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**President’s Message**

This past weekend was a reminder to me of the reason I became a member of the AMLS in the first place.

Over 20 members of the club gathered at Don and Jill Hills’ house for the first cabbing party of the year. We shared our enthusiasm for rocks, combined with fellowship and a few tall tales thrown in for good measure!

Several of our newest members attended and got their first experience with rock saws and cabbing machines....and the results were spectacular! Pictures of the many cabochons have been posted on Facebook and our website for all to see.

Whether you were a beginner, experienced cabber or just enjoying the camaraderie, you knew you were with friends and that is the essence of AMLS – sharing our rock passions with others – through teaching, learning and friendship. As always, a big THANK YOU to Don and Jill Hill for their outstanding hospitality for the entire weekend.

We have a similar opportunity to share our knowledge on April 21st. Our club will be an exhibitor at the Birmingham Zoos’ “Party for the Planet” that coincides with Earth Day celebrations. For the last several years, AMLS has distributed samples of rocks, minerals and fossils as well as brochures on Alabama geology to the Zoo visitors that day. We also demonstrate how to polish rocks and how we make jewelry from them. We will have more information at the April meeting - I hope you will find time to participate!

One last thing is the April auction. As we close in on getting our workshop up and operating, we are going to need additional equipment and supplies to furnish it and the money raised at the auction will be a BIG help! Please donate what you can and throw caution to the wind when bidding! See you Friday, April 13th!

John Wild,  
President AMLS



JOHN WILD  
President A.M.L.S.

**Apr. 13 - Annual Auction - A great assortment of rough, slabs, finished jewelry, cabinet specimens, and a miscellaneous items. Sorry, No doorprizes.**

**Apr. 21st - Earth Day at the Zoo - AMLS has been invite to attend again this year. Always a fun day!**

**Sylacauga Marble Festival for the month of April**

**April 30th - Board meeting at the Hoover Library**

**Upcoming in May -**

**May 11 th - Rock Tumbling Contest and Prep for Tannehill**

**May 21 - Board Meeting at Hoover Library 6 pm**

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**Judith Johnson says ...** We have some new members to announce this month. Please extend a hand in friendship and welcome these folks to our rockclub.

Dane Wood of Birmingham, AL., Ethan Capps of Mc Calla, AL., and Anthony Mc Bullough, and Brenna Searcy and Ollie Searcy (baby) of Bessemer, AL.

If you are a member who have paid your dues for 2018, Judith will have your Certificate of Membership card at this upcoming meeting. Any new members who sign up at the Tannehill Show for half price is for only the remainder of that year. ALL members need to pay their yearly dues in November to stay in good standing and eligibility to vote. This per the by-laws.

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***Meeting Minutes March 9, 2018 ~***

John Gaston lead the membership in the blessing and we devoured a wonderful meal.

John Wild thanked all who brought food and drinks. The minutes as printed in the newsletter vote passed. John explained the Silent Auction going on the table in the back of the room. The club's main fundraiser for April will be an auction. The club members are asked to bring in anything you would like... cabs, slabs, geodes, etc.

Bud Newell spoke next of an impromptu fieldtrip tomorrow to a mine in Georgia.

The program was by John Gaston and he traveled to many western states over several weeks. The slide show conducted by Bonny, his wife, helped to explain the geology of their trip with sideline events. Rocks from the states Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado, and outside Yellowstone National Park displayed.

Sandra S. received a check from Theresa Shafer for \$100.00 which she will pass on to the treasurer. It is believed this is a donation from her estate. John Wild will be the designated treasurer tonight in Reggie Bolton's absence and will collected the money for the Silent Auction as well.

Sandra S. also spoke of "taking a trip". Mike, Sandra, and Nicole Sullivan went to Ireland. Sandra brought a slab of marble from Ireland. She talked about the Sylacauga Marble Festival upcoming in April.

A place has been located in Pell City (Eden area) for a workshop. We have been talking about it for a long time. We voted to go ahead with it.

