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President's Message

Hello,

I want to say welcome to all members new and old. The month of May appears to be fairly full for the club. A few of us will be taking part in May Day event in Homewood (it will depend on the weather). Then there is May 8th, Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers. Our monthly meeting is Friday May 13th. May 21st we will have a Rock Swap out behind the workshop. For those unfamiliar with a Rock Swap come by and bring your rocks. Then look at what others have to buy, sell, or trade rocks with each other. The Club will have some rocks for sale \$.50 / pound during the rock swap. There will be some demos taking place and you can tour the workshop. You can bring your rocks back over to the workshop May 29th for a cabbing party. This is an event where we get together and help each other with cabbing and sawing rocks. This is the time to use workshop for free (normally we ask for \$5/hour). Remember, if you have not been to the workshop come by when Robert is there (on Tuesday afternoons) or when I am there (Thursday evenings). If you want to come by another time contact me and we will arrange something.

We will be passing out fliers for the big rock show in September. Make sure you take a few and pass them out. Mark Labor Day weekend down for the show. We can always use help at this event. It was a big success last year thanks to the hard work Ben Beadore and Cathy Kellogg put into it. This year we need help for Ben with running the show.

I am looking for people to take over some of the officer positions. You can see the offices and officers listed in this newsletter. If you think you might have an interest in serving, contact that officer.

Also, you can check out Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies workshop web page

<https://www.sfmshworkshops.org/>.

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

More websites that are very useful.

<https://geology.com/store/>

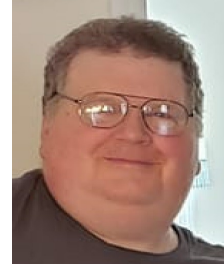
<https://www.geologyin.com/>

<http://www.americangemsociety.org>

<http://geology.com/time.htm>

<http://www.kidsloverocks.com>

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



Levan Foster
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in May - Meeting** on the second Friday night, the 13th. **Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 4th **Wednesday** night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month it will be on **Wednesday** the **25th**. 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 May 13th at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church
3139 Cahaba Heights Road
Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243
Friday night at 6:30 pm on 5/13/22
PROGRAM: Resources that built Birmingham!
Come one, come all!**

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**For more information:
AFMS, EFMLS, and SFMS Websites**

The SFMS Newsletter, *the Lodestar*, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at website: <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.

Allison and David Sheffield, Ian Krusinski, Deana Doerre', and Allison and Emily Reaves, and others

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 4/13/22~

John Gaston blessed our meeting and we dug into the pot luck and checked out the many items up for auction. Reggie was kept busy with membership paperwork. Welcome new members Allison and David Sheffield, Ian Krusinski, Deana Doerre', Allison and Emily Reaves.

Jinger Glasgow made a motioned to accept the March minutes as published in the Rockhound Roundup, Vivian Melof seconded and the motion passed. A field trip to find shark teeth in Mississippi has been scheduled for April 17th. As this is Easter, consult with Jim Thomas if you would like to go then or another day. Graves Mountain will have their spring dig May 27-29. If you are interested in this wonderful event the Georgia Mineral Society has information on their website.

Ian Krusinski told us about the May Day Crystal Festival May 1 in down town Homewood. A.M.L.S. and the Levan and Yvonne Foster will have tents.

Help is needed to move the geode cracker and tent from the workshop, setup in Homewood, takedown at the end of show, and return to the Leeds workshop. Please setup and help us out here folks!

Our auction began with Levan as auctioneer and Emily as his helper. Bidding was lively and we raised \$1,236.

No door prizes, you had to buy your own.
Respectfully submitted by
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting 4/26/22 ~

In attendance Levan & Yvonne Foster, Sandra Sullivan, Robert Lorino, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, John Gaston, John Wild, and Ben Beadore.

Crystal Fest is this weekend. The club has 3 parking places in front of Evolve. Levan will need help setting up.

The program for our April 13th meeting will be a talk on Sloss Furnace. May 21st will be our rock swap at the back of the workshop and a cabbing party will be held May 29th.

Levan asked if there was a problem with changing our board meeting day to the 4th Wednesday of the month. No one had a problem with that so in the future 6 PM on the 4th Wednesday will be the regular board meeting time.

