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**President's Message**

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Remember to wear green. A few days ago, Reggie and I sat down at the workshop to straighten out the membership list. We had to have a list of dues paying members for insurance coverage. Out of this we found that we have about 50 paying members. I also found out that I was not one of them. Don't worry, I paid right away so I am still president. If you are not sure if you have paid dues you can start to check by seeing if your membership card is dated 2022; if it is then you are paid up. If you know you paid for 2022 then let us know how (cash, check, or PayPal) that you paid.

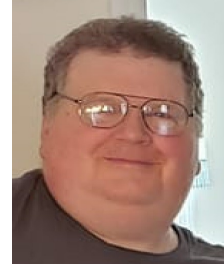
Oak Mountain State Park is having an Easter Egg Hunt event on Saturday March 16th. We are trying to go as a club. We will be under a pavilion so no need for tent. What we do carry depends on how many members we have to man the event. We would like to take the geode cracker (takes 2 members) and grab bags. We need members; to load and unload both at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day, someone to cashier, and someone for grab bags. If there are enough members to help out, we can take the wading pool for panning and sifting cups. If you can't help be there at the event but would like to help, we can use help making up grab bags. Just let me know when we can meet at the workshop.

We are always seeking new members. If you know of a local spring event near you, think about the club setting up an information booth. Yvonne and I can help most of the time and with notice many other members are able to just show up. These events might be connected to churches, chamber of commerce, libraries, or other events. We have a rock swap planned for May 21st. If you have not been to a rock swap this will be a great chance.

You can meet other members, buy, sell, and trade rocks. Find out what that strange rock you have is and see what you can do with it at the workshop. On the weekend following the rock swap we will have a capping party on Sunday, May 29th. A capping party is when members meet at the workshop for a day of capping and talking and can use equipment for free (due to insurance only members whose dues are paid up can use equipment). Please make sure you have paid your dues!

Levan Foster, President A.M.L.S.

Website: <https://www.lapidaryclub.com>



Levan Foster  
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in March - Meeting** on the second Friday night, the 11th. **Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 4th Tuesday night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month it will be on **Tuesday the 22nd**. Members welcomed! Just email Sandra.
- **Fieldtrip** - Handouts should be available then too.
- **Workshop** open usually with **Robert Lorino** for Tuesdays and **Levan Foster** for Thursdays. So if you want to go use the workshop other than Thursdays, call, text, or email Levan Foster. He says usually Thursday afternoons are good for him. See page 2 for contact info.

**We will have our meeting March 11th at the  
Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church  
3139 Cahaba Heights Road  
Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243  
Friday night at 6:30 pm on 2/11/22  
PROGRAM: John Wild speaking on the William  
Holland School of Lapidary Arts**

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**A.M.L.S. WORKSHOP ADDRESS:**

8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, AL. 35094  
(Across from The Pant Store)

*Please welcome any new members with a handshake and tell them a bit about A.M.L.S. and what you like about it. These are our newest members.*

***Niressa Arwood, Bobbye Hudspeth, and John Gillis***

If you know of someone who would like to visit or be interested in rocks, feel free to invite them to our meetings/workshop.

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***A.M.L.S. Meeting Minutes on 2/11/22~***

Levan called the meeting to order. Ginger Glasgow said the blessing.

Our guest speaker is Cassandra (Casey) Faulkner, Professor at University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and

a Registered Interior Decorator. Her program was on stone in interior design.

Vivian made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes as written in the newsletter. It was seconded by Lynn Ray. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Visitors were recognized Niressa Arwood, Alana and Jillian Jordan, Naren Leopard with sons Asher and Aiden Leopard, Bobby Hudspeth, and Linda Jarvis, Ginger Glasgow's friend.

There was no formal treasurers report since Reggie Bolton was absent. The only comment was that he had said via a phone conversation that we did good at the last Labor Day show. And that we have already put down a deposit for the next Labor Day show.

John Wild swore in Levan Foster as President.

Lynn Ray was thanked for the donation of some very good shelves she bought at an online auction.

