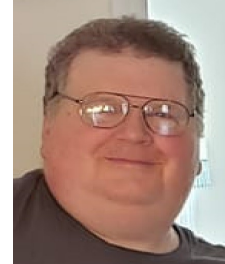


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Levan Foster
President A.M.L.S.

Hello,

Welcome to our new and old members alike. So far, in March and April we have had some bad weather. I am hoping May is a lot better. We have some events coming up over the next couple of months, so anyone able and willing to help out with loading and transporting contact me, please.

First is our annual auction event, April 8. Invite a friend and bring something to donate. This is an important event so the more participation the better. If you donate a rock, please write down any information you have on it (what type, where it originated, etc.).

On May 1st, we have an opportunity to set up a booth at a crystal festival in Homewood. This event is only for half a day. We need volunteers. Some to help with loading and transporting geodes and geode cracker, tent, and tables and some to help at the event. This event should give us a chance to meet many new people and let them know about the club. If we have some members volunteer to move the geodes we can sell and crack geodes. This is a great fundraiser for the club.

Then on May 21st we will have a rock swap back behind the workshop. This will be a great chance to bring specimens that you want to share, buy, sell, or trade for different specimens. You will also be able to tour the workshop, and I hope to have a couple of demos going. Again, anyone wanting to help out can show up and help move tables. This event is being held behind the workshop so the space is free. I will open the doors and 9 AM and we will go until 4 PM. We will ask for a \$10 donation from anyone wishing to use a table.

On May 29th will be a fifth Sunday. This means Cabbing party! Bring any rock you wish to cut and we will slab it and you can cab it to take home. The cabbing party will start at 10 AM and end at 4PM.

I would like to start setting up booths at different spring events but, while Yvonne and I can help man a booth we cannot carry a tent and tables in our car. If you know of an upcoming event and/or can help with loading and transporting let me know.

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

- **Upcoming in April - Meeting** on the second Friday night, the 8th. **Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 4th Tuesday night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month it will be on **Tuesday the 26th**. 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 April 8th 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: Annual Auction !
Come one, come all! Lots of good bargains!**

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The SFMS Newsletter, *the Lodestar*, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at [website: https://southeastfed.org](https://southeastfed.org). Email: SFMS.Lodestar@gmail.com And www.amfed.org And the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies or EFMLS <https://efmls.org>

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.

I have not received any information about any new members this month so far.

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 3/11/22~

Levan Foster called meeting to order. Jim Thomas said the blessing. Leisa Whitlow was a welcomed guest. Previous minutes proposed accepted by John Wild and seconded by Lynn Ray. Treasurer's report given by Reggie Bolton via Zoom.

Old business – discussion of equipment sale, what's left, possible price reductions. Rock Swap at workshop in the back yard on Saturday 5/21/22. ALL are welcomed to come by and sit and chat. And a reminder we will have a cabbing party on the following Saturday 5/29/22 to have those rocks cabbed that was bought one week prior.

Discussion of Square D hardware to use at our shows for the visitors to purchase of materials or to pay for memberships. After looking on line for our club in the SFMS, we encountered problems with not showing up as SFMS member. We are showing up as American and as Eastern Federation members. Reggie believes this will soon be fixed.

Levan spoke of the possible show at the Oak Mountain State Park on April 16th. He is requesting volunteers for Easter show.

March 20 field trip to Tourmaline Lane – meeting at 8am at McDonalds on Hwy. 280 east in Chelsea.

Levan introduced our speaker for the evening. Program given by John Wild on William Holland Lapidary School in Young, Harris GA.

Door prizes were given out. Levan dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Levan and Yvonne Foster, for Recording Secretary,
Bunny Bolton

A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting 3/22/22 ~

In attendance Levan and Yvonne Foster, Jinger Glasgow, Robert Lorino, Bunny and Reggie Bolton, Sandra Sullivan.

Auction items need to be gathered for the April 8th meeting. An e-mail will go out to the membership with details and requests. Levan will be at the church at 6:00 to set up and he will put the info on the Facebook page.

Tourmaline Lane no longer exists so the field trip there was wandering along the roadside right-of-way near there to collect. A few interesting specimens were found even so. The reason only members are allowed on field trips is because of insurance and adherence to the code of ethics. A sign up/release form needs to be part of every field trip. It should be okay to join the club at the trip site. There needs to be a procedure set up for this.

