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**President's Message**

Greetings. We had a good month of May; from the May Day on first Sunday, a rock swap on 3rd Saturday and the cabbing party on the last Sunday. We have had several new members join and I want to say *Hi* to all of them.

We will have another cabbing party July 31st. I am looking at dates for another rock swap. Maybe on the 31st with cabbing party. Our big club gem and mineral show is approaching fast. Please save the dates September 1st - 4th, to help out at the show.

We need volunteers for the show. Signing up ahead of time gives those who are planning the show more options and insures a great show. On Thursday we need a couple of trucks and volunteers to load at the workshop and unload at show. Then on Sunday load at the show and unload at the workshop. If you can only help one of the days that is still good.

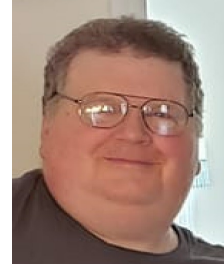
The club in the past has sold grab bags and geodes, in order to do both, we need volunteers to operate the geode cracker, sale grab bags and collect money on all 3 days! We also need a couple of volunteers at the club table to handle the entrance fee and another to take in Membership fees. We will need volunteers to hand out club information and sell the maps and club stuff. This adds up to about 8 per shift during the show. If we break that up to 3 hours shifts, 24 members per day. Some of us will be there at all times. If there are not enough volunteers, we will have to stop selling something. This event is our big moneymaking event for the year. We need to make enough to cover the expenses and scholarships for the upcoming year. There will be volunteer forms at the club meeting, and you can email me to sign up. Please fill out the form and help us have a wonder show.

We are looking at ordering some club t-shirts. We need to know how many of what sizes to order. We wear these at the show so as vendors and attendees can see we are members of the A.M.L.S. Please let us know if you would like a t-shirt and what size you need.

We are still in need of new people to fill some club slots. If you are willing to help just let one of the officers know and you can shadow them and see what is needed for that position.

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

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



Levan Foster  
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in June - Meeting** on the second Friday night, the 10th. **Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 4th Wednesday night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month it will be on **Wednesday** the **28th**. Members welcomed! Just email Sandra or Levan.
- **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 June 10th 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: Wetumpka Crator!  
Come one, come all! Lots of good bargains!**

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**AFMS, EFMLS, and SFMS Websites**

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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.*  
**Ashley Allen, John Glass, Donald Herbert, Jacob Hooten, Tracy Landers, and Ryan VanLoock**

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 5/13/22~***

Sandra Sullivan blessed our food and meeting and we enjoyed the pot luck. There were not enough members for a quorum so we skipped the business meeting.

Tyler Malungani from the Sloss Furnace where he is the Education Coordinator. He gave an excellent program on Jones Valley and the available components of iron ore, limestone, and coal for iron production. Many club members were knowledgeable on the subject of early Birmingham and the iron business so there was lively discussion.

Due to such a low turnout of attendance, we were unable to handle any business during this meeting. A quorum is required of the officers and members present. The door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

***A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting 5/24/22 ~***

In attendance Levan Foster, John Gaston, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, John Wild, Sandra Sullivan, Vivian Melof, and Robert Lorino

Levan reported that the rock swap had 3 tables plus the club tables. The club brought in about \$70. and signed up 4 new members. People seem eager for another so Levan will find an appropriate date. New member, Allison Reaves has some t-shirt printing equipment and may be able to get some done for us and Levan will get some price quotes for the club. Sandra has artwork for shirts in her computer.

Treasurer's report-more deposits have come in for the Labor Day Show plus membership dues and rock sales. This week Reggie will be picking up bills and monies for deposit. The current checking account balance is over 11K.

Show talk - there was discussion about placement of the geode cracker, it could go in the lobby or somewhere on the main floor. John Gaston and John Wild gave their views from a vendor's point of view. Inventory needs to be taken of the geodes so that more can be purchased in Franklin, NC at the summer show. Other activities need to be decided on. What we can offer depends on how many volunteers we have and they need to be lined up ASAP. The next Rockhound Roundup will include a request for volunteers to sign up and also an order form for t-shirts.

Parameters need to be decided on for paying speakers/presenters for our meetings. An honorarium for in-town speakers of \$50. and \$150. for

for speakers who travel to us seem fair and within our budget. Robert suggested a gift card tucked in a thank-you note.

Levan asked John Wild to get us a quote on a new cabbng machine. The money is there since we sold some machines the club didn't need. It is still to be determined if we need a new cabbng machine but we need to know what one would cost. There may be a need for new wheels and saw blades. John may have some wheels he can donate to the club. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary



***Program for the June Meeting ~***

The program for this month will be provided by James Lowery and will have a lot of interesting facts about our state.