Yvonne Foster announced wire class for the upcoming weekend.

There was discussion of what color t-shirt we wanted to purchase thru John Wild's friend. John Gaston kindly modeled his old t-shirt that was the tan color we purchased back in Joe Muncher presidency.

After much discussion, a motion was made to provide an honorarium fund in the budget for the year of \$1000. The motion made by John Wild, seconded by Vivian Melof. The motion carried on a voice vote.

An announcement of a field trip to Cedar Lake, near Russellville. A mentioned of day permits were needed and that could be obtained at local Wal-Mart.

Door prizes were drawn for and given out.

New members: Niressa Arwood and Bobby Hudspeth

Respectfully submitted,

Levan and Yvonne Foster, for Recording Secretary,  
Bunny Bolton

***A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes on 2/22/22~***

In attendance Jinger Glasgow, Sandra Sullivan, John Gaston, Levan and Yvonne Foster, Reggie and

Bunny Bolton, John Wild, Ben Beadore, Jim Thomas, and Robert Lorino.

Sandra and Reggie plan to discuss the recent annual board meeting of the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Levan asked Reggie if he had a good count of paid members since we need to pay SFMS dues and insurance based on that number. They will work on that in the near future.

John Wild reported that the IRS needed a copy of the original club Articles of Incorporation. He downloaded them from the Alabama Secretary of State and faxed them to our agent. Once again, we wait for their response.

Levan has met with Steve Adams to learn about running the club website. Sandra moved that we pay \$25. per hour for this, John Wild seconded and the motion passed. It was with the understanding that an all new website will be needed in the next few years and this is just to make it usable for the present. Suggestions were made to ask Lori Carter who is webmaster for the SFMS site or hiring a professional.

A rock swap is planned for Saturday, May 21st and a cabbing party for Sunday, May 29th.

Ben sent an e-mail with contract out to potential vendors for our Labor Day week-end show. He reported positive responses and one deposit. Both Johns said they had received the e-mail and it looked good. Ben said he will follow up with phone calls and e-mails but that he will need some help, especially with publicity. Jinger Glasgow said she can help with that after April when other obligations are done. John Gaston will collect vendor business cards at the Mississippi show this week-end. Levan asked Ben and Reggie for write-ups on what their helpers and replacements would need to do.

The Easter event at Oak Mountain State Park is April 16th. If the club is going to have a tent there, we will need volunteers. John Wild will check on the location to know if we will need to take our tent or if we can use a pavilion which is easier. This is a good community outreach for us and a way to get children interested in rocks and our club.

Jim Thomas will have plans for a field trip at the March meeting.

At the February meeting a vote was taken to add \$1,000. to the budget for honorariums for those doing meeting programs. That amount will probably not be needed but Reggie suggested an increase in dues might be in order if we are to spend that much on programs.

Levan told us the Huntsville club has been doing displays in local libraries and that we should check them out and consider doing this. Sandra tried this with the Mtn. Brook *Continued on page 7.*

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

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE SHOW CLUB OR  
CHAIRMAN BEFORE GOING ! THE SHOW  
COULD BE CANCELED DUE TO THE  
PANDEMIC**

**Mar. 4 – 6 Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society 51st Annual Show** Largo Event Center 6340 126 Ave N Largo, FL. Fri. and Sat. 10-6 Sun 10-5. Donations - \$5/adult good for all 3 days, children under 6 free, student with parent or ID card \$4, \$1 off with coupon/ad (see website). Gems, Minerals, Jewelry, Fossils, Beads, Door prizes, Exhibits and more! Contact: Pat Davis 727-686-5680  
Email: [sgamsgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:sgamsgemshow@gmail.com)

**Mar. 11-13 Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society; Augusta Gem and Mineral Society** Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St., Augusta GA (map) Fri./Sat. 10 AM-6 PM, Sun. 11 AM-5 PM. \$4 per adult/\$6 weekend pass, cash at door • Under 12 free with adult. <http://agams.club/> [www.aikengmfs.org](http://www.aikengmfs.org)