Yvonne Foster is leading the Workshop on April 17th at the Hoover Library. It will be "Viking Knitting Weave". She showed an example of what we would be doing. Yvonne told us the list of necessary items to bring.

Don Hill announced the Cabbing Party at his home and had directions too. March 24th and 25th will be the dates and you can come only on one day or the other, not both.

John Wild spoke about needing pictures sent in of the Brookwood Fieldtrip for the website. He wants pictures of what you are making too.

The annual auction will be next month so please search your stash for items you would like to pass on

that someone else would like to buy. Please, NO Leaverites this time. We will have a table set up to Receive the donations and another to have the items placed on that the members would like auctioned off. This is an important event to help raise funds for our club. No door prizes this month due to the auction.

Respectfully submitted by Martha Ivey for Recording Secretary Bunny Bolton

***Board Meeting Minutes March 26, 2018 ~***

In attendance was John Wild, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Reggie Bolton, Lou Ann and Bud Newell, Cindy and Larry Hensley, Sandra Sullivan, and Terri Wilson. Cathy Kellogg was there through video. Ten people in attendance plus Cathy on Video.

Our first business was the club house which we found out that the previous tenant had subleased it to someone who bought their business to carry on. So off to the hunt again!

Then we moved quickly on to Tannehill. The flyers were discussed, fonts changed, and some additional changes were made. We hope to have this at the next meeting so everyone can hand them out. The trifold flyer for the club information is also undergoing some changes. Birthstones are being added.

Tannehill is undergoing changes as well. The new director is no longer there so everything is up in air about some things. The vendor that does the BBQ will be back Friday night for the vendors dinner but not sure at this point about Sat. and Sun. which we had planned on. We hope to hear something in April.

We talked about selling prepackaged foods for snack and drinks. We cannot compete with Tannehill or the vendors. The drink machines ran out during Tannehill last time. They try to keep them stocked but not always possible with the crowd.

Publicity was next. John has talked to Birmingham news, and we talked about several other papers, newspots, tv and radio. ABC 33/40 and Talk of Alabama were two of the tv spots.

We also talked about the Mule Trader (Chilton county) and others. Birmingham magazine was another one. We talked about making up the bookmarks to hand out and to take to libraries and other places where people might get them. We hand these out at the show and the zoo on Earth day. Postcards from the Geological Society provide us with them for Tannehill for free!

We talked about the grab bags and how we want to do them. Cathy wants to do a two-sided business cards and put it in the bag. ***Continued on page 8***

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

**Apr. 6 - 8 Raleigh, N.C. Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club**, Raleigh, NC; NC State Fairgrounds, Blue Ridge Rd, Kerr Scott Building; Fri. 3-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; National Show - Host of American & Eastern Federation Meetings. Contact Cyndy Hummel, 10609 Chelsea Dr, Raleigh, NC 27603, (919)-779-6220; e-mail: [mchummel@mindspring.com](mailto:mchummel@mindspring.com); Web site: [tarheelclub.org](http://tarheelclub.org)

**Apr. 6 - 8 Orlando, FL. Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society**, National Guard Armory; 2809 S. Fern Creek Ave. Fri. 1-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Contact Salvatore Sansone, 6728 Oman Court, Orlando, FL 32809, (321)-278-9294; e-mail: [ssfos-silhunter@aol.com](mailto:ssfos-silhunter@aol.com); Web site: [www.cfmg.org](http://www.cfmg.org)

**Apr. 7 - Madison, TN. Middle Tennessee Rockhounds**, Amqui Station; 303 Madison Street; Sat. 10-4; Free Admission; 4th Annual "Dig It" Nashville Rock, Mineral & Fossil Festival. There are educational courses for both children and adults, activities for all, regional and local rock, mineral and Fossil vendors. Parking FREE; contact Mark Klockner, 111 Merrimac Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075, (615)-265-8064; e-mail: [mark@retailinfusion.com](mailto:mark@retailinfusion.com); Web site: [www.rockhound.org/swap](http://www.rockhound.org/swap)

