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Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society
Birmingham, Alabama

President's Message

I hope everyone had a good Halloween.

I want to welcome our new members, and hope that they enjoy the club as much as I have.

Last month every weekend had something for club members to do. This month will be slower. We will have our regular monthly meeting. This meeting is a business meeting but bring your rocks for indoor tailgating. And we will be swearing in officers too. I hope that in the future some of the new members will be officers. You are always invited to asked about an officer's duties and even shadow an officer in order to learn what the officer has to do.

We will be awarding two scholarships at the December meeting to the SFMS week at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Young Harris, GA. or the EFMLS week at Wildacres in Spruse Pines, N.C. On the application, you need to list your club services. The applications need to be turned in by this upcoming meeting. Please take the time to think about helping at club events, this is a big item that can be listed on the application.

On November 5, I went to Ashville, AL.'s Bicentennial Celebration. There was no jewelry for sale at this event. It also would have been a great event to crack geodes. This coming spring there will be festivals all around Birmingham. These festivals would be great opportunities for the club to set up demonstrations and crack geodes. If you know of a festival near you let me know, and consider helping out at a festival. We will need at least 3 members to work just the geode cracker at an event. The more help we have the less we have to work.

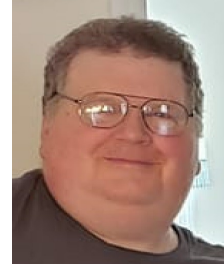
The new year is almost upon us. That means dues need to be paid and member information checked.

Please take some of the business cards and if you meet someone who might be interested in the club hand them one.

Remember to bring a dish for covered dish. This month Sandra will be bring the turkey so Thanksgiving favorites will be good.

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

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



Levan Foster
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in November- Tailgating and annual meeting. Our next meeting will be held on the second Friday night, November the 11th, Veteran's Day! Board meetings** are scheduled for now the 3rd Wednesday night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month (Nov.) will be on **Thursday the 23rd**. Members welcomed! Just email Sandra or Levan.
- **Fieldtrip** - DMC - Located on page 6.
- **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 afternoons, call, text, or email Levan Foster.

**We will have our NEXT meeting November 11th at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church
3139 Cahaba Heights Road
Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243
Friday night at 6:30 pm on 11/11/22
Program: Indoor Tailgating, Annual meeting**

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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](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.

No submittals at this time

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 10/14/22~

Bonnie Gaston said our blessing and we dug into the pot luck. Yvonne Foster showed examples of the wire wrapping classes she is teaching. Be sure to contact her if you are interested in taking one of her classes.

Levan thanked everyone who helped put together our annual show. Reggie gave the treasurer's report and the show took in around \$18,000. and expenses were about \$8,000. This gives us enough money to keep the workshop going for the next year. We had a good crowd and plans are already underway for the 2023 show. More activities are needed, especially for kids but that takes plenty of volunteers. John Gaston said he did well as a vendor and that others were pleased as well. Some vendors would like to know ahead of the show where their tables would be.

Many thanks to John and Bonnie Gaston for putting on the vendor dinner.

The Oak Mountain Harvest Festival is coming up on Saturday October 22. We'll have the geode cracker, free polished stones and coloring for kids, and demonstrations of cabbing by Don Hill and wire wrapping by Yvonne Foster. All volunteers are welcome. Saturday, October 29th we'll have a rock swap behind the workshop. This will be open to the public and promoted by Main Street Leeds. The next day there will be a members only cabbing party.

The Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies will have it's annual meeting during the Cobb County Show in November John Gaston made a motion to provide \$200. for food and lodging for Levan and Yvonne to represent the AMLS. Don Hill seconded and the motion passed.

Leeds will hold Mistletoe on Main Street on December 9th from 4-7. Don Hill will set up a display representing the club. Reggie and Bunny Bolton said they would help him. It's the night of our December meeting.

With no discussion, Don Hill made a motion that the slate of officers for 2023 be accepted as posted. Vivian Melof seconded and the motion passed.

In January, AMLS is going to host a field trip for the Dixie Mineral Council. Member clubs are expected to host a field trip for the other member clubs. In the past, we've gone to the mine in Brookwood but that is no longer available. We're looking for a place and a group of members will be going soon to look at a fossil crinoid site.

