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## President's Message

The cooler Fall weather has arrived and the AMLS is heating up!

The Harvest Festival was a tremendous success!! We pretty much sold out of everything we brought. We sold every geode, all of the sand cups and all but a few of the grab bags. These are the items we had left over from Tannehill. We also offered free rock painting for the kids. It was so popular, Reggie volunteered and went to Home Depot to buy more rocks. We had the ideal spot for the show - right at the entrance. Everyone went by our booth twice - as they entered and exited. In total, we raised more than \$1200 for the club!

I want to thank the members that showed up on Friday to setup the tent, showed up again early the next morning and then worked all day - mostly without a break. Larry Hensley came to our rescue to help us take down the tent and pack everything to transport back to the workshop.

I hope that future events such as the Oak Mountain Harvest Festival, will have more members involved. We got the job done, but it would help to have more people to spread the work around.

The workshop is running on a more steady basis and we hope to be able to publish a month long schedule on the website soon. I want to thank Bunny Bolton for volunteering to teach a class in October. She had a fun beading class that was well attended - we will have more classes to announce by the next meeting.

If you haven't sent in your scholarship application, the November meeting is the deadline with the winners to be announced at the December meeting. Even if you are not the winner, please consider investing a week of your time and visit either William Holland School or Wild Acres. It's a great way to polish your skills or learn a new one.

See you November 9th!

John Wild, President AMLS

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**Remember that dues are due November!! Please pay Reggie at the meeting or go online to pay on Paypal!** If you paid at Tannehill or after June you are due for 2019 also!! We need your name, spouse, children's name if they may attend a fieldtrip or other club sponsored activity. This is for insurance purposes!!

AMLS meeting October 12, 2018

Tim Leatherman said our blessing and we enjoyed a lovely pot luck. Afterwards John Wild welcomed visitors and thanked the volunteers for the Whistle Stop Festival. They cracked geodes, sold grab bags, demonstrated cabochon making and talked to folks about rocks. About \$180. was taken in. The tent was set up today for tomorrow's Oak Mountain Harvest Festival. There will be more activities and more volunteers are needed.

Workshop report- Reggie Bolton will have it open on Tuesdays from noon to 8:30 subject to change if requests are made for another week day. Bunny Bolton will be teaching a beading class Tuesday the 16th from 6:30 to 9. Don Hill will have it open on Sunday November 4.

John announced that Reggie will be the 2019 President of the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Congratulations!

Lou Ann Newell said there will be a field trip to Patty Construction in Summerville, GA on Sunday October 21st.

On Saturday the 20th the North Mississippi Mineralogical Society will have a tailgating picnic and we are welcome to attend.

Membership dues are due in November. A family membership is \$25. single \$20 and student \$15. A \$5. penalty will be charged after December. Names and ages of all children or grandchildren need to be included on the application for insurance purposes.

In the future the Rockhound Roundup will only be available electronically. The cost of mailing them has gotten too high. If you don't have e-mail see if you can get someone who does to print it out and provide that address to Lou Ann. It is also on our website.

Scholarship applications are due by the November meeting. Last year's winners will present our program then, sharing what they did and how much fun it was.

Nominations were made for our 2019 officers. The slate was accepted, voted on and passed. President-John Wild, Vice President- Levan Foster, 2nd Vice President (field trips)- Bud Newell, Recording Secretary- Bunny Bolton, Corresponding Secretary- Lou Ann Newell, Historian- Donna Sellers, Treasurer- Reggie Bolton

John Gaston announced that he will be having a garage sale November 2,3 &4. Tailgating ended our meeting.

respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary

AFMS and SFMS Websites

The SFMS Newsletter, the Lodestar, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read online at <http://amfed.org/sfms> and [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org) . Email: [sfms@amfed.org](mailto:sfms@amfed.org)

AMLS board meeting Nov. 1, 2018 in attendance John Wild, Bud & Lou Ann Newell, Levan & Yvonne Foster, Terri Wilson, Don Rosenstiel, Donna Sellers, Reggie & Bunny Bolton

It's membership renewal time and this can now be done through our website and paypal. The website application needs to be reworded due to some confusion with allowing membership to be half price for the remainder of the year if paid at Tannehill or later in the year. The bylaws need to be updated and published plus put on the website.

A resolution has been submitted to the board and reviewed for a life time membership. It will be voted on at the November meeting.

Cindy Hensley is stepping down as Education Chair, she will be replaced by Rhea Proffitt.

We worked on a workshop schedule. Reggie will have it open Tuesdays from noon to 8:30 through December 18th. Don Hill will open it November 4th and 23rd (the day after Thanksgiving) and December 9th. John Wild will offer a 3 hour certification class November 11th 9-12 and 1-4. Certification is necessary for using the equipment. There is no charge for this. Let John know if you are interested.