We currently have about \$10,000. in our checking account due to payment of show vendor deposits and membership dues. Reggie suggested ***Continued***

A.M.L.S. Board Meeting Minutes Continued ...

this would be a good time to put the \$4,000. transferred from the money market account back. It was transferred last year to cover expenses of the workshop.

The latest from the IRS is that our 501-C7 status has been reinstated. We will need to file a Form 990 for 2022 and yearly filing going forward.

Levan and Robert say that they can adjust the times the workshop can be open. Suggestions welcome. John Wild will have information on new AMLS t-shirts.

Nine vendors for a total of 40 tables have been reserved for the Labor Day weekend show. Many of last year's vendors have not yet paid their deposits but we have some new vendors. A reminder e-mail will go out soon. There are 1,000 flyers at the workshop and will be at the May meeting for members to pick up to distribute. Rhonda Jordan and Jinger Glasgow will be helping with promoting the show. Social media seemed to be the most successful way we got the word out last year and will be a big part of this year's promoting. We'll be looking for all members to help with this. Shortly an Event page will be set up. Sandra will get the word out to other clubs in the Southeastern Federation.

John Gaston will be contacting the American Federation about youth programs.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

***What lies ahead ...***

A.M.L.S. has some events planned that I hope will generate interest in the club members. The past auction was a success and that helped bring in some funds for the club. We will be having another good Rock Sale at the workshop in Leeds, AL. Most everything we need to pass on to the members are from our donation collections. These we need to sale because there is a lot of good stuff in there and \$0.50 a pound is cheap, cheap, cheap! But the stuff needs to go to a good home and we need the room in the workshop! Does anyone run a tumbler? We have a lot of material from Brookwood (a collecting place we can NO LONGER GET INTO) *just saying.*

May 13th Regular Meeting at the church

May 21th a Saturday, Rock Sale, Leeds Workshop

May 28th a Saturday, free day at the workshop to cut what you bought on the 21st!

Your friendly editor, Sandra Sullivan

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

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 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 21-22 Miami, FL. MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD; Evelyn Greer Park, 8200 SW 124 Street; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$6 / Children under 12 free; Exhibits, displays, demonstrations, raffles, and vendors showcasing mineral & fossil specimens, gemstones, artisan jewelry. Children's activities include jewelry-making sessions, surprise grab-bags, and scavenger hunts. Contact

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

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

Sandy Mielke, (305) 460-2244; Email: webguy@mmlg-inc.org; Website: www.miamigemandmineral.com.

May 27-29 Melbourne, FL. Jerri Heer; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E Hibiscus Blvd; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5; Jewelry, Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Beads Seeking new vendors with quality products; contact Jerri Heer, (419) 344-9999; Email: Hrgemshows@gmail.com; Website: Hrgemshows.com

June 3-5 Lawrenceville, GA. Bellpoint Gem Show; Gwinnett Co. Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Pkwy; Fri. 10-5:30, Sun. 10-4:30; Admission \$5 Cash Only at the Door. Kids Under 7 Free if Accompanied w/ Paying Responsible Adult; Contact BJ ; Email: mbellpoint@gmail.com; Website: www.bellpointpromotions.com

June 11-12 Gastonia, N.C. Gaston Gem, Mineral and Faceters Club; Johan Newcombe Event Center/Habitat for Humanity Bldg, 1840 E. Franklin Blvd; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Free; Minerals, fossils, gemstones, jewelry. Current Covid-19 precautions will be followed; Contact Robert Winstanley, (704) 577-3391; Email: machine66man@gmail.com; Website: gastongemclub.weebly.com

For anyone traveling ...

May 14-15 Bozeman, 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, 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; 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 ~

Happy hammering, BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com

Bench Tips for Jewelry Making" and "Broom Casting for Creative Jewelry" See all Brad's jewelry books at

[Amazon.com/author/BradfordSmith](https://www.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/>



**** **Unfortunately** this month's Bench Tips by Brad Smith did NOT make it to my inbox or my spam box. I have had to illuminate it and go ahead and send this on to you. You can get his Bench Tips in a booklet from Amazon by clicking on the link above. We have had a number of members who are interested in getting these for their own enjoyment and as a reference booklet. Keep on rocking, Your Friendly editor, Sandra Sullivan

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

This past weekend Levan and Yvonne Foster went onto the Crystal Show held in downtown Homewood. They couldn't carry everything but did get to make an appearance and handout flyers for our big show in September. They also took in a lot of new members applications!