This presentation will provide information about the Wetumpka Impact Crater located beside the Coosa River in central Alabama. Scientists estimate that the energy released during the explosion that created the crater was over 175,000 times the energy of the nuclear bomb detonated at Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945. Late Cretaceous dinosaurs and all living things out to a radius of many miles would have been killed almost instantly. The presentation also will include photographs of the crater as it appears today and will provide information about how to see it when in the Wetumpka area.

I look forward to seeing his presentation and hearing about the Wetumpka Crater.

Keep on rocking,  
Sandra Sullivan, V.P.

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%.S.S.



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

**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. Sluice on site with salted treasure buckets (\$5,\$10). Vendors offering the best in lapidary rough, mineral specimens and so much more. Current Covid-19 precautions will be followed; contact Robert Winstanley, (704) 577-3391; Email: [machine66man@gmail.com](mailto:machine66man@gmail.com); Website: [gastongemclub.weebly.com](http://gastongemclub.weebly.com)

**June 17-19 Swannanoa, N.C. M.A.G.M.A.;** Land of the Sky Shrine Club, 39 Spring Cove Road, Swannanoa, NC 28778; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Free; New venue! Dozens of fantastic vendors offering gems, minerals, fossils, artifacts, gold, silver, hand-made jewelry, meteorites, moldavite, trinitite and much more. Free admission, rain or shine. Best show in the mountains; contact Richard Jacquot, (828) 779-4501; Email: [rickjacquot@gmail.com](mailto:rickjacquot@gmail.com); Website: [AmericanRockhound.com](http://AmericanRockhound.com)

**July 20-24 Franklin, N.C. Echo Valley Gem Show;** Echo Valley Showplace (across from GLW), 6456 Sylva Rd.; Wed. 10-5:30, Thu. 10-5:30, Sat. 10-5:30, Sun. 10-3; Free Admission; Dealers from around the world selling extraordinary mineral, fossils, cabochons, slabs, rough rock, jewelry, beads, crystal; contact BJ; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

**July 29-31 Franklin, N.C. Show and sale; Franklin NC Gem & Mineral Society;** Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, 1288 Georgia Road, 98 Hyatt Road; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$3.00 Adults; 12 & Under FREE; Gold & Silver Jewelry, Rough and cut gemstones, Repairs, Fine jewelry, Beads, Findings, Specimens, Demonstrations, Door Prizes given hourly each day; contact Linda Harbuck, (828) 524-3161; Email: [lindah@franklin-chamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklin-chamber.com); Website: [www.visitfranklinnc.com](http://www.visitfranklinnc.com)

**Aug. 12-14 Sarasota, FL. Frank Cox Productions;** Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 8-1 N. Tamiami Trail (US. 41), 755 S. Palm Ave. #203; daily 10-5; Adult \$5 (\$4 if you mention this listing); Show & Sale of Gems, Jewelry, Crystals, Minerals and Beads; contact Frank Cox, (941) 323-3130; Email: [frankcox@comcast.net](mailto:frankcox@comcast.net); Website: [Frankcoxproductions.com](http://Frankcoxproductions.com)

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

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

**Aug. 20-21 Bossier City, LA. Arklatex Gem & Mineral Society;** Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; \$4; Custom and unique Jewelry, Beads, Gems and Minerals, Fossils, Educational exhibits and Demonstrations/Speakers, Door prizes ; contact Del Glasner, (318) 517-7372; Email: [lrockclub@gmail.com](mailto:lrockclub@gmail.com); Website: [lrockclub.com](http://lrockclub.com)

**Aug. 26-28 Marietta, GA. Bellpoint Gem Show;** Cobb Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy; Fri. 10-5:30, Sat. 10-5:30, Sun. 10-4:30; Admission \$5 Cash Only at the Door; Select dealers from near and far selling extraordinary minerals, jewelry, fossils, healing stones, beads, crystals, rocks ; contact BJ; Email: [mbellpoint@gmail.com](mailto:mbellpoint@gmail.com); Website: [www.bellpointpromotions.com](http://www.bellpointpromotions.com)

*If your going out west or up north 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.*

**June 17-19 Las Vegas, NA Rocky Mountain Federation & Mineralogical Society Conference & Show;** Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society; The Orleans Hotel and Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Ave.; Fri. 9-4, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-2; Adults: \$5.00, Children under 12 with parent: Free; Rock, gem and jewelry vendors plus free drawings, raffles, door prizes, speakers, displays and kids activities. ; contact Andrea Packo; Email: [sngmpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:sngmpublicity@gmail.com); Website: [www.snvngms.org](http://www.snvngms.org)

**July 16-17 Moose Lake, Minnesota Carlton County Gem and Mineral Club with Moose Lake Chamber of Commerce;** Riverside Arena, 20 Earl Evans Drive, Moose Lake, MN; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-3; Free to all; Vendors offering minerals, fossils, jewelry, books, and lapidary equipment, Kid's dig at the high school; door prizes in the arena. Stampede 3 pm on Saturday dumping two truckloads of gravel with many agates, half dollars and quarters. Masks required in arena; contact Lynn Sverci, (218) 721-2679

*\*\*\* Have you looked at your local thrift store for specimens or geology books? I have found both good spots to find such things!*



**Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~**

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

Happy hammering,  
 - Brad Smith  
 BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com



**DEBURRING A HOLE**

When you drill a hole, there's always a burr produced on the underside of the metal. We all have our ways of removing them - typically by filing or sanding the area smooth. But

doing it this way will put scratches on your piece that will have to be polished off.