**Apr. 14 - 15 Pinecrest, FL. Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild**, Evelyn Greer Park; 8200 SW 124 Street; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$6, Children free; Contact John Speier, FL, (305)-460-2244; e-mail: [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org); Web site: [www.miamigemandmineral.com](http://www.miamigemandmineral.com)

**Apr. 28 - 29 Memphis, TN Memphis Archeological & Geological Society**, Memphis, TN; 7777 Walnut Grove Rd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; contact WC McDaniel, 2038 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN, TN 38104, (901)-490-3575; [in-fo@theearthwideopen.com](mailto:info@theearthwideopen.com); Web site: [www.theearthwideopen.com](http://www.theearthwideopen.com)

**May 10 - 13 Franklin, N.C. Bellpoint Promotions, Echo Valley Showplace** 6456 Sylva Rd. (across from GLW); Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 9-5; Free Admission; Wholesale & Retail dealers from all over the world selling minerals, fossils, gem, rough rock & beads; open to the public; across the street from GLW show; Contact Damian Belgali, (678)-852-8273; e-mail: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com);

[Web site: bellpointpromotions.com](http://bellpointpromotions.com)

**May 11 - 13 Franklin, N.C. Retail show; The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC**, Robert C. Carpenter Building; 1288 Georgia Rd. (US441); Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; Rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and finished jewelry, and demonstrations by club members.; contact Norm Holbert, Club - 25 Phillips St., Franklin, NC 28734, (828)-634-0350; e-mail: [normholbert@comcast.net](mailto:normholbert@comcast.net) Club

**May 11 - 13 Marietta, GA. Georgia Mineral Society**, Cobb Civic Center; 548 South Marietta Parkway, SE; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; Free Admission; The show will feature more than 30 dealers, and an exciting auction on Saturday at 1 p.m. Door prizes will be given away, with special door prizes given to students! There also will be free demonstrations!; contact Kathy Wiggins, (770)-375-5907; e-mail: [kw5760@aol.com](mailto:kw5760@aol.com); Web site: [www.gamineral.org](http://www.gamineral.org)

### Party for the Planet at the Birmingham Zoo.

We are looking forward to seeing you on **April 21**. We will begin setup at 9:30 am and the event will be 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. We are excited to be hosting it at Henley Park in the Zoo this year. This area is closest to the front of the Zoo so you may unload your items there and we will have wagons to help you transport everything to the Park. We will see you on the 21st.

Thanks. Carrie

We enjoy doing this event each year and have a lot of fun with the kids too. Hope you can join in!  
*Your friendly editor, Sandra*



### IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

**Due to the proposed workshop in the Pell City area NOT working out, a new location in Leeds, Al. has been acquired. More information to come at the April meeting. Be sure to attend to learn more!**

*Your friendly editor, Sandra Sullivan*



## An Official Field Trip of the Aiken Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Society (Aiken, SC) (HOST)

Friday, April 27, 2018  
 8 AM – 2 PM Eastern Time  
 Graves Mountain    Lincolnton, Georgia

**No limits on # of attendees** *Registration Required: At site day of trip. Suggested Donation \$15 per person*  
**TRIP:** Graves Mountain is a unique collecting site and probably the most well-known mineral site in the state of Georgia. A working mine from the 1920s to 1990, Tiffany's once mined this site for rutile which it used in polishing diamonds.

**COLLECTING:** Many specimens are available, including rutile, lazulite, pyrophyllite, kyanite, iridescent hematite, pyrite, muscovite, fuchsite, barite, quartz, and a variety of microminerals.

**BRING:** Rock hammer, potato rake, 5 gallon bucket, shovel, safety glasses, gloves, safety helmet, newspapers to wrap your specimens. Watch for the weather forecast and dress appropriately. If sunny, wear a hat and bring plenty of sunscreen. Area can be muddy if recent rain has occurred. Extra water is always a good idea. Small wagons are also allowed.