We have got to do better ya'll! They asked for our help but we did not step up. We are better than this. I had planned to be out of town long before that day and couldn't help out. I would have been there if I could. Levan and Yvonne have stepped up to help this rock club many times in the past and currently too. I hope any future events we can get into will go a lot better because we will have a bigger presence and we will have more members helping.

I have a limitation due to a childhood illness and I know these two have limitations too. As a club if we do not function well as a whole we will soon lose ourselves and what our forefathers have passed down to us. We have a wonderful functioning workshop that many have never even seen. We have some awesome teachers willing to share their knowledge with us! And it takes time, a lot of effort, dedication, *Continued ...*

and don't forget gas money! This takes away from their family time, work on their own stuff time, and let's not forget we still need to make a living somehow. I will get off my soapbox now. I know we have many good people who have stepped up in the past and ARE today. I just think we can all do better at what rockhounds are known for ... just showing up. Email me your comments please.

doodle35146ss@yahoo.com

Sandra Sullivan

Meteor shower guide in 2022 ... Up next, the Eta Aquariids in May

Especially since April's Lyrids were drowned in moonlight in 2022, many will watch the Eta Aquariids this year.

When to watch: Especially try **the mornings of May 4, 5 and 6, 2022, in the hours before dawn.** Why before dawn? See "Radiant" below. The American Meteor Society is listing 4 UTC on May 5 as the shower's predicted* peak time. But times vary between different experts. And the peak of this shower stretches out over several days. So you can expect elevated numbers of meteors a few days before and after the peak time.

Nearest moon phase: In 2022, first quarter moon will fall at 00:21 UTC on May 9. So the moon is a waxing crescent (setting during the evening) around the mornings of May 4, 5 and 6. There will be no moon during the peak predawn hours for the 2022 Eta Aquariids.

Radiant: Rises in the wee hours, climbing toward its highest point at dawn. That's why before dawn is the best time to watch this shower.

Duration of shower: April 15 to May 27.

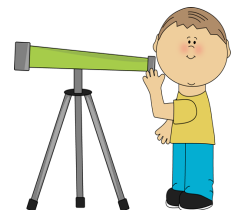
Expected meteors at peak, under ideal conditions: In the southern half of the U.S., you might see 10 to 20 meteors per hour under a dark sky, with no moon, when the radiant is high in the sky. Farther south – at latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere – you might see two to three times that number.

Note: The Eta Aquariids' radiant is on the ecliptic, which rides low in the sky on spring mornings as seen from the Northern Hemisphere. That's why this shower favors the Southern Hemisphere.

It's often that hemisphere's best meteor shower of the year. Read more: All you need to know about Eta Aquariid meteors! [Earthsky.org](https://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide/#geminids)

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Keep looking UP





An Official Field Trip of the
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Florence, MS)
(HOST)

An Official Field Trip of A.M.L.S.
Saturday, May 14, 2022
8 a.m. Central Time

Registration Required
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 Bayou Pierre River is a tributary to the Mississippi River, joining the mighty muddy near Port Gibson. The May 14 field trip site is on the eastern portion of the river. Don't be misled by the name "Bayou." It's a free flowing river. Native Americans lived in villages near the river before European settlers migrated to the area.

COLLECTING: Extensive deposits of Citronelle Formation gravel are exposed in the streambed and along the banks of the Bayou Pierre River as it meanders through rural Copiah County, Mississippi. Expect to find agates, petrified wood, fossil brachiopods, bryozoans, coral, crinoid stems and other gravel.

BRING: Bring lunch and plenty of water. Bring a bucket, backpack or bags in which to collect rocks. A garden wagon or bucket on wheels will make it easier to haul your collected rocks back to your vehicle. Bring a light-weight chair and beach umbrella for shade during breaks. Wear shoes or boots suited for walking on sand and, if you go near the river bank, mud. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent, and wear a hat. There are no facilities at the river.