An event was posted to our Facebook page by an outsider and has since been deleted however it

sounds like a good event and the club will have a tent there as will the Fosters. This is a reminder to "report to admin" for any posts that don't belong on our page such as ads for unrelated or even related items. The page is not for sales of any kind.

We have been slow getting our membership info to the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The Federation is being patient with clubs because so many are slow turning it in. Reggie and Sandra will get to this project. soon.

Ben Beadore and Sandra have been discussing publicity for the Labor Day Week-end show. Jinger Glasgow will be free soon to help and Rhonda Jordan said she can help as well.

Jinger Glasgow suggested raising the membership dues amount. Reggie and Robert said that we should keep it low while we are trying to build up the number of members. Currently dues are a small part of the money we take in and there are other ways of getting money from the members such as shop fees and the upcoming auction. The sale of equipment has brought in some money and the questions came up as to whether those funds should be earmarked for the purchase of new equipment and is more equipment currently needed.

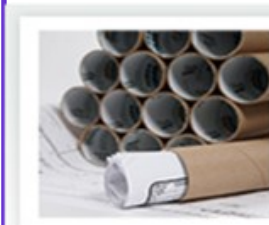
A close-up procedure for the shop to be posted by the door is needed. Levan will work on this.

The club will not participate in the Oak Mountain Spring Festival since volunteers did not come forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary



A.M.L.S. annual show is to be held at the Bessemer Civic Center over the Labor Day Weekend this year. We need to be getting ready to have many vendors and as many helpers as possible this year for our club to remain a viable rock club, Your help in saving gift wrapping tubes (like below) would be much appreciated. They make it easier for us to sale



the maps we get from the Geological Survey. We need to start planning our publicity too. Ben Beadore will be our ace chairman this year. Let's get behind him 100% .

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

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; Website: www.rockhound.org

Apr. 23 - 24 The Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society, Memphis, TN. Memphis Agricenter 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 , email info@theearthwideopen.com. 901-490-3575.

Apr. 22 – 24 Irvine, KY Southeast KY Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Club; Estill County Schools Central Office, 253 Main Street; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; FREE!; Guided hunts in local creeks. Visit www.mountainmushroomfest.org for application; contact Francine Bonny, (606) 723-2554; Email: mushroomfestival@irvineonline.net

Apr. 22 – 24 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); Show & sale of Gem, Jewelry, Crystals, Minerals and Beads; contact Frank Cox, 755 S. Palm Ave. #203, Sarasota, FL 34236, (941) 323-3130; Email: frankcox@comcast.net; Website: Frankcoxproductions.com

May 4 – 8 Franklin, N.C. Echo Valley Gem Show Echo Valley Showplace (across from GLW) , 6456 Sylva Rd ; Wed. 10-5:30, Wed. 10-5:30, Sat. 10-5:30, Sun. 10-3; Free Admission; Dealers from around the world selling extraordinary minerals, fossils, cabochons, slabs, rough rock, jewelry, beads, crystals ; contact BJ; Email: mbellpoint@gmail.com; Website: www.bellpointpromotions.com

May 6 – 8 Marietta, GA. Georgia Mineral Society; Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy SE; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; Free; The Georgia Mineral Society's 53rd Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show. EXCITING AUCTIONS!!! FREE Admission! FREE Parking! Over 30 Dealers! Door Prizes! SPECIAL

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

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

Win a Great Prize for Yourself and for Your School!; contact Shelley Stubbs, Marietta, (678) 612-7293; Email: mayshow@gamineral.org; Website: www.gamineral.org

May 13 – 15 Franklin, N.C. Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC; Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, 1288 Georgia Road (Rt. 441); Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$1.00 donation (gives chance for raffle prize); Finished jewelry, rough, findings, mineral specimens, and demonstrations; contact Norman A Holbert, (828) 634-0350; Email: normh929@gmail.com

May 13 – 15 Raleigh, N.C. Treasures of the Earth, Inc; North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Kerr Scott Building, 4285 Trinity Rd; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$8 for adults, 16 and under free; Vendors from across the U.S. bring custom faceted gemstones, beads, pearls, crystals, minerals, and fossils. There is a wide variety of finished jewelry in gold and silver as well as custom-designed jewelry; contact Ellen White, (804) 642-2011; Email: Ellen@TreasuresOfTheEarth.com; Website: www.TreasuresOfTheEarth.com

