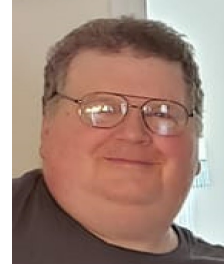


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President's Message

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Levan Foster
President A.M.L.S.

Greetings.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July. I thought some of you might be interested in what minerals are used in fireworks. You can go to this website and see.

<https://www.usgs.gov/media/images/what-minerals-produce-colors-fireworks>.

We have some exciting times coming up in the next couple of months. First is the July the monthly meeting. The program will be on fossils. Next, there is a field trip to Graves Mountain, Georgia. Then on July 31st we have a rock swap / cabbing party. If you have not been by the workshop, this will be a good time to come by. You can buy, sell, swap, and talk rocks. Or you can cab a rock from Slab to Cab. I will open the doors at 10 am on the 31st. Come by and see what equipment we have.

Each year the club hands out two scholarships. These scholarships can be used either at William Holland or Wild Acres. To qualify for one of the scholarships you must be a member in good standing and have helped out at events during the year. Over the next few months we will be handing out scholarships applications. Please fill out the application and return it to us.

In August we will be concentrating on show preparation. Please be at August monthly meeting. We need to sign up volunteers and organize them for the four days, Thursday September 1st, we need to load out from workshop then unload and set up at Bessemer Civic Center. Also, on Thursday we will need volunteers at BCC to help vendors set up inside. Friday the show will start and run through Sunday. We need several volunteers while the show is open. Sunday evening, we will need help with the vendors pack up and then remove everything from BCC, and return club items back to the workshop. This is a lot of work, and we need everyone to help out. Remember if you are a club member volunteering and helping out gets you into the show free (it is also an item that can entered on scholarship applications).

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

- **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.
- **July 31 Rock Sale/Swap** at the Leeds Workshop.

**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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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.

Tracy Landers and Barbara Cross

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 6/10/22~

President Levan called the meeting to order. He announced a zoom meeting about William Holland and a field trip to Graves Mountain in Georgia next month. Details will be in the July Newsletter. The workshop will be open on Thursday evenings at 5:00 pm.

The speaker for tonight's meeting was James Lowery with a presentation on the Wetumpka Impact Crater. It was an excellent program.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Vivian Melof made the motion and Judith Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved. Treasurer was not present but Levan mentioned that money had been transferred back to a money market and there is still \$6000-\$7000 in the general account.

Discussion about the up-coming rock show in September. This is our biggest event of the year and we are taking reservations for booth spaces. We need everyone to help get the word out. The show info will be placed in the G&LW Show listing, Show & Festival, Bhamnews.com, Festivalguide-andreview.com, Rock and Gem Magazine, and on Facebook. Members need to take flyers to pass out and post on personal Facebook pages. We need to email the geology department at UA and Auburn. Ben Beadore, show chairman, reported that he has been securing contracts with vendors and the Bessemer Civic Center and working on security and table rental.

Casey Faulkner will be emailing members a link to SignUp Genius so they can sign up to help work the show over the Labor Day weekend event.

Jinger Glasgow will be taking orders for new t-shirts which will be blue. Price to be determined. Sunday, July 31st there will be a capping party and rock swap at the Leeds workshop.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Faulkner in place of the absent Bunny Bolton,
Recording Secretary

A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting 6/22/22 ~

In attendance Levan Foster, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, Sandra Sullivan, John Gaston, Robert Lorio, Ben Beadore, and Jinger Glasgow.

Reggie reported that he had moved \$6,000. from checking to savings. This replaces the money borrowed from savings to keep bills paid during covid. This still leaves \$7,000. for paying regular bills plus those upcoming show expenses. He added that the

business license for the show has been received.

Levan announced that there will be a combined rock swap and capping party at the workshop on July 31st.

Reggie took 6 gallons of oil for the saw to the workshop and paid Levan for the oil he had purchased. He also said there was a great deal of oil on the floor in the back room of the workshop. Kitty litter has been put down but it is still slippery and oil is being tracked onto the carpet. This will be addressed soon.