The club members need to vote to authorize \$1,500. to purchase more geodes and assorted stones, shark teeth etc. for Tannehill and outreach. All the geodes and most of the other 'supplies' have been sold so the money has been generated, we approximately doubled what we spent in the spring. Geode cracking, gem sifting and grab bags have proven to be a money maker for the club and we need to prepare for Earth Day at the Zoo and possibly Oak Mountain Spring Festival, Mount Laurel and Trade Days at Tannehill as well as our show at Tannehill. Club members also need to donate rock samples to this cause, thumbnail size stones for sifting and slightly larger (smaller than a golf ball) for the grab bags. Most folks have pieces from field trips, trimmings from slabs etc the can share.

John said he will take rime this week to learn how to run rhe church's AV system.

We discussed putting some of the club's money in CDs. Some research has already been done on this and Don R. will narrow down some choices with the best rates. Probably we're looking at 6, 12 and 18 month CDs, putting \$10,000 in each and rolling them over to 18 month as they mature. The board will have to make a resolution to be voted on by the club members.

The next board meeting will be Monday November 26th at the workshop in Leeds.  
Respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary

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## FUN THINGS COMING UP!!!

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

We are starting a Children's program for our little Rockhounds!! Sarah Landis will be leading our young ones in some interesting programs and projects! We need the age(s) of your children to make sure we are age appropriate!! These will be short sessions and I am sure that Sarah would love some input and some help! Come this Friday night and bring the little ones! We are going to have something fun for them to do!!

Also, check out this website for the little kids, too! [www.kidsloverocks.com](http://www.kidsloverocks.com)

AMLS MEETING this Friday night!! 6:30 P.M. Thanksgiving feast! Bring your favorite dish!! We have the turkey and the dressing! Come and fellowship with your club members. The program will be on the previous years scholarship winners! You do not want to miss it!! Yvonne Foster and Bud Newell will tell you about their fun experience at William Holland this past year. Sign up to possibly win a scholarship for 2019!! See you there~!

### Field Trips

We do not have any field trips coming up for our club but there are some available through other clubs. You are welcome to go to any of them as long as you are a member of our club! We have a lot of things planned for the club for the next two months and with holidays it is just too hectic!! We will hopefully be able to go to Brookwood in Feb. It can not be confirmed until closer to February! We will let you know as soon as possible!

### AMLS WORKSHOP\*\*\*\*\*

8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, AL 35094

Across from the Pants Store in downtown Leeds!

Workshop will be open the following dates in November and December! Remember the more participation that we have the more we will have it open!!

November the workshop will be open from 12-8:30 p.m. EVERY TUESDAY! Reggie will be there on Tuesday's! Remember it is \$5 an hours!! Come out and support YOUR workshop!

November 11 (Sunday) John Wild will hold the workshop open and get people certified to work on the cabbng machines. This is a free class!! You can come and work on the machines for \$5 an hour. 9-4

November 23 (Good Friday) Don Hill will have the workshop open! 9-4 Come make a beautiful cab to make jewelry with!

DECEMBER 9 (SUNDAY) Don Hill will have the workshop open from 9-4. Get those holiday gifts ready!!

More may be added to the workshop! Classes are also in the works for silver smithing, wire wrapping, chain maille, polymer clay and stained glass classes!!

### Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society Applications for Joe and Frances Kontzen Scholarship

Last day to apply for this is this Friday November 9. If you need a form they will be on the sign in table. Please give your forms to Lou Ann. We award the scholarship in December!

### Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society Application for the Education/Teaching Scholarship

Last day to apply for this is also this Friday. We award the scholarships at the December meeting!!

If you have any questions please see one of the board members!

## UPCOMING SHOWS

November 17 and 18, 2018

Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club

Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo

[www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)

January 11, 12 and 13, 2019

Pinellas Geological Society, INC

Largo Cultural Center, Largo, FL

[www.PGS.Rocks](http://www.PGS.Rocks)

December 1, 2 and 3, 2018

Withlacoochee Rockhounds of Hernando County

Veterans Memorial Park, Hudson, FL

[www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com](http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com)

March 1, 2 and 3, 2019

Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society-48<sup>th</sup> annual show

Minnreg Building, Largo, FL

[www.sgams.com](http://www.sgams.com)

November 16, 17 and 18 10-6pm 10-5 Sunday

Cobb County Gem and Mineral Show 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual

Cobb County Civic Center

548 South Marietta Parkway

Marietta, GA 30060

[www.ccgms.org](http://www.ccgms.org)

Other shows can be found here!

[Http://www.rockngem.com](http://www.rockngem.com)

<http://jewelryshowguide.net>

Other web sites!

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

American Land Access Association

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society

William B. Holland School of Lapidary Arts

Wildacres School

<http://www.amfed.com>

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<http://www.lapidaryclub.com>

[www.lapidaryschool.org](http://www.lapidaryschool.org)

[www.wildacres.org](http://www.wildacres.org)