May 14-15 Boseman, Montana Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club; Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 901 North Black; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3.00. Children under 12 free with adult admission (for both days); 25 Gem and Mineral Display Cases, Best of Montana Minerals, Raffle, Silent Auctions, 18 Vendors, Garnet Sorting Table, Free Polished Rocks for the Kids; contact Linda Johnson, (406) 580-3419; Email: bgmcmnt@gmail.com

May 20-22 Tulsa, OK. Wholesale and retail show; Gem Faire; Expo Square, 4145 E 21st St; Fri. 12-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$7 weekend pass; Fine jewelry, precious & semi-precious gemstones, millions of beads, crystals, gold & silver, minerals & much more at manufacturer's prices. Buy direct; contact Yooy Nelson, (503) 252-8300; Email: info@gemfaire.com; Website: www.gemfaire.com

If your going out west on a vacation, these last two shows may be of some interest. Or check the websites listed above for a show in the area your going.

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

COLORING EPOXY

There are two ways to add color when you are using epoxies. The first is to add a powdered material like colored chalk, charcoal, or powdered colors from an art supply store. One that I particularly like is a set of pastel glitter powders. A second way is to add a liquid pigment like nail polish, model airplane paint, or tinting pigments from a marine supplies store.

In preparing epoxy for use, the important things are to use exactly equal parts of the two components and to thoroughly mix them together. Coloring material can be added at any time. If I'm making just a small amount, I squeeze out equal sized droplets onto a piece of scrap paper or aluminum foil and mix thoroughly with a toothpick.



To mix larger amounts of epoxy, I use a gram scale to weigh the first component. Then I zero the scale and weigh out the same amount of the second component, add coloring if needed, and mix.

If you are using 5-minute epoxy, the mixing needs to move quickly. But I like to work carefully when adding color. So I squeeze out equal sized droplets side by side on the scrap paper. Then I work with just one of the droplets to add the colors. The 5-minute clock only starts when you mix in the second droplet.

Bench Tips Continued ...

TRY A TOOTHPICK

The round, stronger toothpicks have a multitude of uses on the jewelry bench. I use them for mixing epoxy resin, for applying paste solder, and with Zam for polishing in tight spots.

Toothpicks are also handy for holding a small faceted stone while setting it. Just break off the sharp tip, mold a little beeswax over it, and press it onto the table of your stone.

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/>



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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.

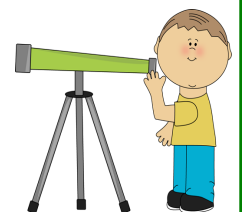
Predicted peak: April 22, 2022, at 18 UTC.

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





Saturday, April 30, 2022
Meet no later than 8:30 AM EST
Caravan into Quarry at 9:00 AM EST
Bartow County, GA
Registration Required

The club scheduled to host the April DMC field trip is not able to do so. Charles Carter, SFMS Field Trip Chair, has arranged a replacement trip with help from the Georgia Mineral Society.

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: This location is part of the Corbin Gneiss Complex. The quarry is mining porphyroblastic granite gneiss, so the rock there has large crystals, e.g., quartz and feldspar. The rocks here are some of the oldest in Georgia - approximately 1.2 billion years.

COLLECTING: We will be collecting granitic gneiss with blue quartz. Small pieces can be collected by hand and larger pieces can be collected with hammer and chisel. This material can be cut and polished and it also makes nice specimens.

BRING: Tools needed include rock hammer, small sledge, chisel, scratching tools, buckets, and a spray bottle with water to wet the rocks so you can see the color better. You will also need sunscreen and gloves.

REQUIREMENTS: Gloves, safety glasses, hard hat, and steel toed or sturdy boots with ankle support (e.g., hiking boots). No open toed shoes allowed.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: This is an active quarry. STAY AWAY from all heavy equipment, high walls, ponds, and quarry machinery.

TERRAIN AND ACCESSIBILITY: There are flat areas and areas with loose rock. People with mobility issues may have some difficulty navigating over and around boulders. There may also be soft, muddy areas if it rains before or during these trips. Collecting areas are within 100 yards from where we park.

REGISTRATION: Participants must register with the online form here.

CHILDREN (Yes): The quarry allows children, but they must have adult supervision at all times. And, they must have all of the required safety equipment.

PETS (Yes): No pets allowed.

FACILITIES: There are NO facilities at this location. Food and restrooms are several miles away.