A quick way to remove the burr is to grab a drill that's two or three times larger than your hole. Simply twist it in the hole to cut off the burr. I usually do this twisting by hand, but if you have many holes to do, it's easier on your fingers to put the drill into a holder like a pin vice.

**CLEANING STEEL SHOT**

Steel shot in a vibratory or rotary tumbler works great to burnish and shine your finished silver pieces. But a common problem is how keep the shot clean. Carbon steel shot can get rusty if exposed to the air, and even stainless-steel shot can sometimes develop a blackish coating that's hard to remove.

My solution of choice to clean the shot is Classic Coke. Just pour an ounce or two over the shot and let the tumbler run for an hour or so. A bad case might require a second cleaning. Some folks like to let the bubbles in the Coke dissipate before using it so that gas pressure doesn't build up in the tumbler barrel. I've heard that it's the phosphoric acid in Coke that does the trick.

While you're waiting for the shot to clean up, just settle back and enjoy the rest of the Coke.

"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/>

See books on the next column



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

**The Arietids** – the year’s most active daytime meteor shower – peak around June 7. You might catch a meteor or two in a dark sky, in the sunrise direction, in the dark hour before dawn breaks. And read more about the Arietids from EarthSky’s Don Machholz. He discovered the parent comet for this shower!

**Next up**, summer meteors. Start watching in late July and early August for the Delta Aquariid shower to combine with the Perseid shower.

**Late July to mid-August meteors ... the Delta Aquariids**

**Predicted peak:** July 29, 2022, at 10 UTC. But this shower doesn’t have a noticeable peak. It rambles along steadily from late July through early August, joining forces with the August Perseids.

**When to watch:** Watch late July through early August, mid-evening to dawn.

**Duration of shower:** July 18 to August 21.

**Radiant:** Rises in mid-evening, highest around 2 a.m. your local time and low in the sky by dawn. See chart below.

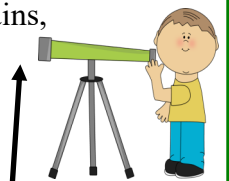
**Nearest moon phase:** In 2022, new moon falls at 17:55 UTC on July 28. And full moon will fall at 1:36 UTC on August 12. Take advantage of the moon-free mornings in late July and early August for watching the Delta Aquariids (and the Perseids).

Expected meteors at peak, under ideal conditions: The Delta Aquariids’ maximum hourly rate can reach 15 to 20 meteors in a dark sky with no moon. You’ll typically see plenty of Delta Aquariids mixed in with the Perseids, if you’re watching in early August, especially when there’s no moon to obscure the view.

Note: Like May’s Eta Aquariids, July’s Delta Aquariids favors the Southern Hemisphere. Skywatchers at high northern latitudes tend to discount it. But the shower can be excellent from latitudes like those in the southern U.S. Delta Aquariid meteors tend to be fainter than Perseid meteors. So a moon-free dark sky is essential. About 5% to 10% of the Delta Aquariid meteors leave persistent trains, glowing ionized gas trails that last a second or two after the meteor has passed.

**Keep looking UP**

From the internet via the website above. S.S.





### An Official Field Trip of the Gaston Gem and Mineral Club (Gastonia, NC) (HOST)

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. Eastern Time**

**Propst Farm in Maiden, NC**

**Fee: Ages 14 and up: \$30 Ages 11-13: \$15 and Ages 10 and under: Free**

**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 first “rock” was discovered inadvertently on the farm. While repairing a tractor, Moton Propst and his son-in-law Ronald Lineberger needed a hammer or something to knock a bolt through a hole. The handiest thing available was a large rock laying on the ground. Ronald picked it up and when the dirt fell off, he realized this wasn’t your average rock. It had an odd shape and was heavier than most rocks so he put it in his truck as a souvenir. After carrying that rock around for several years, Ronald stopped at a friend’s house who he knew to be a Rock Hound (Tobe Cash from Lincolnton). Tobe was sifting dirt that he had just brought home from Hiddenite, NC. Upon seeing the “ROCK” Tobe said, “Where did you get that?” Ronald told him it came out of his backyard and Tobe said, “Let’s go home!” Tobe immediately went to Ron’s house and crawled around on his hands and knees for several hours discovering more of the same type rocks. Being a well-known rockhound, Tobe began bringing friends from all over the world to the farm which led to what is known today as the “Propst Corundum Mine”.