Chase Egli, a UA geology student, gave a fascinating program on sharks teeth.

Door prizes were awarded and we enjoyed each other's company and shared rock knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

A.M.L.S. ZOOM Board Meeting 11/3/22 ~

AMLS board meeting November 3,2022 in attendance Levan and Yvonne Foster, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, Ben Beadore, Sandra Sullivan, and Robert Lorino.

Our November activities are Viking knit class taught by Yvonne on the 6th, the monthly meeting on the 11th, and a wire wrapping class on the 26th. The Southeastern Federation will hold it's annual meeting in Marietta, Ga. on the 19th (during the Cobb County show) and Levan and Yvonne Foster will represent A.M.L.s. The November meeting will feature tailgating and the swearing in of the 2023 officers. This is the A.M.L.S. annual meeting. Sandra plans to roast a turkey so bring side dishes for it.

Our December meeting will be a party on the 9th. Bring party/finger foods and a gift for exchanging. Also on the 9th of December, Leeds will be hosting "Mistletoe on Sixth" from 4pm to 7pm. Don Hill will be doing a cabbing demonstration and Bunny and Reggie Bolton will be there to help out.

Reggie Bolton, Don Hill, and Jim Thomas will be going with Chase Egli to check out a fossil site for the DMC field trip we are hosting in January 2023.

Ben is planning on running the 2023 show but needs someone to shadow him so he has a backup and the knowledge is spread around. He also suggested the club needs to concentrate our membership drive on younger people (not senior citizens) who want to be involved in running our events. Levan Foster is looking for venues for outreach and would welcome suggestions.

Penny Lake will be our new webmaster.

Respectfully submitted,
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

CLEAN OUT OF THE SHED AT THE GILBERT DOUGLAS HOME -

Many of us remember the last workshop we had, at the Gilbert Douglas home in Hoover. After quiet awhile, we need to return and finish the clean out of the old shed that was the home of our miscellaneous belongings. We stored a lot of the show items there. "Cleanout Day" will be decided at the next meeting. Need to have some members step up for at least many half a day.
Thank you, S.S.

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

Nov. 11-13 Gray, TN Kingsport Gems & Minerals Society; Building No. 1, Appalachian Fairgrounds, 100 Lakeview St; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; \$3 adults, \$1 students, children 6 and under free; Free fossil casting Saturday and Sunday; Contact Robert G Morgan, (423) 956-9486; Email: morganjewelry@msn.com

Nov. 11-13 Hickory, N.C. Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc; Hickory Metro Convention Center, , 1960 13th Ave. Dr. SE ; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6, Free admission for children 12 and under, also Military (Retired or active) and Law Enforcement with ID; Contact Dean Russell, (828) 303-1448; Email: cvgmcsecretary@aol.com; Website: cvgmc.com

Nov. 11-13 Pascagoula, MS Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society Inc; Jackson County Fairgrounds Civic Center, 2902 Shortcut Rd; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$3 one day \$5 weekend pass. Kids 12& under free; Contact Barbi Beatty; Email: mgcgms@bellsouth.net; Website: mgcgms.org

Nov. 12-13 Melbourne, FL. Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adult \$5; Contact Dave Wayment; Email: webiecmgs@gmail.com; Website: www.canaveral-mgs.com/our-show.html

SFMS Annual Meeting and Show ~

Nov. 18-20 Marietta, GA. Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society; Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission is Free. Contact Wayne Dodd, (770) 689-7777; Email: wmdodd1@comcast.net; Website: CCGMS.org

Nov. 18-20 Columbia, S.C. Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society; Jamil Temple, 206 Jamil Rd, 7719 Wessex Lane; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; \$5 for adults, Sixteen & under free. All military & their dependents free; South Carolina amethyst on display; Contact Susan Shrader, (803) 736-9317; Email: sue_shrader@mindspring.com; Website: www.cgms.rocks

Nov. 19-20 West Palm Beach, FL. Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches; South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd,

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

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

2940 Bellarosa Circle; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Contact Barbara Ringhiser, 561-585-2080; Email: bar5678@aol.com; Website: gmspb.org

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

October into early November ... the South and North Taurids

Predicted peak: The South Taurids' predicted* peak is November 5, 2022, at 18 UTC. The North Taurids' predicted* peak is November 12, 2022, at 18 UTC. But the South and North Taurids don't have very definite peaks. They ramble along in October and November and are especially noticeable from late October into early November, when they overlap.

