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### President's Message

Tannehill.....the word brings out many feelings....."I'm too hot"...."it's raining again"..... and conversely..."it's not as hot as last year!"...."it's stopped raining and I can look for more rocks!".

Well, I hope most of us are in the latter category and are anticipating another great show.

To have another great show, we need your help. We have many new activities that the club is sponsoring this year. This will generate the revenue needed to pay for our Kontzen scholarship as well as furnish equipment and supplies for our new workshop.

We need EVERY member to contribute in one way or another.

We need members to work in 2 to 4 hour shifts on the new (and old) club booths. As always, we will have the club tent where we will greet visitors, answer questions and sign-up new members. We will also have the "Rock and Roll" wheel where people can win prizes and an area that will sell grab bags. Another booth we have added will sell cups of sand that can be sifted to reveal fossils, minerals and stones. Rock painting - as you may have seen on our Facebook page - has become very popular with kids and will we have this as a free activity.

The biggest addition will be a geode cracking area which we hope to be a central part of our show for years to come. This area will take 2 members at all times and there will be some light training involved. Geode cracking will be a little work, but very rewarding as the beauty of the inside of a geode is revealed for the very first time! To properly operate all of the above activities will require many volunteers and I am asking every member to give just a few hours of your time to make this a success.

We will be at the Leeds workshop on Saturday morning from 9 to 12 to train on geode cracking and the other jobs that need to be **Continued on page 2**



JOHN WILD  
President A.M.L.S.

**Upcoming in June -**

**June 1st - Set up for the show, Dealers Dinner, and abit of early shopping**

**June 2nd & 3rd - Tannehill Show 9 am to 5 pm**

**June 3rd - After 5 pm Show Take down and store items from show.**

**NO MEETING this month at the church ~ The show takes the place of the meeting.**

**June 25th - Board meeting at the Hoover Library**

**July 13th - Regular meeting at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church, 6:30 pm**

**July 30th - Board Meeting, members welcomed.**

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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](http://www.amfed.org) Email: [sfms@amfed.org](mailto:sfms@amfed.org)

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filled. If you can't make it on Saturday, please email me that you want to help and we will assign a time slot that is convenient to you.

I am excited about the new club activities and what they mean for the future of the AMLS. I hope you are, too! Thanks.

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



Larry and Diana Carby selling to Don Hill 2017

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***Meeting Minutes May11, 2018 ~***

Rosemary Robinson said our blessing and we dug into a yummy meal. During this time members could also vote on their favorite stones in the tumbling contest.

Our program on minerals and natural resources was given by Dr. Scott Brande, a professor at UAB. The group was especially interested in the Tesla battery powered car.

We voted to approve the April minutes. Treasurer Reggie Bolton reported that rent, power and water for the workshop had been paid and that the Vendor Dinner meals needed to be prepaid. The final tally on the auction was mentioned. Lou Ann Newell asked for volunteers to paint at the workshop Saturday May 12th.

Everyone was asked to sign the volunteer list for Tannehill. Help is needed at the club tent Friday to set up, Saturday and Sunday to man the tent and Sunday to take down. The kid's games and geode cracking will need help Saturday and Sunday. The games include a 'Wheel of Fortune' and sifting sand for rocks and painting rocks. A work day will be held at the workshop Saturday May 19th to sort prizes, fill grab bags and cups for sifting, paint signs and whatever else needs to be done. A request was made for paint to paint rocks.

John Gaston said he and his wife Bonnie will be serving breakfast for vendors on Saturday morning from 7am to 8am and asked for help serving.

A vote was taken to change the budget to add \$1,000. to purchase geodes and a cracker and another for \$300. to purchase prizes for the kid's games. This money should be recovered by selling the geodes, grab bags, and wheel prizes. Both motions carried.

The tumbling contest results were 1st place Rosemary Robinson, 2nd Bunny Bolton, 3rd Ivey Cook, 4th Bud Newell. Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

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***Judith Johnson says ...*** There were two visitors at the May meeting - Jackson Connor and Colby Weaver.