Vendors have been signing up for the show and we have 109 tables sold. Ben Beadore has reached out to vendors who reserved space but haven't yet paid. Rental tables have been quoted and Ben will get with Reggie about sending a check.

The club website still says the show is at Tannehill so that needs to be changed right away. We need to hire a webmaster but no one seems to know how to go about this. Perhaps members have some suggestions.

Sandra has a list of e-mail addresses of people who wanted to be notified about the show and will send it to Ben.

Jinger Glasgow is ordering club t-shirts. They will be blue with the logo on the front. She will send an e-mail to members requesting orders for sizes. Reggie moved that we order a dozen extras and John Gaston seconded. The motion passed. Jinger will use her credit card to cover the cost and will be reimbursed within 30 days. Please get your orders in.

Our July meeting program will be on fossils. The field trip is tentatively Graves Mountain.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

Program for the July Meeting ~

This month we are to have a guest speaker on Alabama Fossils with us recommended by Leisa Whitlow.

See you there!

REQUEST for the SHOW ITEMS ~

Please save your wrapping paper tubes for those of us who handle the club booth at the show. Many know we sell maps from the Geological Survey of Alabama and give away many posters. These tubes sure come in handy to make these sells go easier.



Keep on rocking,
Sandra Sullivan

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

July 8-10 Kenner, LA: AKS Gem Shows; Pontchartrain Convention & Civic Center, 4545 Williams Blvd Hall C; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; \$5 cash, \$6 credit card, parking is free; Bead & Jewelry Show open to the public featuring beads, findings, finished jewelry, pearls, charms, chain, beading classes (all levels), precious & semi-precious stone beads. Wholesale buyers may preregister online at aksshow.com; contact Kay Clift, (504) 265-8830; Email: info@aksshow.com; Website: www.aksshow.com

July 31- Aug 7 Spruce Pine, NC: Parkway Fire and Rescue; Grassy Creek Mineral & Gem Show, 136 Majestic View; daily 9-6; Free admission and parking; contact Donna Collis, (828) 765-5519; Email: collisdonna@yahoo.com; Website: www.grassycreekgemshow.org

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; Website: 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; Website: 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; Website: Frankcoxproductions.com

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

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

Aug. 13-14 Gonzales, LA: Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society; Lamar Dixon Expo Center-Trademart Building, 9039 S St. Landry Ave; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$5, Children 5-12 \$3; Military Personnel Free with ID, \$1 off Scouts in Uniform; Gemstones, Minerals, Fossils, Two Day Auction, Fine Jewelry, Hourly Door Prizes, and More! Chance to win an Amethyst Cathedral! Drawing tickets are \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5; contact Wanda Gawarecki, (225) 603-3870; Email: mercymom3@gmail.com; Website: www.brgemandmineral.org

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: lacockclub@gmail.com; Website: lacockclub.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; Website: 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.

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

Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~

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

Happy hammering,
 - Brad Smith
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HOMEMADE WAX TOOLS

Save your used X-Acto or scalpel blades for utility work on the bench. They're wonderful for delicate wax work. Use a cutoff wheel or other type of

grinding wheel to shape the blades to what you need.

For instance, you can carve away excess metal on the spine to make yourself some narrow carving knives that do a great job of detailing small pierced areas of your waxes.

REMOVING A STONE FROM A BEZEL

If you've forgotten to use dental floss and got your stone caught in a bezel, there's one thing you can try before starting to pry. Find some sticky wax or beeswax. Roll it into a pencil-sized cylinder and stick the end onto the top of the stone. Mold it on well and yank.

But if the stone is really stuck, there are two other tricks - but each with risks and consequences. The first is to pry open the bezel with a sharp knife blade being very careful not to wrinkle or tear the bezel. If you try this, make sure to pry gently in several passes around the stone.

The last solution is to drill a small hole into the bezel setting from the back side so that you can push the stone out. Note that this does leave a hole, but in some cases you can use it to saw out a design under the stone.