**Mar. 12 -13 Dothan Gem and Mineral Club 14th Annual Gem and Mineral Show** Houston County Farm Center 1701 East Cottonwood Road, Dothan, Alabama (South side of Dothan at the corner of Ross Clark Circle and Hwy 53) Sat 9- 5, Sun 10 - 4, Admission and parking are both FREE! contact Ann E Johnson, (775) 544-4937; Email: [dgmcan.johnson.e@gmail.com](mailto:dgmcan.johnson.e@gmail.com)  
Website: [wiregrassrockhounds.com](http://wiregrassrockhounds.com)

**Mar. 18 - 20 Marietta, GA. Bellpoint Gem Show;** Cobb Civic Center , 548 S. Marietta Pkwy ; Fri. 10-5:30, Sat. 10-5:30, Sun. 10-4:30; \$5 Admission Cash Only at the door. Kids under 7 free if accompanied w/ paying responsible adult; contact Bellpoint Gem Show ; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

**Mar. 18 – 20 Sarasota, FL.** Frank Cox Productions; Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail (US. 41); daily 10-5; Adult \$5.00 (\$4.00 if you mention this listing); contact Frank Cox, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236, (941) 323-3130; Email: [frankcox@comcast.net](mailto:frankcox@comcast.net); Website: [Frankcox-productions.comMar](http://Frankcox-productions.comMar).

**Mar. 25 – 27 Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. Hickory, N.C.** The Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Ave Drive SE, in Hickory, NC. 28602. Hours are 10 - 6 Fri. and Sat.; 10- 5 Sun.

*Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:*

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates>  
<http://www.jewelryshowguide.com/event/>

Admission is \$5.00 which is good for all three days. Children 12 and under are admitted free. contact Dean Russell, show chairman, at [cvgmcsecretary@aol.com](mailto:cvgmcsecretary@aol.com) or 828 303-1448. [www.cvgmc.com](http://www.cvgmc.com)

**Apr. 1 – 3 Raleigh, N.C. Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club;** State Fairgrounds, Kerr Scott building, 4285 Trinity Rd; Fri. 3-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; admission price TBD; contact Cyndy Hummel, 10609 Chelsea Dr., Raleigh, NC 27603, (919) 779-6220; Email: [mchummel@mindspring.com](mailto:mchummel@mindspring.com); Website: Cyndy Hummel

**Apr. 2 - 3 Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club of Tampa Florida, Inc.** Tampa FL. Florida State Fairgrounds 4800 US-301, Tampa, FL 33610 (map) Special Events Center; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5; Students & Military \$4; Under 12 free with parent; The website has a \$1 off coupon. contact Greg Lundergan, PO Box 89146, 10207 Fisher Ave, Tampa, FL 33689, (813) 684-2039; Email: [TBM-SCShow@gmail.com](mailto:TBM-SCShow@gmail.com); Website: [TampaBay-RockClub.com](http://TampaBay-RockClub.com) [www.tampabayrockclub.org](http://www.tampabayrockclub.org)

**Apr. 9 – 9 Hendersonville, TN. Middle Tennessee Rockhounds;** Hendersonville Senior Center, 197 Imperial Blvd; Sat. 9-4; free; Dig It Festival. minerals, fossils and lapidary vendors. Demonstrations and educational exhibits. Childrens activities; contact Wayne Ramsey; Email: [info@rockhound.org](mailto:info@rockhound.org); Website: [www.rockhound.org](http://www.rockhound.org)

**Apr. 23 - 24 The Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society,** Memphis, TN. Memphis Agri-center 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tn (map). Sat. 9 – 6, Sun. 10 – 5. Includes the original "Memphis Rock Banquet" a full table display of rocks that look like real food. Adults \$5. 2- day pass \$8.00. Children 12 & under \$2.00. Scouts in uniform free, [www.theearthwideopen.com](http://www.theearthwideopen.com) , email [info@theearthwideopen.com](mailto:info@theearthwideopen.com). 901-490-3575.



**Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~**

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems  
 Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith

BTW - if your club is looking for new speakers at your monthly meetings, I have several topics & demonstrations on metalwork. They are about an hour long and are presented over Zoom. Get in touch for details on subject matter that might be of interest to your club.

Happy hammering,

- Brad Smith  
 BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com

**TWISTING WIRE**

Twisting wire can be done with an old hand drill but goes much faster with a power tool. My preference is to use a screw gun, although a Foredom should do well.

Just make a little hook out of coat hanger wire (or use a screw-in cup hook) and chuck it up in your screw gun. Grip the free ends of the wire in a vice and slip the looped end onto your hook.

Keep a little tension on the wires as you twist.

Note that a power drill is too fast a tool for this unless you have one with variable speed.



**SOLDERING PRONGS**

I often use prongs to hold an irregular cab or other object on rings and pendants. But prongs can be a little tricky to solder. You have to find some way to hold them all upright while soldering, and the simple butt joint that looks strong sometimes breaks when you start to bend the prong over the stone. There's nothing worse than having a prong break off when you're setting the stone \*#~\*!

I solved both problems with one little trick. It keeps the prongs in position for soldering, and it gives you a stronger joint at the same time.

**Bench Tips Continued ...**

Locate and center punch the position for each prong. Then drill holes a little smaller than your prong wire. Sand a small taper on the ends of your prong wires and stand them up in the holes. The wires support themselves, soldering is easy, and the joint is stronger because of the increased soldering area.

"Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry"

See all Brad's jewelry books at  
 Amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith  
 See the paperback edition at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/0988285886/> and the Kindle edition at <https://amazon.com/dp/B07D4B45JJ/>

<https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide/#geminids>



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Meteor shower guide in 2022 ... April's Lyrid meteors are next! The annual Lyrid meteor shower always brings an end to the meteor drought that occurs each year between January and mid-April.

**Predicted peak:** April 22, 2022, at 18 UTC.

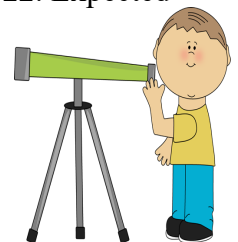
**When to watch:** Watch late evening until moonrise, nights of April 21-22 and 22-23.

**Duration of shower:** April 15 to April 29.

**Radiant:** Rises before midnight, highest in the sky at dawn. See chart below.

**Nearest moon phase:** In 2022, last quarter is 11:56 UTC on April 23. So the predawn hours of 2022's Lyrid shower are washed in moonlight. But – on the nights of April 21 and 22 – there's a window of time from late evening until moonrise, during which you might see some Lyrid meteors in 2022. Expected meteors at peak, under ideal conditions: In a dark sky with no moon, you might see 10 to 15 Lyrids per hour.

**Keep looking UP** ↑





## The Mobile Rock & Gem Society (Mobile, AL) (HOST)

**SUNDAY, March 20, 2022**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Eastern**

**Patty Construction Quarry**

**7525 Hwy 27, Summerville GA**

**Unlimited Participants & No Fee**

**NOTE:** DMC field trips will continue to be planned and scheduled, but may be cancelled or rescheduled pending COVID-19 status. If there are any changes to a trip, all contacts listed for DMC member clubs will be notified via email as soon as possible. The DMC trip schedule page on the SFMS website (<https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program/dmc-field-trip-schedule>) will also be updated with the current status of trips. Lori Carter, DMC Coordinator.

**TRIP:** The March 2022 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.

**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.

**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.

**REQUIREMENTS:** ALL participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability before being allowed into the collection area.

**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

**FEE:** There is no fee.

**CHILDREN:** Children are allowed but are required to have adult supervision at all times.

**PETS:** No pets allowed.

**FACILITIES:** There are no facilities on-site. The nearest restrooms are approximately 3 miles away in Summerville.

**DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:** 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.

**CONTACT:** Michael Peterson, Field Trip Chairman, (251) 786-2583 *Continued on the next page.*

**P.S.** If you are not responsible for field trips in your club, please forward this to the person who is, and let me know so I can change the mailing list.