**REQUIREMENTS:** No power tools allowed. No digging into the cliffs or rock walls. Please fill holes before you leave. While children are welcome, they must be closely supervised by parents at all times. Any pet must be kept on a leash and supervised at all times.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** There are several pools of acid water on the site. Avoid all pools of standing water. Area can be very muddy and slippery if there have been recent rains. Parking is approximately 1 mile from the site; however, golf cart rides are available for a donation of \$3 per person per trip (drivers do not make change – have plenty of dollar bills for exact change!). Stay away from ledges. It is strongly recommended that no one climb the rock walls.

**FEE:** \$15 per person (donation for maintenance of the site)

**REGISTRATION:** Advance registration not required. Each person will have to register at the site (there will be a tent for this) and sign a liability waiver.

**CHILDREN (Yes):** There is no age limit; however, this site is not suitable for small children. All children must have close adult supervision at all times.

**PETS (Yes):** Dogs are allowed but must be kept leashed and supervised at all times. Owners must also clean up after their pets.

**FACILITIES:** Many portapotties are available at the registration tent and in the quarry. Food (hot dogs, hamburgers, etc) & drink will be sold on the site at reasonable prices. Picnic tables are also available.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Many vendors will be on site selling rock hounding equipment and a wide variety of specimens.

**CONTACT:** John Kolmar Before trip: 803-642-3767 Day of trip: 803-640-2456

**DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:** If driving from Atlanta or points west:

1. Take I-20 east to Mile Marker 172
2. Take US-78W and travel for 1.9 mile.
3. Turn right on GA-43N and travel for 12.8 miles
4. Turn left on GA-220W and travel for 3.2 miles
5. Turn right on US-378E and travel for 312 feet and look for signs for Graves Mountain on right

Coordinator email: [sfms-dmc@amfed.org](mailto:sfms-dmc@amfed.org)

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

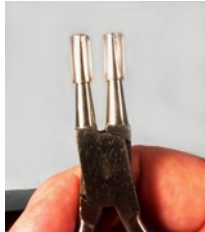
DMC is a program of the Field Trip Committee of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

**Brad Smith – Bench Tips ~**

**NO - MAR PLIERS**

Pliers can often leave nicks and scratches on your work. If this is giving you a problem, first take a close look at the plier jaws. New tools can be a little rough. I typically relieve any sharp edges, sand away any tool marks, and give working areas a quick polish.

If that doesn't solve the problem, you probably need to cover the jaws. Plastic electrical tape provides a quick fix but can leave messy adhesive on the jaws, and dips don't seem to last very long.



A quick and easy solution is to slip a length of 1/8 dia. vinyl tubing over each jaw. It works well and leaves no sticky residue. The tubing can be found in a store that sells aquarium supplies. Note that this will increase the size of the plier jaws a bit, but I haven't found that to be a problem.

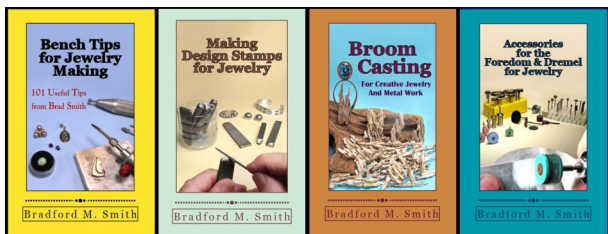
**PATINA RECIPIES**

Sometimes it's fun to explore some new patinas. If this appeals to you, here are a couple web sites that have ideas particularly for copper and bronze.

The first is The Science Company at <http://www.sciencecompany.com/Do-It-Yourself-Patina-Formulas-W12C672.aspx> with plenty of formulas for a variety of colors. And there are more formulas at Tim McCreight's Brynmorgen Press web site at <http://www.brynmorgen.com/resources.html>

Small quantities of chemicals for making your own patinas are available from The Science Company at <http://www.sciencecompany.com/Patina-Chemicals-Patina-Book-C672.aspx>

If you prefer to buy the patinas ready for use, one of the best sources I've come across is Sculpt Nouveau at <http://www.sculptnouveau.com/> Don't miss all the instructional pdf's on the site and be sure to take a look at the videos showing how to use the products at <http://www.youtube.com/sculptnouveau>



**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](mailto:steve@bitterbrook.com) or call me at 467-7881 to schedule your lesson. \$100 includes starter kit and printed material.