BOUNDARIES: This location is private property. There's 20 acres of gravel and sand to hunt. The point where we will enter the gravel bar is near the property line on the left side. The boundary on the right is a bluff a long way down the river. Please DON'T cross the river. Someone else owns the land across the river. We don't have permission to go there. Please respect all property boundaries.

TERRAIN/SPECIAL CONDITIONS: It's the participant's responsibility to monitor weather conditions for the hunt area the morning of the trip and decide whether to go. Participants will walk along an ATV trail through the woods to the river. One truck will haul ice chests and gear to the gravel bar *Continued on page 7.*

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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if the trail is not too muddy. It gets hot on the gravel bar. Please stay well hydrated and be careful not to overheat. Ask for help if heat stress becomes a problem. There is not much shade. If you seek shade

among the willows, beware that there may be snakes.

FEE: There is no fee.

REGISTRATION: Advance registration is required. Click [HERE](#) for the registration form. Please provide a "day-of-trip" phone number when registering. If you have trouble or need to cancel, please let MGMS President Vonda Echols know by sending E-mail to fieldtrips@missgems.org or call or text 601-259-8801.

CHILDREN: Children must be at least 6 years old and supervised by a relative at all times. The hunt site is beside a river. Please keep close watch on children around the river at all times. The current is swift.

PETS: No pets, please.

FACILITIES: There are no restroom facilities at the site. Recommend taking a restroom break at the meeting location.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: No firearms allowed. Contact a club member for recommendations about lodging accommodations.

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

CONTACT: Vonda Echols, 601-259-8801, fieldtrips@missgems.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, 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.

Program for the May Meeting ~

Birmingham's industrial power was built on the natural resources found in the ground in what was once called Jones Valley. The iron ore, limestone, and coal needed to make iron, and more importantly all found within 15 miles of Birmingham, created the perfect location to build an industrial city. The rise of Birmingham and companies like Sloss Furnaces owe their success to the geology of Birmingham. This talk will go over the industrial development of Birmingham and the role these resources played in the creation of our city. ***Tyler Malugani, speaker***

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?



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>.

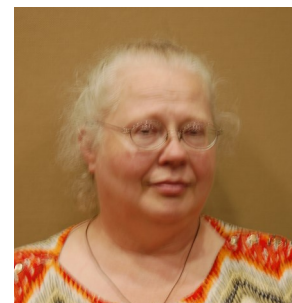
William Holland Registrar:

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 May, 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 chance ... S.S.*

Last page funnies ...

AIN'T ROCKHOUNDING GREAT!!!

Igneous, Metamorphic & Sedimentary,
Three types of rocks, elementary!
Now the knowledge of the rock within,
That's next the place to begin.

Vertebrate, invertebrate and more,
Echinoderm, Annelida or Carnivore.
Our Earth holds such a store of treasure,
There simply is no way to measure.

When Rockhounds go out afield,
Enthusiasm is unconcealed.
Searching for treasures to unearth
Cannot but help, to fill one with mirth.

Knowing you may be, the person to find
a special fossil, one of a kind;

Or locate a gemstone of great value,
With lovely color, you can see through.

Slicing an old rock with a diamond blade,
'til its lovely surface is displayed.
Casting a piece of jewelry, oh so fine,
It must be perfect, because its mine.

Mineral clubs are such great fun
If you don't belong, go join one.
Fees are small compared to the reward
I'll guarantee, you'll never be bored.

written by Terrell William
"Terry" Proctor, J.D.



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

8036 Parkway Dr. Leeds, Al. 35094

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.

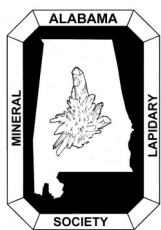
Visitors Welcomed !

Date Received _____

MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i>	11	12 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	13 <i>Mtg.</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	14
15	16	17 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11am</i>	18	19 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	20	21 <i>Rock Sale, Leeds</i>
22	23	24 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i>	25 <i>ZOOM Bd Mtg 6 pm</i>	26 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	27	28 <i>Free day Wkshp.</i>
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 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 for a covered dish meal 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.