**COLLECTING:** This is a great location to get some nice corundum specimens. Things found here are Corundum (var. Ruby, Sapphire), Quartz and Kyanite (rare).

**BRING:** Hand Tools Only -- Buckets, Shovel, Pick, Classifier i.e., screen (1/4” and 1/2” mesh), Hoe, Gloves, and Knee pads, Water and snacks/lunch.

**REQUIREMENTS:** All holes must be filled in before leaving. No drugs or alcohol. If you bring it in, pack it out.

**TERRAIN/SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** We will be parking in the yard. You can pull right up to the dig site. The digging is in red mud, so be prepared to get dirty. If we have had rain the digging will be easier.

**FEE:** Fee is \$35 per person for ages 14 and older. Children: \$15 for ages 11-13, and Free for ages 10 and under.

**WAIVER:** A signed waiver is required; these will be available onsite.

**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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**CHILDREN:** This is a good site for children to learn to dig.

**PETS:** No pets allowed.

**FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms onsite. The closest is about 3 miles away. Food and drink is also

about 3 miles away. The Gaston Gem club will have some water available for those who need it.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Hotels are available in Lincolnton, NC which is about 15 minutes away. We will have volunteers working to help identify, show you what to look for and how to dig for it.

**DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:** We will be meeting at the Hardee's at 5860 Startown Rd, Maiden, NC 28650. This Hardee's is just off of Hwy 321. We will be meeting at 08:30 am and departing at 09:00 am for the dig site. We ask that everyone meet at the Hardee's.

**Directions from Gastonia, N.C.** - Take Hwy 321 N to exit 33. Turn left at the top of the ramp. Hardee's will be on your left once you cross the bridge.

**Directions from Hickory, N.C.** - Take Hwy 321 South to exit 33. Turn right at the top of the ramp. Hardee's will be on your left.

**CONTACT:** Dodany Garcia, 786-424-5241, motor-danny@yahoo.com



Corundum and Kyanite found by Peter Falcone



Nice piece found by member Jonas Boston

**Reminder:**

We were rather skimpy on last months table but this is a new month! I think we will do much better. Remember we will be having a speaker and he may bring his family. Let's fill the table this time.

Sandra

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

Great articles about this unique rockhounding site!  
**October 7 - 9, 2022** (Tentatively) 8 to 6, Fri. – Sun.

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

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



**Fieldtrip Jim Thomas says ...**

Per a phone conversation, Jim let me know he has several irons in the fieldtrip fire. One is a long range one to south Alabama to look for fossils and sharks teeth. Fieldtrippers could drive down the night before, stay in a room, state park, etc. and meet up the next morning with the group for a fieldtrip. Just like we usually do it. He will have more details about this fieldtrip at the meeting.

Next we discussed going to Graves Mountain in Lincolnton, GA. Some pictures of what was collected there is circulating fb now on their page. Many of us like to keep up with those types of excursions. Jim indicated he is in talks with Clarence and his wife about our club coming to the mountain soon. **YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS OUT ON THIS ONE FOLKS!** So save your money up for a fantastic time on the mountain. I will publish more on this as I receive it.

We can dig many different types of rocks at this one location is why it is so valuable to rockhounds.

For Jim Thomas, Fieldtrip Chair

Keep on rocking,

Sandra Sullivan, Editor





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 infor-

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

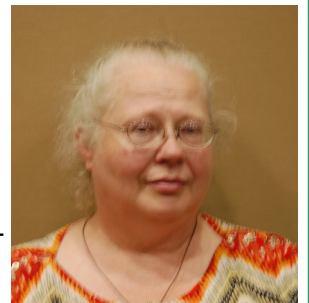
### William Holland Registrar:

Signups for the workshops at William Holland are off to a slow start. We have 14 classes scheduled, with some excellent instructors. The new website can be accessed at [www.sfmshworkshops.org](http://www.sfmshworkshops.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@sfmshworkshops.org](mailto:Wh-registrar@sfmshworkshops.org)

### *Yvonne Foster says ...*

During the next few months, **PLEASE CONTACT YVONNE** 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](mailto: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 ...

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

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;

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.

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**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 September. The Bessemer Civic Center takes the place of the September meeting.

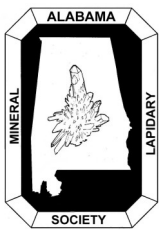
**Meeting place :** Cahaba Heights United Methodists Church 3139 Cahaba Heights Rd.  
Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243

**Meeting time:** 6:30 p.m.      *Visitors Welcomed !*      Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

# JUNE 2022

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

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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A NON-PROFIT, NON-COMMERCIAL, NON POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND REGIONAL FEDERATION OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

**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.*