Please reply by e-mail to: [dmc@southeastfed.org](mailto:dmc@southeastfed.org)

Website: <https://www.southeastfed.org/dmc-field-trip-program>

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

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"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."



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**IMPORTANT:** DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics (click here to read them), but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So, unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips. Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.

***ZOOM board Meeting Minutes Continued from page 3.***

library when the club met there but they were not interested. Reggie suggested Homewood as they have display cases groups can use for this purpose. The Vulcan education area might be interested in some local mineral displays.



Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

***Program for the March Meeting ~***

This month we will have a program for those interested in furthering their education in the lapidary arts.



Our speaker will be our very own member, John Wild who says this:

Back by popular demand.....well maybe it was desperation.....I will be talking about the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts on Friday. Learn some of the history of William Holland School and how it has evolved over the years.

We will discuss a typical week in the life of a student and all of the activities that are scheduled during the week. I will bring examples of some of the classes that are offered and the cost of attendance will be discussed as well. It's been 2 long years....let's go back to school!

***Graves Mountain ~***

**Is Graves Mountain open for mineral collecting?**

Graves mountain is accessible and open for mineral collecting by colleges, universities, and gem and mineral societies. Groups as small as two INDIVIDUAL mineral collectors can now reserve the mountain!

**Where is Graves Mountain?**

Graves Mountain is located in the small town of Lincolnton, Georgia. Make sure to keep an eye on the Facebook Page for Graves Mountain in order to verify when the open house dates will be each year. Or you can head on over to the Georgia Mineral Society webpage for more information about the mountain.

**What minerals can be found on Graves Mountain?**

R.J. Jacquot, rockhunting Graves Mountain - The "Tea Pond". The variety of minerals to be found include: barite, jarosite, phosphosiderite, variscite, quartzite, quartz, rutile, ilmenite, kyanite, pyrite, lazulite, pyrophyllite, hematite, goethite, limonite, sulphur, iridescent hematite, etc.

**Is there buried treasure at Graves Mountain?**

Just 130 miles east of Atlanta in the small town of Lincolnton, Georgia is the stunningly unique rock hotbed known as Graves Mountain. A few times a year the caretakers at Graves Mountain open up the area to visitors who hope to score some serious buried treasure.

<https://www.gaminer.org/ft/commercial/ftgravesmain.html>

Great articles about this unique rockhounding site!



**May** 8 to 6, Fri. – Sun. May 20 - 22, 2022  
**October** (Tentatively) 8 to 6, Fri. – Sun., Oct.7 - 9, 2022

**Masks must be worn in common areas including the rock swap area**

**ANYONE READY FOR A LONG RANGE FIELDTRIP?**

## SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP

We have just completed our 4th Annual Rockhound Roundup in Live Oaks, Florida and it was a great success! We had 33 spaces filled and had record traffic from the public. We ran a very active Facebook advertising campaign and brought in many more customers than ever before. Based on the Facebook response, we were expecting this and ordered additional Porta-potties to service the crowd. We have grown each and every year, and expect that trend to continue. It was touch and go with rain a bit on Friday, but settled down quickly and was a very profitable day for most of our people. Saturday and Sunday were BEAUTIFUL! Lots of sunshine, lots of visitors. We hope you will join us next time.

Jerri A. Heer SFMS Secretary and Roundup Chair secretary@southeastfed.org 419-344-9999

website: <https://southeastfed.org>.

