a long wave UV light.

VERY IMPORTANT – Please Read Carefully. This area is supervised by the Tusquee Ranger District so **all forest service rules apply**. According to National Forest rules, “**materials must be removed using small hand tools without mechanical means or motorized equipment. You cannot remove mineral materials with a pick, shovel, sluice box or similar large tools.**” Forest Service rules and restrictions are at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nfsnc/recreation/?cid=stelprdb5420144>.



BRING: For collecting smaragdite, wear hiking boots with good ankle support, and bring a rock hammer, chisel, scratching tools, backpack or 5-gallon bucket, a UV light for verifying corundum, and paper for wrapping specimens. If you intend to collect in the creek, bring some sort of scoop that is **not** a shovel, for example a 1-gallon bucket; a ¼ inch or smaller mesh screen; footwear suitable for wading in water; and a change of clothes. You should also bring sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, gloves, water, and snacks. **DO NOT BRING A PICK, SLEDGE, SHOVEL, SLUICE, OTHER LARGE TOOLS, OR MECHANICAL TOOLS.**

Wooded terrain is steep and rocky and will be difficult for people with mobility issues. The creek can be cold and up to 2 to 3 feet deep with swift currents and steep banks. There are snakes, ticks, mosquitos, wild animals, and poison ivy in the area. There is limited to non-existent cell phone coverage throughout the collecting areas. Children must be at least 12 years old and under adult supervision at all times. For everyone's safety, adult attendees with unsupervised children will be told to leave. Parents or guardians should seriously consider their child's interest and abilities before attending this trip. No pets are allowed. This is a wild area and interactions with wild animals pose a safety risk for your pet and all participants.

FACILITIES: There are no restrooms or other facilities close to the collecting areas. There is a market about 8 miles away and another about 13.5 miles away. Both are convenience stores with gas, restrooms, food, and drink. The Northeast Georgia Mineral Society will provide bottled water and snacks while supplies last.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: Registered participants will be sent a confirmation email with directions and meeting place details.

CONTACT: Robin & Jennifer Findley, before day of field trip (706) 754-0401, ONLY on day of field trip (706) 949-8414



DMC Field Trip Sharing Program
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An Official Field Trip of the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society (Huntsville, AL) (Host) An Official Field Trip of the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Meet at 8:30 AM Eastern Time, Collect from 9:00 AM until 5 PM

Hogg Mine, LaGrange, GA

Registration Required (Contact below)

Fee: \$35 per person over 16. 16 and under dig free

TRIP: The Hogg Mine started out as the Oxford Mine in 1942 to mine beryl to produce beryllium. Commercial operations shut down in 1960. The site has been opened off and on since then for specimen mining and is currently managed by Chris Painter. The site is a surface mine pit approximately 650 feet long with an east – west orientation. This trip will proceed rain or shine!

COLLECTING: The parking area is at the east end of the pit. As you enter the pit from the parking area there is a trench approximately 150 feet long and to your right. Large green aquamarine beryl and pockets of green aquamarine beryl have been found here. As you enter the main pit area, there is a tailing or spoil pile to your left that came out of the pit in front of you. There have been several large nice gemmy aquamarine beryl specimens come from this area. The main pit in front of you has a plethora of treasures: rose quartz, smoky quartz, banded quartz, beryl in matrix with the quartz, tourmaline in matrix with the quartz, etc. The last area of note is at the western end at the back of the pit. A new smaller pit has been dug in the last year and some very nice blue aquamarine beryl has been found. The new pit was dug because an old drilling report had indicated that amethyst was found. There are pieces of amethyst coming from the new pit.



BRING: Bring all the tools you have: pick, shovel, screen, rock hammer, hand sledge, rock chisel, bucket, hand cart, etc. The Hogg does sell some tools in limited quantities. It would be a good idea to bring an extra change of clothes. The pit can be muddy and wet.

REQUIREMENTS: Arrive at the mine before 9:00 AM Eastern (8:00 AM Central) to pay, complete paperwork, and receive a safety briefing. The mine crew will direct you where to park. Follow directions of the on-site crew. Practice social distancing from groups you are not part of. Please supervise your children. There must be one paying adult for every four children under 17. No pets.