William Holland School of Lapidary Arts - Visit the school's web site at <http://lapidaryschool.org> and sign up for a class! The 2018 schedule is posted, and you may now apply for classes on-line. Just create a student account on the web site!

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**Ina Raye Muncher says ...**



I have finally decided to clean out and sale Joe's Rock Shop in the basement. He had rocks, equipment, slabs, finished stones, miscellaneous rock stuff.

The sale time will be Friday April 20 and Saturday April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at 1453 Chester St, Hoover, AL. 35226 located off of Alford Ave. Exit and I-65 in Bluff Park. Many items, too many to list here. Please no early shoppers.

Ina Raye Muncher



Joe Muncher,  
President A.M.L.S.  
2009 and 2010

*Meteor Shower Schedule ~*

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

EarthSky’s 2018 meteor shower guide

By Bruce McClure and Deborah Byrd in Astronomy Essentials | Space

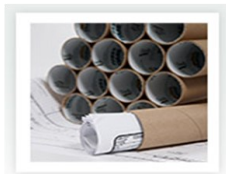
<b>April 22, 2018</b>	<b>Lyrids</b>
May 5, 2018	Eta Aquariids
July 27-28, 2018	Delta Aquariids
August 12, 2018	Perseids
October 8, 2018	Draconids
October 21, 2018	Orionids
November 4-5, 2018	South Taurids
November 11-12, 2018	North Taurids
November 17 or 18, 2018	Leonids
December 13-14, 2018	Geminids



*April 22, 2018 before dawn, the Lyrids ~*

The Lyrid meteor shower – April’s shooting stars – lasts from about April 16 to 25. About 10 to 15 meteors per hour can be expected around the shower’s peak on a dark, moonless night. Fortunately, in 2018, the waxing moon will set before the peak morning hours of the Lyrid meteor shower. The Lyrids are known for uncommon surges that can sometimes bring the rate up to 100 per hour. Those rare outbursts are not easy to predict, but they’re one of the reasons the tantalizing Lyrids are worth checking out. The radiant for this shower is near the bright star Vega in the constellation Lyra (chart here), which rises in the northeast at about 10 p.m. on April evenings. In 2018, we expect the peak viewing hours to take place in the dark hours before dawn April 22, at which time the moon will be out of the sky.

**REQUEST for the TANNEHILL SHOW ITEMS ~**



Please save your wrapping paper tubes for those of us who handle the club booth at the show. Many know we sell maps from the Geological Survey of Alabama and give away many posters. These tubes sure come in handy to make these sells go easier. Thanks, S.S.

*~ Hoover Library Class ~*

***Cindy Hensley says ...***

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 any 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 - Viking Knit Project
- April 21st - Class unknown at this time for this month

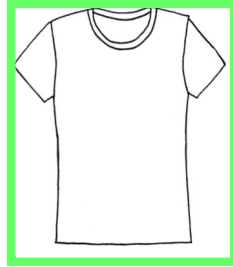


Cindy Hensley

**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](mailto:newell.louann@gmail.com)

**Board Meeting Minutes Cont'd from page 3**

The new card would have our new website address on them. This information would be there so that people will check us out after the show and not wait until the next year.

Next up, kids games where we decided on the wheel of fortune and Pot of Gold (bean bag toss) Bud suggested that we put the rocks in a bag and let them choose a bag since they took forever looking through the rocks. On the wheel it would be color coordinated

Club house tent was talked about and how many people to man the tents. We talked about how many people we need to make Tannehill work for the club. We know that several are vendors and we have broken the times into two hours slots. People can sign up for more than just one-time slot a day at more than one place during the two days we are there. Plus, we will need servers for the Friday night vendor dinner.

We also discussed doing the drawings every thirty minutes to hour due to the time. Geode cracking has been decided on for one of the games as it seems to be a big money maker for other clubs. We can get barrels of geodes to crack open.

There are still open vendor spaces available and maybe an RV space or two. Let Cathy know if you might have a vendor that is interested or if you are. Meeting was adjourned.