***Board Meeting Minutes May 21, 2018 ~***

In attendance John Wild, Cindy and Larry Hensley, Lou Ann and Bud Newell, Rhea Proffitt, Don Rosenstiel, Don Hill, Sandra Sullivan, and Bunny and Reggie Bolton.

A call was put in to Cathy Kellogg who reported that we had 35 vendors coming and 8 of them had double spaces. This leaves a few spaces still available. John, Sandra and Larry reported on the geodes and other rocks purchased at the Franklin, NC show for Tannehill. Four bags of geodes were purchased for \$600. most are 80% hollow. A cracker was not purchased. The cracker we were going to rent is not suitable for our needs so we'll need to purchase one. Bud and John have both done research on this and will follow up. The cost ranges from \$200. to \$450. Volunteers will need leather gloves and safety glasses and towels or boxes will be needed to cover the cracker to prevent bits of rocks from flying. Kids games will be in the old club tent area across from Shed #3. We need a survey on the club Facebook page for volunteers. Can Terri Wilson do this? Bud, Tim Leatherman and maybe Don Hill will meet at the Douglas's to pick up items stored there at 9AM on Friday, June 1st.

Vendors will have to pay Tannehill for any nights spent in the park besides Friday and Saturday. 30 vendors have prepaid for the vendor dinner and 14 members. We have requested 75 dinners. After those who prepaid are fed it's first come, first served for anyone else who wants to eat. Everyone has been forewarned! The geodes will have their own money collection. For the games, which are all \$2. money will be exchanged for tickets which can be used for any game. Change will be needed for both spots. A plan was made for removal of cash at regular intervals.

John and Bonnie Gaston will serve breakfast for vendors Saturday morning and Rhea Proffitt is in touch with them to provide supplies. More work will be done on grading prizes for the wheel and whatever else needs to be done 9 am to 12pm on Saturday May 26th.

Sandra gave Don Hill measurements for the machines stored at her house. Don handed out worksheets on use of the workshop for board members to fill out. We will discuss at the next board meeting and then bring to the membership at the July club meeting.

Ground fault outlets are needed at the workshop as well as housekeeping items like a trash can and fixing a leak in the ***Continued on page 8***

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

**JUNE 2 - 3 MC CALLA, ALABAMA: Annual show; Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society,** Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park; 12632 Confederate Parkway; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; Admission \$5; The show is free with paid admission to the park.; contact Cathy Kellogg; e-mail: [tannehillgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:tannehillgemshow@gmail.com); Web site: [www.alabama.lapidaryclub.com](http://www.alabama.lapidaryclub.com)

**June 2 Colfax, NC Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club of NC;** Piedmont Triad Farmers Market, 2914 Sandy Ridge Rd; Sat. 9-5; Free Admission; Numerous vendors of gems and minerals, hand crafted jewelry and items of interest to rockhounds. Demonstrations and geode cutting available. Free small geode to first 100 children under 12. Hourly door prizes and Grand Prize offered. Free parking and food vendors available.; contact Gary Parker, 6601 Lismore Dr, Browns Summit, NC 27214, (336)-402-5252; Email: [redrutil@bellsouth.com](mailto:redrutil@bellsouth.com); Website: [www.ggmc-rockhounds.com](http://www.ggmc-rockhounds.com)

**June 8-10 Cartersville, GA** Damian w/ Bellpoint Promotions; Clarence Brown Conference Center, 5450 State Route 20 ; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$5, Children under 16 free; Please join us for a great event featuring amazing gem, mineral, jewelry, fossil, bead and metaphysical dealers selling their spectacular finds from all over the globe ; contact Damian Belgali, (770)-386-1608; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

