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President's Message

After two consecutive months of being threatened by snow and frigid temperatures, I think we will get a break for our meeting this Friday! It may be too early for shorts and sandals, but I think we will be able to pass on snow tires and chains!

One little known fact about February- as well as January- is that both months were added to the calendar about 700 BC to make the year 355 days matching a standard lunar year. The subsequent Julian calendar was designed to align with the solar year and established a leap day in February every 4 years.

If you did miss the January meeting, be sure and get to our new home at the United Methodist Church in Cahaba Heights this month. We have a great program lined up with Jesse Daniels from the Birmingham Zoo and formerly with the La Brea Tar pits in Los Angeles. I am personally looking forward to his presentation.

We have already begun planning for this years' show at Tannehill. I encourage you to jump in with both feet and take advantage of the many opportunities that will help make this our best show ever. The profits from Tannehill are used for the scholarships we award each year, to support maintenance on our club equipment and for our goal of having a workshop for the benefit of the members.

One other thing I would ask you to consider is to participate in the workshops that Cindy Hensley and Yvonne Foster organize. Cindy and Yvonne put a lot of work and time to offer members the opportunity to learn a new skill or improve on an existing one. If you have ideas or suggestions for a topic, please let one of them know.

See you on Friday!

John Wild, A.M.L.S. President



JOHN WILD
President A.M.L.S.

**Feb. 09, 2018 - New Meeting Place -
Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church
3139 Cahaba Heights Rd.
Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243**

Program – Jessie Daniel - La Brea Tar Pits in California - Great program about the items pulled out of these tar pits

Feb. 17 - Hoover Library - Sorry no class at this time

Fieldtrip - DMC 2/11/18 and Brookwood 2/24/18
Bud and Lou Ann will have more details at the meeting

Cabbing Party - Don and Jill Hill say it's just *tooo cold*, but planning on March 24th and 25th .

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The SFMS Newsletter, *the Lodestar*, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>. And www.amfed.org Email: sfms@amfed.org

New Members ~

Let's welcome a new member !

Mr. Dane Wood of Birmingham joined our club at the January meeting.

Members please introduce yourself and let him know what you like to collect, cut, polish, or just have as a show piece. They need to know more about what we do as a club. If any new member has items they need identified, let's try to help them out with that. We enjoy a variety of collecting spots and activities in our club and any new member needs to know about us.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Johnson, Membership Chair S.S.

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Meeting Minutes January 12, 2018

John Gaston lead the blessing of our food. 7:26 pm John Wild opens the meeting and discusses the new location and parking then thanks all who brought the food. Visitors: Jimmy Black and Dane Wood. New members Jessica, Terri Wilson and Savannah Conner. Rick Halbrooks not a new member but this was his first meeting to attend.

Levan Foster, Vice President in charge of programs said if you know of someone who would like to give a program to please contact him.

The scholarships was presented by those on the selection committee. Don Hill, Lou Ann Newell, but Martha Phillippi was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.



L. to R. Don Hill - Presenter of the AMLS Scholarship
 Bud Newell - Winner of the AMLS Scholarship
 Larry Hensley accepting for Cindy Hensley as the Alternate Winner



L. to R. Levan Foster accepting for Yvonne Foster – Winner, Lou Ann Newell – Presenter of the Kontzen Scholarship, Larry Hensley accepting for Cindy Hensley the Alternate Winner

John Gaston suggested we postpone his presentation until another month in order to give more time to the Publicity Chair, Tom Talty. Tom presented to the membership his ideas about the upcoming show.

Things like us to have a marketing plan to get more revenue into the show. How much do we need to raise? We have lost some of our venders due to age or other reasons.

Tom talked about the bambino’s (kids) want to see the dinosaurs, having a dinosaur calling contest, grab bags for the Wheel of fortune like he saw in the Montgomery show, have a Caveman walking around, a sleuse for the kids, panning in the creek, food sales (bottled water, pkg. crackers, chips, etc.). Tom wants to bring in the “Science Lady” cost \$125. and Bill Fowler to do Fluorescent Minerals. Saturday night dinner, sponsorships, wristbands for paid attendees, and put dinosaur tracks on the road. We need members involved. Imagine a different Tannahill Show.

Tom discussed the topic of AL. law statutes saying there is no less than a ten day notice of any board meeting and no more than 50 days.