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

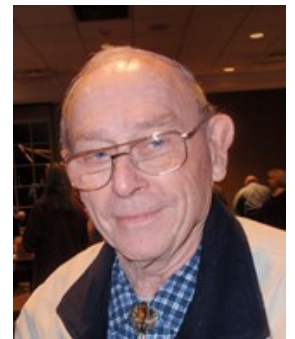
**A.M.L.S. Club Directory**

... We need to continue to update the club directory. This gives the "Old Timers" a visual aid in knowing the members. I have to admit, I like it too. So come prepared to get your "Mug Shot". By the way, your friendly editor needs some help on getting this put together electronically. If you have any experience doing this, please step up. Come see me at the meeting. *Thanks, Sandra*



**TUMBLING CONTEST FOR MAY -**

The Tumbling Contest is really an easy-peesy one. We tumble only the stones collected that year from our Brookwood field Trip in February for that year's contest. This way we have a wide variety of stones plus we have some local stones to give away at the June show. The kids love anything shiny and bright in the giveaways. We try to make sure there will be plenty to keep as well as to share.



As part of the program for the month of May, we have a table set up with the stones to be exhibited for the contest. The contestant will fill out an index card with his/her name and place the stones in a paper plate with an index card stuck underneath it. The contestant's number will be on the back of the card and face up for the judges to see. The ballots are to be marked according to first, second, third, and fourth place. Prizes will be awarded.

Since Mr. Bob Smith started this way back in the day ... we have followed his lead. He was an ace tumbler and even made his own tumblers. Mr. Smith tumbled stones for private parties as well as for the club. He engineered and drew up tumbler plans we still can use to this day.

Good Luck to all. Special prizes will be awarded for this event.

Your friendly editor S.S.







*Last page funnies ...*

**GOTTA GET CHECKED OUT**

Thought I'd let my doctor check me,  
 'Cause I didn't feel quite right. . .  
 All those aches and pains annoyed me  
 And I couldn't sleep at night.

He could find no real disorder  
 But he wouldn't let it rest.  
 What with Medicare and Blue Cross,  
 We would do a couple tests.

To the hospital he sent me  
 Though I didn't feel that bad.  
 He arranged for them to give me  
 Every test that could be had.

I was fluoroscoped and cystoscoped,  
 My aging frame displayed.  
 Stripped, on an ice cold table,  
 While my gizzards were x-rayed.

I was checked for worms and parasites,  
 For fungus and the crud,  
 While they pierced me with long needles  
 Taking samples of my blood.

Doctors came to check me over,  
 Probed and pushed and poked around,  
 And to make sure I was living  
 They then wired me for sound.

They have finally concluded,  
 Their results have filled a page.  
 What I have will someday kill me;  
 My affliction is OLD AGE !

*This poem was first published in the Summer 1997  
 Fossilphile newsletter of North Coast Fossil*

**A.M.L.S. Application for Membership**

\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN Age group ( 0 to 4) \_\_\_\_\_ ( 5 to 10) \_\_\_\_\_ (11 to 15) \_\_\_\_\_ (16 -18) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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. A \$5.00 discount if paid by the December meeting.**

*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.

**Info: Usual Date** Second Friday of each month except for the month of June. The Tannehill Show takes the place of the June meeting.

**Meeting place is Cahaba Heights United Methodists Church 3139 Cahaba Heights Rd. Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243**

**Meeting time:** 6:30 p.m.

***Visitors Welcomed !***

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

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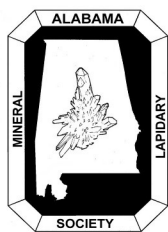
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**Meeting: Friday APRIL 13, 2018**  
**Place: Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church**  
**3139 Cahaba Heights Rd.**  
**Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243**  
**Time: 6:30 pm gathering and fellowship**  
**And food. 7 pm Program**

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## 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 2017 are \$25.00 family, \$20.00 single, and Juniors / Students \$15.00. If you pay by the December meeting there will be a \$5.00 discount. 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 June because of the Tannehill 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.

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