**July 6-8 Raleigh, NC Show and sale;** Frank Cox Productions; North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Rd.; Daily 10-5; Free Admission; Show and Sale of gems, jewelry, crystals, minerals and beads.; contact Frank Cox, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Frank Cox Productions, Sarasota, FL 34236, (941)-954-0202; Email: [frankcox@comcast.net](mailto:frankcox@comcast.net); Website: [frankcoxproductions.com](http://frankcoxproductions.com)

**July 7-8 Erie, PN Gem City Rock & Mineral Society;** JMC Ice Arena, 423 W 38th St; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$4, Seniors \$3.50, Children under 12 free; This will be our 50th Show and Sale; contact Robert Gallivan, 427 Colleen Drive, Erie, PA 16505, (814)-454-6770; Email: [gallivan@lycos.com](mailto:gallivan@lycos.com); Website: [www.gemcityrockclub.org/show](http://www.gemcityrockclub.org/show)

**July 25-29 Franklin, NC Annual show;** Bellpoint Promotions ; Echo Valley Showplace, 6456 Sylva Rd (across from GLW); Wed. 9-6, Thu. 9-6, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6; Free Admission; Wholesale & retail dealers from all over the world selling minerals, fossils, gems, rough rock & beads.; open to the public; across the street from GLW show \*Sunday hours 9am-5pm; contact Damian Belgali, (678)-852-8273; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

*Please Welcome these NEW OR JUST RENEWED MEMBERS ~*

Michael Reed of Collinsville, AL.  
Randall A. Mills of Northport, AL.  
Jimmy Black and Chris Black of Bessemer, AL.  
Donald and Ann Ashley Sweeney of Birmingham, AL



Gene and Reba Blackerby, Gabe, Edward, Pam, Tracy, and Xavier of Chelsea, AL.

Please extend your hand and introduce yourself to these new members and make them feel welcomed. Or let those returning we are glad they made it back.

**Calling All Members !!!**

*Cathy Kellogg says... volunteers needed Friday morning about 10 am to help set up. Friday night around 4 pm to start helping with dinner. Saturday and Sunday we need help with the club tent, kid's games, and some with help vendors, and a few other smaller duties. Sunday night break down starts at 5pm.*

*"Many hands helps make the work light and go quickly!"*

**Let's don't forget the little kids too!**

**For more information concerning kids and rocks, check out this website too! [www.kidsloverocks.com](http://www.kidsloverocks.com)**







**An Official Field Trip of the the Middle Tennessee Rockhounds  
(Nashville, TN) (HOST)**

Saturday June 23, 2018

10AM – 2PM CST

Coon Creek Science Center

McNairy County, Tennessee

Limited to 35 participants

Pre-Registration Required

FEE \$15

**TRIP:** Within the grounds of Coon Creek Science Center, located in rural McNairy County, Tennessee, lies one of the most important fossil sites in North America. Acquired by the Memphis Museum System in 1988, this property contains a treasure lode of superbly preserved Upper Cretaceous marine shells and vertebrate remains left there 70 million years ago when the water of the Gulf of Mexico receded. Coon Creek fossils are mostly marine invertebrates (clams, snails, oysters, shrimp etc.) that are about 75 million years old. They are found in an unconsolidated clay/sand matrix. Coon Creek fossils are very unique because of the state of their preservation. They are original material – the shells have not turned to stone. They are also very abundant with a huge variety of species. You will be able to collect in a “quarry” area and surface collect from Coon Creek’s stream bed (as guided by the museum staff). You will be “carving” fossils out of the Coon Creek formation by looking through chunks of the formation that have been loosened from the quarry. Participants will use a curved linoleum knife for collecting. Museum instructors will demonstrate how to collect your fossils and how to clean them. Everyone will find fossils! Some of the fossils are very fragile. You keep what you find with a few exceptions. If you find a specimen that would be beneficial for the Museum’s collection or research, the Museum reserves the right to keep that fossil. See also: [http://www.memphismuseums.org/coon\\_creek-overview](http://www.memphismuseums.org/coon_creek-overview) Program – Field Paleontology (4 Hours): Introduction – 30 minutes; Collecting Session (quarry and surface) – 2 Hour; Lunch – 30 minutes; Clean and Identify Fossils - 45 minutes

**COLLECTING:** Upper Cretaceous marine fossils.

**BRING:** Lunch (there is no food nearby & no vending machines at the center), water, boots or shoes that can get wet/dirty, poncho, towel, change of clothes & shoes (for return home), bucket, small digging tool (optional; linoleum knives will be furnished), roll of aluminum foil (to protect your finds), and bug spray.