Bud suggested we take rocks and flyers to the parks and place on the tables as one form of advertising the show.

John Gaston will contact schools and volunteered Bonny to cook breakfast for the venders. Sandra would like to see Alabama and Auburn have a presence there. Another suggestion was to have a vender that is a “Crystal Healing” dealer that would be a good draw.

Discussion lead on concerning using the Event Center at Tannehill as another location for venders. Cathy and Tom will contact them concerning this new approach.

Sandra said Gene Blackerby had hip surgery. She had a handout for supplies for the Hoover Library class on Jan.20th with Savy Mc Crary. Reagin and Carter Farley arrived from Chattanooga TN and was welcomed.

The gift exchange came next with members selecting a gift from the table as their name was drawn. Bud Newell walked around with a basket of wrapped rocks for everyone to select one.

The meeting then became the Christmas Party we didn’t have in December due to the snow and roads being bad. We adjourned after seeing what gifts were given.

Respectfully submitted by Martha Ivey recording for Bunny Bolton,
 Recording Secretary



Clubs and Societies Shows and Rock Swaps via RockNGem shows, SFMS website, and other sources

Feb. 9-11 Melbourne, FL Frank Cox Productions, Melbourne Auditorium; 625 E. Hibiscus Bl.; Daily 10-5; Admission \$5, Children under 16 free; \$4.00 admission if you mention this listing.; contact Frank Cox, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236, (941)-954-0202; e-mail: frankcox@comcast.net; [Web site: frankcoxproductions.com](http://www.frankcoxproductions.com)

Feb. 24-24 Lakeland, FL Bone Valley Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Club, First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland; 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.; Facebook: Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club ; Contact Kim Price; e-mail: kprice1105@gmail.com; Web site: www.bonevalley.net

Feb. 24-25 Jackson, MS Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society , Mississippi Trade Mart on State Fairgrounds; 1200 Mississippi Street; Contact Leslie Lane, MS, (601)-344-8171; e-mail: rock2lanes@gmail.com; [Website: www.missgem.org](http://www.missgem.org)

Mar. 2 - 4 Athens GA Southeastern Mineral Specimens , The Classic Center; 440 Foundry Street, The Pavilion; contact Mark Woods, 515 Tallassee Road, Athens, GA 30606, (706)-296-9467; e-mail: darklighter@bellsouth.net; Web site: <https://m.facebook.com/SoutheasternMineralSpecimens/>

Board Meeting Minutes 01/08/18

Here is who attended: John Wild, Larry Hensley, Don Rosenstiel, Sue Ann Chapman, Judith Johnson, Yvonne and Levan Foster, Reggie Bolton, and Lou Ann Newell.

We had lots of food brought in this time!! Now to the actual meeting!!

I am currently taking notes for Bunny who will be out for a few weeks due to health reasons.

John Wild and Lou Ann Newell have checked out a building located in Trussville. We are checking into the following: adding a bathroom or some type of facility, running water, (close to the water line), and the price on how we can finance it. They are asking \$50,000. It is a cinder block building with a bay, several electrical outlets, and lots of storage space that we can use to house the stuff at everyone's house!!

Scholarships

We discussed the Kontzen and Teaching/ Educational scholarships and how they are to be used. The winners will be chosen from the educational committee which will include three people for this.

Board Meeting Minutes 01/08/18 continued

Yvonne Foster, Cindy Hensley and Lou Ann Newell will do it this year for the 2018 winners. Guidelines will be gone over to qualify who is chosen.

Insurance was also discussed for classes that are taught that might include fire!! Hazardous materials, etc. We will need this to teach classes in our workshop when we get one!!

Tannehill was discussed. WE talked about using the old restaurant building for indoor show. The cost will cost the vendors more so we need to approach them this year to find out who is interested. Some vendors prefer the outdoor venue so they can pull their RVs and trucks up to their sight. This will be impossible indoors. We also talked about the date and possibly moving it but there will be conflicts with that also. Many things are in discussion about Tannehill and how we can make it grow. Prices for the spaces run as follows:

Yard tent \$100.00

Covered area w/o power \$120.00

Covered area with power \$135.00

RV parking with yard \$165.00

We adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lou Ann Newell recording for Bunny Bolton,
Recording Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes Jan. 29, 2018

Attendees: John Wild, Larry Hensley, Cindy Hensley, Don Hill, Sue Anne Chapman, Sandra Sullivan, Cathy Kellogg, Judith Johnson, Rhea Proffitt, Don Rosenstiel, Levan Foster, Yvonne Foster, John Gaston, Bud Newell, Lou Ann Newell, Reggie Bolton, and Tom Talty.