More smart solutions for your jewelry making problems can be found in my metal arts books on Amazon at <http://amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>

And if you enjoy these tips on jewelry making, take a look at the sample chapters from:

- > [Bench Tips 1](http://amzn.to/1Z6hQ06) - <http://amzn.to/1Z6hQ06>
- > [Bench Tips 2](http://amzn.to/2KCygh4) - <http://amzn.to/2KCygh4>

"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/>



<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:

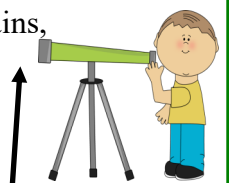
The Delta Aquariids’ maximum hourly rate can reach 15 to 20 meteors in a dark sky with no moon. You’ll typically see plenty of Delta Aquariids mixed in with the Perseids, if you’re watching in early August, especially when there’s no moon to obscure the view.

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 Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society
(Hendersonville, NC) (HOST)

Friday, July 15, 2022

Thermal City Gold Mine

5240 US 221 North Highway, Union Mills, NC 28167

Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Limit 35 People Registration Required

Fee: \$10 per person site fee

Recommend pets stay home; need to be controlled if camping

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: A unique experience, family-friendly and hosted by people who are real prospectors! Anyone who wants to pan or prospect for gold is welcome. Here you can learn about and enjoy the tradition and history of gold mining in North Carolina. Lots of other NC gems and minerals to find, see or buy. Camping available and a shop to buy gold pan/screen equipment.

COLLECTING: The material from the site or river bed will be easy to work with, and we're hoping for a nice, hot day to enjoy the water. Comfortable, covered flume areas for sluicing the native soil. Other possible finds common to this area of NC include: moonstone, emerald, citrine, aventurine, smoky quartz, tourmaline, ruby, etc. You will have assistance if needed to identify your finds.

BRING: Screens and pans are available with your \$10 day fee, but for river prospecting please bring your own equipment. A sluice of your own can be set up in the river. If you're more experienced or want a LOT of material, the site has 4 high bankers they will load, or bring your own equipment and save \$10 a load. Cost is \$60 per load or \$70 for screened material when using site's equipment. Share the cost with a few friends!

REQUIREMENTS: Because this site is public and set up for all ages to enjoy, just bring the basic requirements for your own safety and comfort. We should always have beverages/water, sunscreen/hats, sturdy shoes and the like but no hiking is required. In the water, wear appropriate footwear and move carefully.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: If you choose to pan for gold in the river, you must use your own equipment. Check the website (www.thermalcitygoldmine.com) for more options. Fee: \$10.00 per person for the day.

REGISTRATION: Trip size will be limited to 35 persons. Please register so we have a head-count and can contact anyone on a wait list. Registration and day-of-trip contact phone is 828-231-3555 (text or call) Kathryn Hackett-Fields (Trip Registrant). Email: khackettfields@gmail.com.

Can also register at HCGMS monthly Club meeting, June 20 (if not full by then). The Thermal City Gold Mine website is your best source for comprehensive information, and for camping details/costs:

www.thermalcitygoldmine.com.

CHILDREN (Yes): The site encourages "ages 3 to 93" and adult supervision appropriate to ages. The flume is covered allowing fun rain or shine.

PETS (No): Best left safely and comfortably at home; not allowed when camping.

FACILITIES: Facilities are shaded and comfortable. There is a museum and rock shop as well as a variety of screen equipment for purchase. Picnic tables and beautiful surroundings. Limited on-site camping and cabins, check in advance if available and make your arrangements ASAP. Various lodging in the area.

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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FEE: \$10 per person. There may be additional fees depending on equipment and material desired.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Club will bring bottled water &

juice, some ice and morning snacks along with a folding table and cooler for storing your lunch. The city of Rutherfordton is less than 15 miles away with its own variety of attractions. Visit the museum where coins were minted from high quality gold.

DIRECTIONS: From Asheville, Hendersonville area Thermal City Gold Mine is reached from I-40 East, Exit 85, then US 221 South for 8.76 mi.

If coming from the south, use I-26 to the merge with 74W at Columbus, NC. Continue on 74W to exit for Rt. 74/221 North, at Shiloh. Go toward Rutherfordton, not Spindale.