**FEE:** \$15 per participant

**REGISTRATION:** Pre-Registration Procedure: After you supply required information by email to Middle Tennessee Rockhounds (MTR), MTR will assign you a registration number by return email – bring registration number the day of the fieldtrip. [Instructions for mailing the \$15 per participant fee will be included with registration number. Registration is not official until fee is received.] Once registration reaches 35, registration is closed. To register, email [Fieldtrip@rockhound.org](mailto:Fieldtrip@rockhound.org) with: Name(s; Last, First), Address/ City/State, Phone (include cell for day of trip), club, age of children (must be 10 to 17 years old and accompanied by a parent or a guardian). Registration requests are limited to family members, couples, and significant others; non-related individuals must email separate registration requests. All persons who attend DMC fieldtrips (including children), must be members, in good standing, of an SFMS club (who has provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance). **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

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](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 ~**

**OCHRE APPLICATOR**

Yellow ochre is used when you want to be sure the solder won't flow on an area of your piece while you're soldering another area. The only problem with ochre is coming up with a good way to store and apply it.

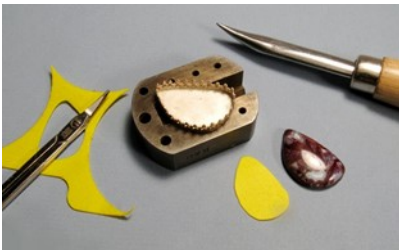
I use recycled nail polish bottles. They seal well and have a built-in brush applicator. Just clean them out with a little acetone or nail polish remover, and they're ready to go.



**RAISING A CABOCHON**

When a cabochon sits too low in a bezel, the bezel hides a lot of the stone. The solution is to either sand down the bezel height or boost up the stone. If you're going to raise it up, question is what is the best material to use ?

I was taught to use fine sawdust but now think that might be a problem when used in rings. I reason that rings will frequently get wet, which would cause the sawdust to swell in size and push the stone against the bezel. Then when the sawdust dries out, the stone would be a little loose.



In any case, I now prefer pieces of plastic sheet to boost up my stones. Pieces are readily available from product packaging or from old credit cards. I just cut a

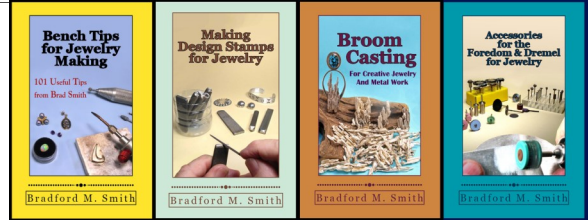
piece to loosely fit the bezel and drop in the stone (with some dental floss) to check it's height.

**NO SCRATCH VISE JAWS**

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

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

Plastic can be obtained from the scrap bin at a local plastics store, can be purchased online, or can be repurposed from an old *Continued to page 7.*



[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](http://Amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith)

**AMFS and the EFMLS Convention in Raleigh, N.C.**



This year April saw an event as rare as a total solar eclipse. The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) and the Eastern Federations of Mineral and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) had conjoined annual meetings in the southeast in Raleigh, NC hosted by the Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Society. One of my

duties as First Vice President of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) is to attend the annual meeting of AFMS. And, though our club (AMLS, but you already knew that, right?) has been an EFMLS member since before the SFMS came into existence, we haven't sent a member to their annual meeting in many years. So, since I swore off flying over twenty-five years ago, it was time for a road trip. Of course, I had to go through Atlanta so this wound up taking about ten hours in each direction.