Our meeting was held January 29, 2017 at the Hoover Library starting at 6:00 p.m.

We talked about several things while waiting on Tom Talty to make his grand appearance. There was a talk about a possible club house in Pell City. Lou Ann has found a couple of buildings that she and John Wild will go check out as soon as possible. They are located about two to three miles off of the interstate.

Don Hill said that he is going to have a cabbage party at his house March 24th and 25th. More details to follow. You may go one of the days so that everyone can have a chance to get on the machines. We have some good people that will show you how to do it if you have never done it.

Cindy Hensley talked about our classes that are at Hoover Library the third weekend of each month.



**An Official Field Trip of the Mobile Rock and Gem Society (Mobile, AL.)
(HOST)**

Sunday, February 11, 2018

9AM - 2PM Eastern Time

Patty Construction Quarry

7525 Hwy 27

Summerville, Ga

Unlimited number

No Fees

TRIP: The February 2018 SFMS DMC Field Trip is sponsored by the Mobile Rock & Gem Society to collect Summerville Agate at the quarry in Summerville Georgia. This site has been a long time favorite of many collectors. The agate forms within Mississippian age chert as delicate concentric bands. Colors are predominantly gray and red. Sometimes you can find stalactic formations, or pieces covered in druzy quartz.

COLLECTING: Material is generally found by simply surface collecting, although there are plenty of large pieces and boulders for those so inclined to break them apart. A couple of guys from Georgia found a huge (about 3 feet diameter) boulder with good pattern and figure throughout and briefly contemplated how they might get it loaded into a truck, but eventually gave up on the idea.

BRING: Eye protection is a must for anyone wishing to break apart material with a rock hammer, or sledge, or are nearby someone else doing so! Things, such as a hammer, chisels, scratching tools, pry bars, buckets, small ground shovels and rakes, paper to wrap specimens, sunscreen, bug spray, food and drinks, sturdy shoes, and gloves. Much of the material is covered with a chalky white chert, and a pail of water is sometimes handy for dipping and identifying the better material. A small cart or hand truck may be useful for hauling larger pieces of take home material.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER OF THE DAY. This will be in February, so the temp could range from 70's to the teens. Also, be prepared for rain if forecasted.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: THIS IS AN ACTIVE QUARRY. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE NEAR ANY OF THE MACHINERY ON THE PREMISES. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS RULE MAY JEOPARDIZE FUTURE FIELD TRIPS TO THIS SITE.

REGISTRATION: Register upon arrival at the MRGS tent for insurance purposes and for additional information.

CHILDREN: This is a good site for children.

PETS: Any pets **MUST** be on a leash at all times.

FACILITIES: In town about 2 miles away. Bottled water and limited snacks will be available at the MRGS tent for a reasonable fee.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: Directions: From Summerville, Ga. follow US 27 South for 2.20 miles. The site will be on the right between the county owned waste dumpsters and the US Forestry office. Coming north from the Rome area, the site will be on the left side of US 27, and approximately 3.0 miles beyond the intersection of Gore Subligna Rd.

From downtown Summerville (Commerce St.) take U.S. 27S. There will be a left curve, then a right curve. Just past the right curve is the mine (7525 Hwy 27). Look for the Mobile Rock and Gem Society signs.

7525 Highway 27 Summerville, Georgia 30747

CONTACT: Larry Landry, Field Trip Chairman, (251) 591-5682

Coordinator email: sfms-dmc@amfed.org

World Wide Web site for the DMC is: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm

DMC is a program of the Field Trip Committee of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

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Brad Smith Bench Tips ~

MOBILE FLEXSHAFT STAND

A handy mobile stand for your flexshaft can be made easily and quickly from the base of an old swivel office chair. You can find these chairs being thrown out at office buildings and schools. I just asked the custodian in my building to set one aside for me.

To separate the chair from the wheeled base, simply remove the spring clip from the center bottom. I use a small screwdriver or a pair of pliers.