CONTACT: Tim Barton may be contacted for general information, leave msg. at 828-577-4505. Registration and day-of-trip contact phone is 828-231-3555 (text or call) Kathryn (Trip Registrant)

LONGRANGE PLANNING ~

Clubs scheduled to host DMC Field Trips 2023

January - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society (Birmingham, AL) This is a big one folks!

As a club, we need a recommendation about where to go for collecting. We need a new large collecting site in order to keep on in the Dixie Mineral Club or DMC. Our obligation to the DMC still continues because we offer our membership the chance to go to the other digs as advertised from other host clubs. If you may have a location already in mind, please get with our fieldtrip chairman, Jim Thomas about it. His contact info is located on the second page.

Since we can no longer get into the Brookwood old mine dump any more, we have to find a new location. A.S.A.P. This connection is important to us as a club and as just mineral or specimen collectors.

Just friendly reminder from you editor.
Keep on rocking, Sandra Sullivan

ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY WORKSHOP

8036 Parkway Dr. (old Main St.)
Leeds, AL. 35094

Tuesday's usually 11am to 4pm Robert Lorino
Thursday's usually 1pm until.. for those who work
Levan and Yvonne Foster

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

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

THIS IS FOR THE PUBLIC TO COME IN AND COLLECT FROM THIS SITE!

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



ANYONE READY FOR A LONG RANGE FIELDTRIP?

A.M.L.S. has set up with Junior to be able to go in as a club on Saturday July 16th!

These are just a few pictures of this collecting site. Go to the website list up at the top of this column to get a better view.

A regular handout will be available at the meeting with more information. To make reservations for over night stay you may look at staying in the Thomason, GA. area Exit #172 off I-20. We will meet up at the McDonalds on the southern side of I-20 the morning of the fieldtrip. Usually, rockhounds are frugal beast so the cheaper ones is probably where we will be. Just saying ... We always have a good time and make good friends along the way. You may consider riding along with another and maybe contribute to the gas tank too.

See you there!
Keep on rocking, Sandra Sullivan

Scholarships have been mentioned a few times recently. The way it works is very simple. If you help out with the club doing this or that, others around you will be very aware of all your helpful deeds.

The rockclub will have a committee set up to make a decision on who receives a scholarship to the SFMS workshops at William Holland in Young Harris, GA or at Wildacres near Spruce Pines, N.C. The information you put on the application will help too. Just be mindfull this is all year long and the scholarships will be awarded in December at the meeting. S.S.



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:

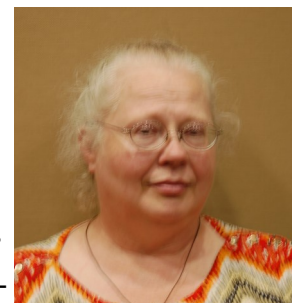
Signups for the first workshop at William Holland are off to a slow start. We expect this to pick up once the Roundup is over and people can think about their summer. We have 14 classes scheduled, with some excellent instructors. The new website can be accessed at www.sfmsworkshops.org. A big thanks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

A, B, C's Of What One Can Do With Rocks

- A - Admire them
- B - Brag about them
- C - Cut and Cab them
- D - Display them
- E - Enjoy them
- F - Facet them
- G - Gloat over them
- H - Hunt them
- I - Idolize them
- J - Joy their beauty
- K - Kick them
- L - Lick them
- M - Make something with them

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- N - Never tire of them
- O - Ogle them
- P - Polish Them
- Q - Quick - collect them
- R - Roam for them
- S - Stumble over them
- T - Trade / Tumble them
- U - Unable to resist them
- V - Vastly enjoy them
- W - Wonder about them
- X - X-Ray them
- Y - Year for more
- Z - Zoom to collect more

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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

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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 _____

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Wkshp. open 11 am	6	7 Wkshp. open 1pm	8 Mtg. 6:30 pm	9
10	11	12 Wkshp. open 11am	13	14 Wkshp. open 1pm	15	16 Fieldtrip
17	18	19 Wkshp. open 11 am	20	21 Wkshp. open 1pm	22	23
24	25	26	27 ZOOM Bd. Mtg.	28	29	30
31 Rocksale & Rockswap						

ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY Birmingham, Alabama



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