Wednesday I drove all day and arrived in time to move into my motel room and destress a little before bedtime.

Thursday started with the AFMS meeting. It was a privilege to be seated at the table with dedicated leaders of the rockhound community from all over the country. Most business was handled in routine fashion, including the approval of a new budget. We discussed the requirements of judging time required for competitive display cases under the uniform rules. This adds a day of travel time and expenses to the officers' trips to meetings but that is usually necessary to do the job justice. In the afternoon there was a spirited meeting of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA). There was some difference of perspective between east and west but all agreed that access to public land is crucial for us and we need to work together *Continued on page 8.*

*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

**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

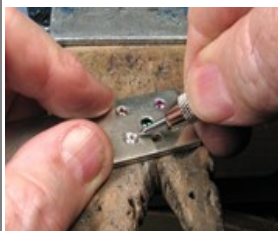
Delta Aquariid in 2014, from David S. Brown  
southwest Wyoming.

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*Late July 2018, before dawn, the Delta Aquariids*

Like the Eta Aquariids in May, the Delta Aquariid meteor shower in July favors the Southern Hemisphere and tropical latitudes in the Northern Hemisphere. But these meteors can be seen from around the world. This year, unfortunately, the full moon will obstruct on the show, especially as these faint meteors display very few fireballs or persistent trains. The meteors appear to radiate from near the star Skat or Delta in the constellation Aquarius the Water Bearer. The maximum hourly rate can reach 15-20 meteors in a dark sky. The nominal peak is around July 27-30, but, unlike many meteor showers, the Delta Aquariids lack a very definite peak. Instead, these medium-speed meteors ramble along fairly steadily throughout late July and early August. An hour or two before dawn usually presents the most favorable view of the Delta Aquariids. At the shower's peak in late July 2017, the rather faint Delta Aquariid meteors will have to contend with moonlight, as the full moon will be out all night long. But the new moon on August 11 means a dark sky for the August Perseids, one of the best showers for the Northern Hemisphere.

**Brad Smith Bench Tips Continued from page 6.** kitchen cutting board. Plastic can be obtained from the scrap bin at a local plastics store, can be purchased online, or can be re-purposed from an old kitchen cutting board.



For those who enjoyed my first book of jewelry making bench tips, I'm happy to announce a second volume is now available.

"More Bench Tips" includes 86 additional ways to save time, avoid frustration and improve quality at the bench. These new tips cover problems in fabrication, stone setting, casting, soldering and polishing.



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



### ***AFMS and EFMLS Convention Continued from page 6.***

to make sure the BLM and the Forest service understand our needs and practices. Thursday evening, we enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at the Cracker Barrel session. I had a very informative discussion on Louisiana opal with the representative from Baton Rouge. There is no new material coming available now because the source is on paper company land and the company has concerns that further mining will interfere with their tree growing business. Also, the mine had proceeded to a point where water management was becoming prohibitively difficult.

Friday noon I enjoyed the AFMS lunch. At my table I got a chance to become better acquainted with incoming president Doug True from Montana. Also seated with us were the uniform rules chairman Josie Middleton of Texas, boundaries chair Dr. Bob Carlson of New Mexico, and past president Lauren Williams of Idaho who had chaired the ALAA meeting. And I got a couple of cool pins to add to Sandra's vest! Finally, at 3PM, the Tar Heel show opened and I got to look at rocks for three hours. I acquired some nice specimens of rutile and lazulite dug from Graves Mountain years ago by the past owner of the Diamond Hill quartz mine. Friday evening, I changed hats and represented our club at the EFMLS meeting. This was a rare chance to meet in person with folks we almost never get a chance to see. After business (including budget approval) we discussed their work on digitizing some of their programs that could be used at club events. Representatives of AFMS, SFMS, and EFMLS were able to have a joint discussion on working together to create a national data base for programs from around the country. After the meeting adjourned I got a chance to speak with president elect David Nock and emphasize to him that we would appreciate better communication with Eastern. I have been in touch with him by email since then.