To make the stand, you'll need two pieces of threaded galvanized steel pipe and a pipe fitting from a hardware store. The first length of pipe is 3/4 inch diameter to fit the hole in most chair bases. The second piece is a length of less expensive 1/2 inch pipe. The total length of the two pipes should be five feet. I used a two foot length of 3/4 pipe and a three foot length of 1/2 pipe. They are joined together by a pipe fitting called a 3/4 to 1/2 reducing coupler.



LOCAL METALS SOURCE

Local companies that use sheet metal typically have barrels of scrap copper, brass and aluminum sheet that they save for recycling. The shop owner/manager will usually let



you go through it to select the shapes and thicknesses you want. Prices vary but will generally be close to the wholesale per-pound scrap value. For me at this time, that's \$3 per pound for copper. I've found it's much cheaper to buy metal this way than ordering from a catalog. There are no shipping charges, and you'll be supporting a local small business in your community. Remember to bring your work gloves if you try this. Also useful is a thickness gauge. When I asked if they had any 14 gauge, they didn't know. Turns out they measure the thickness of copper by its weight per square foot.

Classified Ads and Rockswap Items ~

Beginning Cabochons Lessons

One-on-one beginner's cabochons lessons taught in my home. Ten-hour course (two work days) will teach you the basics of cab cutting using the same curriculum of my week-long class taught at William Holland. You will be the only student in the class and will have exclusive use of a DP Genie during the class. steve@bitterbrook.com or call me at 467-7881 to schedule your February lesson. \$100 includes starter kit and printed material.



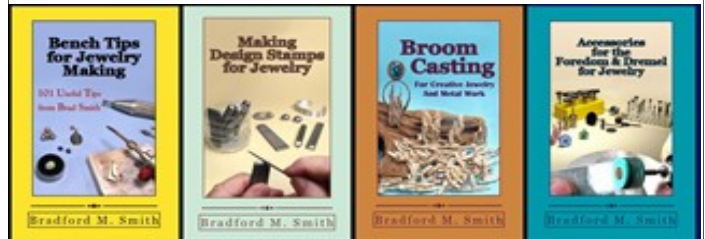
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<http://www.lapidaryschool.org> appears to be up and running!

Create a student account on the web site and sign up for your 2018 classes now! Hint, hint... I'm teaching beginning cabochons April 15 & April 22. William Holland School of Lapidary Arts

Bench Tips Continued

See all Brad's jewelry books at Amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith
www.BradSmithJewelry.com



FOLKS, DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year again folks. Our yearly dues are due in November per Article III of the by-laws. They are annual dues that run from January 1 thru December 31 and are payable at the annual meeting.

Please see our treasurer at the meeting in order to remain in good standings. Please fill out the form on page 11 and mail to the club address in order to maintain your status. This gets you the newsletter, fieldtrips, cabbing parties, SFMS and EFMLS workshops, etc. Please help Reggie out. S.S.

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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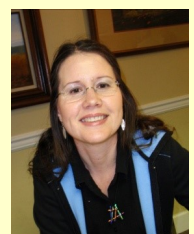
~ Hoover Library Class ~

Cindy Hensley says ... sorry no class, normally we will be doing the completion of ongoing projections and creating new items. If you have a project you would like to see done in a class setting, **please let her know**. The regular scheduled classes would run 10:30 am to 5:30 pm. If you have an ideas about a class that you would like have offered, please contact : Cindy Hensley 205-910-2293 for more info. S.S.

***** SPECIAL NOTE FROM YOUR FRIENDLY EDITOR - If our club members do not start supporting these classes, they will simply go away. These people are trying very hard to provide a lapidary class for us, but if attendance remain very low or not at all, these teachers will find better ways to use their time.*****

Hoover Library Class Schedule so far for 2018

- Jan. 20th - Savy Mc Cravy - Wire wrapping
- Feb. 17th - Sorry NO CLASS -
- Mar. 17th -
- Apr. 21st -

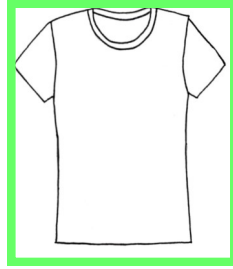


Cindy Hensley

A.M.L.S. T – Shirts ~

We have T-shirts available....

Please call, email or text Lou Ann Newel 205-482-3234. She can bring you a T-shirt to the next meeting on Friday Feb.9 th.



SALE !!! SALE!!! SALE !!!
Get'em while they last !!!

Lou Ann says "Let'em GO !!!"