ACCOMMODATIONS: There are many hotels in Cartersville, GA, which is less than half an hour away from the location.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Georgia Mineral Society members will be available to answer questions. There will also be a sign-in table with examples of collecting material.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: **Registered attendees will receive directions via email.**

Quarry employees will escort a caravan into the quarry. You are not allowed to drive around the quarry un-escorted. Everyone must enter and leave the quarry together.

If you arrive late you will not be able to enter the quarry!

CONTACT: Charles Carter, 770-998-1127, fieldtrips@southeastfed.org

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

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

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."

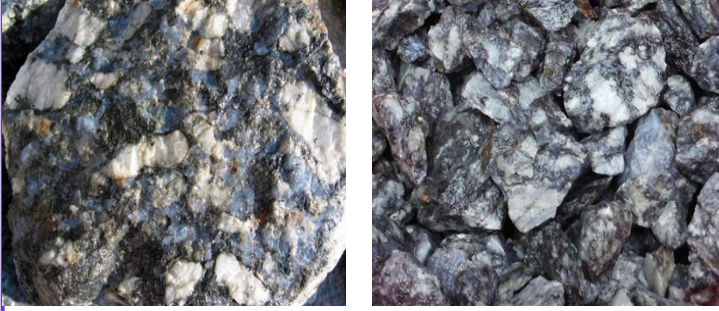


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jeopardize access to a collecting location.

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.



The 2022 Sylacauga Magic of Marble Festival will be April 6-16 at Central Park. Come see world famous sculptors carve their magic into Sylacauga marble. Their wares will also be on sale at the B. B. Comer Library in the Hightower Room. Quarry Tours are available April 6-7 with IMERYS and April 13-14 on OMYA. Get more information at : magicofmarblefestival.com.

Program for the April Meeting ~ AUCTION !!!

We always have a great auction with a variety of stones, beads, slabs, cabs, rough and you name it!



As you come in and sign the notebook, please take a number on an index card that corresponds with the number by your name. This let's you bid you on an item, it lets the treasurer know who won the bid, and the he hears for how much to you got it for. You can keep up with just how much you are spending on the back od the card. ***Eesie-peesie!***

Hopefully this will get you those rocks you have been wanting and the rock club a few more \$\$\$ in the bank. Personally, this is the way I got a lot of my best finds.

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.gamineral.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?



As an editor for a newsletter for a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, I have been asked to forward the *Lode star* on to our membership as I send out the monthly newsletter. Please take a few minutes to read over it, especially the Safety Tips and the new things the federation is trying to do for the clubs. If we can just join in and do our part, the federation will become a better organization for all the clubs.

Please let me know what you think of this dispersal form of getting the SFMS information out to our membership. I have included the new web address below.

[website: https://southeastfed.org](https://southeastfed.org).

William Holland Registrar:

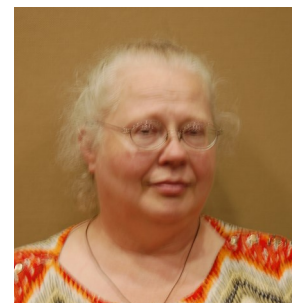
Signups for the first workshop at William Holland are off to a slow start. We expect this to pick up once the Roundup is over and people can think about their summer. We have 14 classes scheduled, with some excellent instructors. The new website can be accessed at www.sfmsworkshops.org. A big thanks 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 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 ...

You Know You're A Rockhound If:

You prefer baryte roses to real ones.
Your dream holiday destination is Coober Pedy or Far North Queensland.
Your garage is so full of rocks that the car won't fit in.
You collect Interesting specimens, including the brown unknown ones, just in case they might turn out to be something special.
You've ever sorted through a mullock heap.
You've ever dumpster dived at a marble warehouse.

You colour co-ordinate your clothes and shoes to match your gemstone pendants.
The sign on the side of the road says "Falling Rock" and you pull over to wait.
You like to examine the rocks in your driveway.
You treasure ancient, fossilised animal dung.
You spend hours searching the ground while everyone else around you gets bored.
https://owlcation.com/stem/Lapidary-Jokes-For-The-Discerning-Rockhound

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 _____

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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. Please make checks payable to the

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and mail to
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.

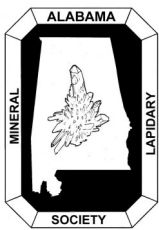
Visitors Welcomed !

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APRIL 2022

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

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 2022 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.

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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.