Saturday after I packed up and checked out I made a quick stop back at the show to appreciate the case displays (and get a couple more rocks of course). Then it was time to drive home through pouring rain and countless construction zones. I arrived home about 10pm tired out with mission completed.

Reggie Bolton, State Representative to the SFMS and First Vice President of the SFMS



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

bathroom sink. Do we need an an alarm system or wi-fi? Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

### ***DMC FIELDTRIP Continued from page 5.***

**CHILDREN:** Yes (see stipulations in registration above; no children under 10 per Coon Creek Science Center)

**PETS:** No.

**FACILITIES:** Bathrooms and showers are available. There are no snack or drink machines. There are no restaurants or stores nearby.

**RAIN OR SHINE:** This fieldtrip is rain or shine. The Science Center will cancel only if weather conditions are threatening.

### **DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET**

Address: 2985 Hardin Graveyard Road, Adamsville, TN (approximately 2.5 hours from Nashville; approximately 2 hours from Memphis). Please arrive by 9:45am CST.

### **Directions: Click on**

Coon\_Creek\_Science\_Center\_Map, then click Directions in upper left-hand box and enter your city. See also: [http://www.memphismuseums.org/coon\\_creek-map](http://www.memphismuseums.org/coon_creek-map).

**Lodging & Camping:** Rooms are available in nearby Henderson and Savannah, Tennessee. Campsites are available at Chickasaw State Park (<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/chickasaw>) and Mouse-tail Landing State Park (<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/mousetail-landing>).

**CONTACTS:** Mike Mangrum, 615-587-1733; [TennRockGuy@gmail.com](mailto:TennRockGuy@gmail.com) Randy Gentry, 615-566-8482; [RGentry@biscanconstruction.com](mailto:RGentry@biscanconstruction.com) (no calls after 10pm CST; leave message if no answer); To register for field trip, email- [Fieldtrip@rockhound.org](mailto:Fieldtrip@rockhound.org).





*Last page funnies ...*

**I Want to Be a Bear**

In my next life, I wanna be a female bear.  
 If you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months: I could deal with that.  
 Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that, too.  
 If you're a bear you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and you wake to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs. I could deal with that.  
 If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs are out of line, you swat them, too. I could deal with that.  
 If you're a female bear, your mate EXPECTS you to wake up growling. He EXPECTS that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.  
 Yup, I wanna be a bear!!!

**How To Make Rock Candy**

You will need 5 cups granulated sugar, 2 cups water, food coloring, flavoring, a very clean glass quart jar, string or coffee stirrer, and a pencil.

Procedure:

Bring water to a boil; dissolve as much sugar as you can. Pour this into a very clean jar. Add food coloring and flavoring after the solution is poured. Tie a string to a pencil and hang the string into the jar with the pencil resting on the rim. The string must not touch the bottom or sides of the jar. (If using a coffee stirrer, be sure it sticks out the top of the jar. It can touch the bottom.) Put a piece of waxed paper over the top of the jar to slow down evaporation. As the sugar solution cools, it becomes supersaturated, and the excess sugar crystallizes onto the string or stirrer. Do not move or touch the entire apparatus while the crystals are growing. No! No! Do not remove the cover either! Not even for one little peek! *from The Pegmatite, December 2002 (Author Unknown), via Quarry Quips 09/03, via The Pick & Shovel 02/04, The*

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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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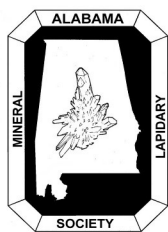
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**Meeting/show: JUNE 1, 2018 Friday Set up,  
 Friday night DEALERS DINNER,  
 June 2 & 3 Tannehill Show 9 am to 5 pm,  
 late Sunday Takedown and storage  
 The following meeting will be July 13, 2018  
 Place: Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church  
 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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