Selling tshirts for our next dig - \$15 or two for \$25!!! Let me know how many and what size you want and I will bring to our meeting next week!!

newell.louann@gmail.com

Board Meeting Minutes January 29, 2018 continued from page 4. She suggested that we do a quarterly meeting so maybe more people will attend. She told us that our club is eligible for grants with the Educational grants. We are working to get the grants. She also talked about making packets up of supplies for each class that would be available for sell.

We talked about getting our younger and newer members involved in the club. We are open to suggestions.

We also talked about our website and that we need someone to take it over. Reagin is unable to do it with her schedule and being so far from us.

Facebook is another subject that was talked about. Cathy Kellogg will be helping with it as an admin.

We talked about other clubs and their upcoming shows.

John Wild talked about meeting the audio person at the church we are now meeting at. They believe that we are now up and running for presentations.

We talked about charging for the use of the club machines to help pay for supplies and to help with the club house when we get one. We talked about \$2 an hour to use the machines.

After all of this, we had a heated discussion about Tannehill, the improvements we would like to make, what we do not want, what is for the future and so much more.

We ended the meeting due to time. We will meet this Monday for our budget which has to be done.

Respectfully submitted by Lou Ann Newell recording for Bunny Bolton,
Recording Secretary

Lapidary Whisper Continued from page 10

Photo credit: Dave Kleesattle
"For now, simply enjoy these features in agates as a mystery we may never hold the answer to. Perhaps it's that unknown that makes agates and geodes so interesting and attractive. IF we knew the answers to all of the questions these incredible specimens possess, they simply may not be as interesting and attractive to us."

I'd like to thank Brad and Dave for the help they gave me with this blog post. Obviously, this is a fascinating topic, and barring amazing money for research on this topic, Brad's explanation is the best we'll ever have.



Photo credit: Dave Kleesattle

SHAMELESS PLUG

I purchased Brad's "Geodes: Nature's Treasures" at a rock show. While it doesn't discuss the channels I've been exploring in this edition of my blog, it is a comprehensive guide to all things relating to geodes. The pictures of remarkable geodes like I've never seen before are well worth the price of the book alone.

If you're interested, contact GEM GUIDES BOOKS at www.gemguidesbooks.com or order them on Amazon.com