There are several hotels in LaGrange within 4 miles of the mine. There are stores and fast-food restaurants within about 3 miles of the mine site.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: Registered participants will be sent a confirmation email with directions and meeting place details.

To Reserve your spot, CONTACT: Anthony Zwilling (256) 541-8894; afzwillling@gmail.com



Rock Hound Classifieds



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**Vernon Hunter and Charlotte Croom
Dennis, Brenda and Bonnie Wallin**

Looking for: 6 wheel cabbng machine.
Contact Jinger Glasgow.

Looking For: Flat lap, contact one of the
Cooks.

Special premium dig planned at Hogg
Mine on Thursday 5/9, Friday 5/10, and
Sunday 5/12, to be a part of the first to dig
in the fresh dirt. This is a premium dig, it
costs more, and requires a reservation to
attend. Must make reservation with Chris
Painter in advance. Regular public dig will
be Saturday, May 11. (\$35 per person kids
16 and under dig free). Email
rockdgr@yahoo.com for pricing and details.

Jinger Glasgow invites members to come
check her out at the Mothers Day Market
on **May 11** at Cahaba Brewing from 12 to 5
PM.



Several members have equipment for sale
but were not prepared to advertise at this
time. Watch this space or announcements on
MO.

Help Wanted: Apprentice to Newsletter Editor.
Some familiarity with Microsoft Publisher and
graphics. Needed to shadow Editor with occa-
sional graphic or story contribution. Short-term
contract, volunteer only. Contact the Editor.

Help Wanted: Volunteers to assist with driving to
field trips for Junior Rock Hound group. Watch
this space for dates and time.

**LEADERS are needed for our Junior Rock
Hound group which meets at 5:00 pm before
the regular meeting. Please consider becom-
ing a leader for the group. You do not have to
be a rock hound to become a leader, just have
a genuine desire to help encourage the youth
along their journey in rock hounding.**

**DID YOU KNOW? Contact information
for club members can be found on the
Members-Only page of the website.**

Just So You Know



Sometimes events and news comes up
after this newsletter comes out. Oops!
Sorry you weren't notified...BUT we use the
(private) Facebook members-only page we call
MO to let you know what's happening. If you're a
paid member and not a member of MO— email
Rhonda at minerallapidaryfb@gmail.com to get an
invite. Remember—this invite will time-out if not
used within **24 hours**, so you'll need to request
another invite.

Calendar for May

May 10, 6:30 PM	Meeting
May 4, 11, 18, 25	Workshop Open (verify on MO Facebook Page)
May 18	DMC Field Trip, Chunky Gal Mountain, NC
May 18 10:00-4:00 PM	Wire Wrap Class at Workshop
May 19 10:00-4:00 PM	Wire Weave Class at Workshop

Save the date: Saturday, June 8, Hogg Mine, LaGrange, GA

IMPORTANT: DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. **Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.**

DMC Field Trip Hosts for 2024

- July - Kanawha Rock and Gem Club (South Charleston, WV)
- August - Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society (Henderson, NC)
- September - Pendleton District Gem & Mineral Society (Seneca, SC)
- October - Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society (Memphis, TN)
- November - Emerald City Rock and Gem Club (Greenwood, SC)
- December - Upper Abbeville Gem and Mineral Club (Due West, SC)

Call it the **POST-COVID TRANSFORMATION**, it's time for all club members to come together and lend a hand! Fresh blood wanted! A big round of applause to our officers who kept the club going the past few years. We need all members— YOU — to become a part of this group of ROCK LOVERS. Don't worry if you don't know how; we've got folks waiting to show and tell how: to plan meetings, events, field trips. We've even got cheat sheets to use. Some things don't change—like where the best rocks and minerals are and folks wanting to find them. More information about how you can get involved below.

To: ALL MEMBERS of AMLS;

Your club will be using the email address: thelapidaryclub@gmail.com to communicate important club related information that each and every member needs to reply to. If you don't see an email soon, you should send us an email to that address. You need to know about the unprecedented changes that are about to take place in YOUR rock club so you can voice your opinion. This is YOUR club and YOU should have the say in how it is led and operated.