### William Holland Registrar:

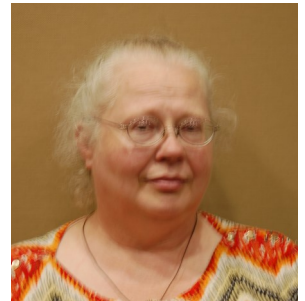
Signups for the first workshop at William Holland are off to a slow start. We expect this to pick up once the Roundup is over and people can think about their summer. We have 14 classes scheduled, with some excellent instructors. The new website can be accessed at [www.sfmsworkshops.org](http://www.sfmsworkshops.org). A big thanks goes to Lori and Charles Carter for setting up the basic layout and helping me navigate the process. We've tried to make it as seamless and easy to navigate as possible. There is an online application and deposits can be paid online through PayPal. For those who prefer to use a check, we still have the hard copy application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Reed, SFMS – WH Registrar - Wh-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org

### *Yvonne Foster says ...*

During March and April, I will continue to teach silversmithing one student at a time. As well as wirework, chain making, and pearl stringing, in group classes as well as singles. Silversmithing will cost \$50 to the club for facilities and you will order your own silver. I will give you a list. You will get 12 hours instruction over two to four sessions spaced over one or two weeks. We work around our respective schedules and your ability to concentrate.



The group classes from now through the rest of the year will be \$10 for the one-day class (6-8hrs), and I will give you a list of supplies, or have some packets of them made up for purchase if you need them, or extras. I will see to the tools needed, but hands-free magnification such as Opti-visors or reading glasses are useful for most students to bring. I will schedule a mix of Saturday and Sunday times.

Levan and I man the workshop on Thursday afternoons or evenings, and we could schedule classes when and if there is a need. I will have Levan post times available on our Facebook pages, or website, as well as announce at the meetings. I will try to make up samples to show at the meetings of what we would be working on, if time permits. If you have any particular requests for class subjects, please let me know. Also please let me know ahead of time if you want to take a class. I will try to keep classes to 6 people if possible. Aside from talking to me at the meetings, you can leave messages on my e-mail, jewelryrepair@hotmail.com, or texting to my phone 205.602.8280. I appreciate all suggestions, and if anyone would like to be a guest teacher for a class that would be wonderful too.



Last page funnies ...

May your life be full of dirt!

May it gather in your shoes  
 May you wander o'er the countryside  
 with bird and fox and moose.  
 May you hunt with pick and shovel,  
 For earth's treasures you explore.  
 Once found, oh joy... there's more  
 and more and more...  
 May you have a good, strong backpack,  
 and fill it with the best!  
 May you have the strength to lift it,  
 put muscles to the test!  
 May you take it home with prize in hand,

You move your bag;  
 a pile of dirt has gathered on the floor.  
 Before you go another step  
 dust off your pants and shirt.  
 And leave behind the remnants of rewarding,  
 happy dirt.  
 Then showers wash away the rest,  
 flowing down the drain,  
 Gone for 'ere until you're drawn by  
 Rockhounds' call again.

*Written by: Joy Stinson -Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club Submitted by  
 Dave Hughes Magic Valley Gem News — April, 2011 Volume 50 Issue 4*

A.M.L.S. Application for Membership

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

ADULT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK/CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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. Please** make checks payable to the

**ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY** and mail to  
8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, Al. 35094 *Or bring to a meeting!*

**Info: Usual Meeting Date :** Second Friday of each month except for the month of June. The Oak Mountain State Park Show takes the place of the June meeting.

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

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

*Visitors Welcomed !*

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

# MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i>	9	10 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	11 <i>Mtg.</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	12
13 <i>Daylight</i> <i>Saving Time</i>	14	15 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11am</i>	16	17 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	18	19
20 <i>Spring</i>	21	22 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i> <i>ZOOM Bd Mtg</i>	23	24 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## 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 2021 are \$25.00 family, \$20.00 single, and Juniors / Students \$15.00. 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 our annual 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.

The society is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Reprint rights are granted for any information in the bulletin except minutes and copy right articles with permission to print one time only in ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP, provided credit is given to the author and the original publication as well as the bulletin. Exchange bulletins should be addressed to the editor.

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**PURPOSE:**

*To bring about a closer association of clubs and societies devoted to the study of the Earth Sciences and the practice of the lapidary arts and crafts in the southeastern part of the United States.*

**OBJECTIVE:**

*To cooperate with similar Federations to promote public interest in the Earth Sciences and the conservation of natural resources.*