Until next time, your Lapidary Whisperer,
Donna

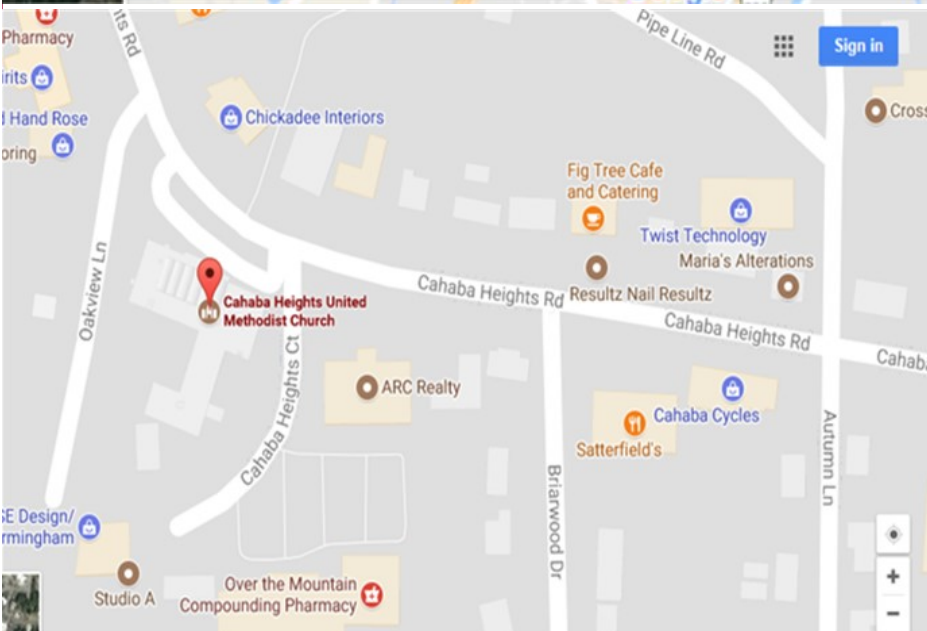
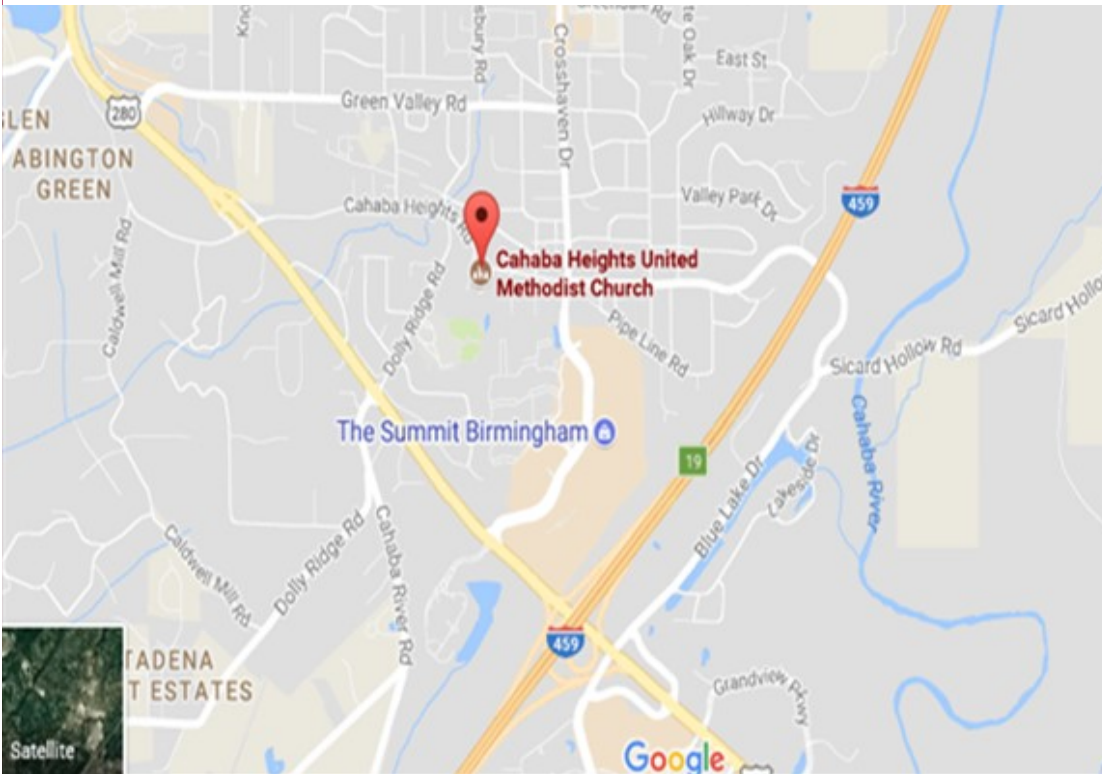
New location for the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society Meetings
FEBRUARY Meeting

Address: 3139 Cahaba Heights Rd. Across the street from the Dairy Queen, up the hill about 150 ft.
DIRECTIONS –

From the North – Take I-20/59 to the Red Mt. Expressway South or Hwy. 280 South to the Summit shopping center. Take a LEFT onto Summit Blvd, TURN LEFT when you reach Cahaba Heights Rd. The church should be on your LEFT with a DQ across the street.

From the West or East – Take I-459 to the Hwy. 280 Exit. Get off heading North. Go to the Summit Blvd. traffic light and turn RIGHT. Stay on Summit Blvd, until you reach Cahaba Heights Rd. TURN LEFT onto Cahaba Heights Rd. and the church will be on your LEFT and a DQ will be across the street.

From the South – Get onto Hwy 280 N. and stay on it until you reach the Summit shopping center. TURN RIGHT onto Summit Blvd. Travel on past the shopping center until you reach Cahaba Heights Rd. TURN LEFT on Cahaba Heights Rd. and the church will be on your LEFT with a DQ across the street.



Lapidary Whisperer - GEODE CHANNELS--ARE THE MINERALS GOING IN OR OUT?

Posted: 03 Jan 2018 01:00 AM PST

Have you ever seen what looks like a passageway between the inside and outside of a geode and wondered what it was? I love the colors and swirls of this geode and the way it shows the passage. It reminds me of the art work by Judy Chicago called "The Dinner Party".

From the few I've seen, I always assumed the material was flowing in through the passage and coating the inside of the empty geode. Then I heard a different theory.

ONE FASCINATING OPINION

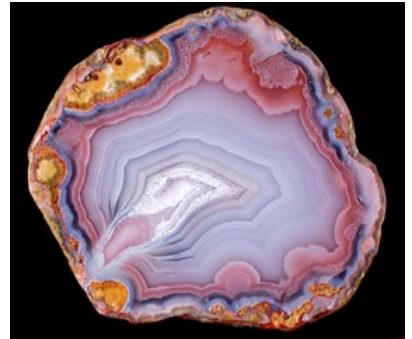


Photo Credit, Dave Kleesattle



Dave Kleesattle

Dave Kleesattle, a geologist and rockhound, did a program at the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society on what he had learned years ago to call Einflusskanalen (which translates from German as "Influence Channels").

His theory was that the channels were formed when the crystals formed inside the geode, thereby creating pressure on its walls. Then at a weak point on the wall, the pressure created an exit, reducing the inner pressure to a manageable level.

I understood where he was coming from, but that didn't explain situations like the one in this image below where you can plainly see that at some time, horizontal layers formed inside the geode. I was perplexed.



Photo courtesy of Dave Kleesattle

MY THEORY

Now, I've always suspected that the passage was from a crack or weak point that allowed mineral-saturated fluids to enter and over time the liquid evaporated, leaving space for the next layer to enter. In my theory, years when the mineral-rich water filled the open geode, it coated the interior walls. When there were years with lower quantities of water entering the geode, you got the horizontal layers. Notice in this geode that there are layers covering the irregular edges as well as a section of white and red horizontal layers.

TIME TO CALL IN THE EXPERT!

To find the definitive answer to what the passages sometimes seen in geodes do, I called on Brad L. Cross, co-author of *Geodes Nature's Treasures* (Gem Guides Books, 2006)

He wrote, "It appears you have run into the same perplexing question that all of us "students of agates" have encountered, "Are these mysterious features we see in agates (and some geodes) an entrance or exit channel?" I've been a serious agate collector/student for 45 years now and Donna, I simply don't have a solid answer to your question. I might add that I am far more than an "armchair collector," I've conducted a tremendous amount of field research on various agate deposits and I find nothing that provides a concrete answer.



Brad L. Cross

"For years I felt that these "conduit channels" were an entrance point for mineralized fluids. However, I can show you specimens where that channel never reaches the outer edge of the agate, highly suggesting it was an exit channel generated during crystallization of the agate.

My personal opinion is that we are likely seeing both entrance and exit channels. One of the things that us agate students must always remember when we are looking at these features is that we are only seeing a surface or two-dimensional view. The question arises, "What is the geometry of that tube deeper into the agate?" While the view we have in hand shows the tube not reaching the outer rim or edge of the agate, it may very well reach the surface several millimeters deeper in the agate and we are simply not seeing it in the view we have in hand. **Continued on page 8.**

Last page funnies ...

THE ROCKHOUND'S TEN COMMANDMENT'S

- 1. Thou shalt not touch thy neighbor's minerals unless he places them in thy hand.
2. Thou shalt not test the strength of crystals by pinching, squeezing, or biting.
3. Thou shalt not drop thy neighbor's fossil, for many do not bounce properly.
4. Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimen in thine own pocket.
5. Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently. Sometimes thou can be wrong.
6. Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
7. Thou shalt not climb above thou neighbor's head when on a fieldtrip, lest thou art willing to spent the rest of the day digging him out.
8. Thou shalt protect thine eyes, hands, and feet so that thou can enjoy many more fieldtrips.
9. Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's digging, lest his hammer be dropped upon thy toe.
10. Thou shalt not complain about, or denounce, the club officers under penalty of being elect-ed one thyself.

Via MGMS Rocky Echoes Vol.42 #5 2/02 pg.15 and numerous times in this newsletter too.

A.M.L.S. Application for Membership New Renewal

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Please make checks payable to the ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY and mail to P.O. BOX 1067 SPRINGVILLE, AL. 35146 OR bring to a meeting.

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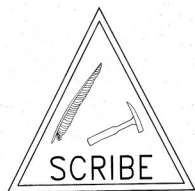
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Meeting time: 6:30 p.m.

Visitors Welcomed !

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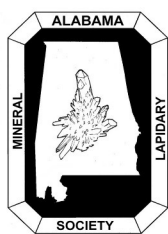
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Time: 6:30 pm gathering and fellowship
And food. 7 pm Program

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