When to watch: Best around midnight, and probably best from late October into early November.

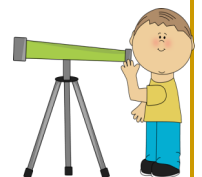
Overall duration of shower: The South Taurids run from about September 23 to November 12. North Taurids are active from about October 13 to December 2.

Radiant: Rises in early evening, highest in the sky around midnight. See chart below.

Nearest moon phase: In 2022, new moon falls on October 25. Full moon is November 8. So late October – when the two showers overlap and there's no moon – might be excellent for the Taurids in 2022. But you'll catch Taurid meteors throughout October and November. This custom sunrise-set calendar can show you moon rising times for your location. Be sure to check the moon rising time box. Expected meteors at peak, under ideal conditions: Under dark skies with no moon, both the South and North Taurid meteor showers produce about 5 meteors per hour (10 total when they overlap). In 2022, watch for fireballs.

Note: Taurid meteors tend to be slow-moving but sometimes very bright. The showers sometimes produce fireballs, which might make their cyclical re-appearance in 2022. The American Meteor Society pointed to "a seven-year periodicity" with Taurid fireballs. 2008 and 2015 both produced them. 2022 might as well. The last Taurid fireball display, in 2015, was really fun!

***** Please go to the website above for alot more information concerning this meteor shower!**



Brad Smith - Bench Tips ~



PRE-MADE BEZEL CUPS

As a general rule of thumb, I assume it's going to take me 15 - 20 minutes to make a bezel for an ordinary cabochon, so for some projects buying pre-made

cups can save a lot of time. But if you go this route, keep in mind three things. First, try to get cups made from fine silver, not sterling. Fine silver is softer and burnishes over the stone more easily.

Second, you may have trouble matching the shape and size of the stone with the shape and size of the bezel cup. Purchased cups can only be found in a limited number of standard sizes. You may have to adjust your choice of gemstone to match the cup. The other consideration is that pre-made cups often have fairly low side walls. While these are fine for low-dome stones, they're not dependable for stones with steep side walls.

Lastly before setting, check the fit of your gemstone in the cup, particularly around the bottom. The bottom corners of a stamped cup are much more rounded than a bezel you would fabricate yourself. This causes a problem with stones that have a sharp edge around the bottom. Burnishing the bezel over one of these stones will place a lot of stress on the stone and may cause it to crack. To avoid this, I round off the bottom edge of the stone with a diamond file (or use sandpaper on soft stones).

DIVIDERS

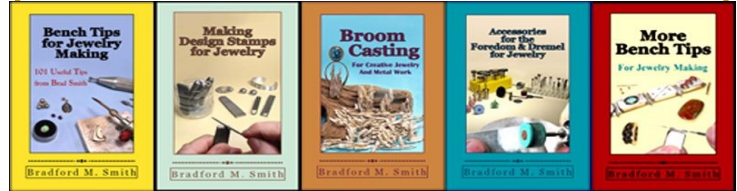
A set of dividers is a tool I find very useful in laying out the geometry of a piece I'm making. It has two needle-like tips with an adjustment to set the spacing between them.



They can be used to transfer a measurement. Let's say you need a 7mm wide strip of sheet metal. Set the spacing between the divider tips to 7 mm on the ruler. Then lay the sheet on the bench, put one tip against the edge, and run the dividers down the edge scribing a line parallel to the edge.

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/>



Bench Tips Continued ...

Dividers can be used to mark line or arc. For instance, assume a line between A and B that might be straight or curved, and you want to divide it into 5 equal lengths. Set the dividers to an estimate of the distance. Starting at Point A, use the dividers to mark off five lengths along the line. If you end up short of Point B, lengthen the distance on the dividers. If you end up overshooting Point B, shorten the length of your dividers. After a few tries, the length on the dividers will be the exact distance you need to mark the 5 segments.

Dividers can let you quickly find the center of a circular disk. With one tip of the dividers at the edge of the disk, set the other tip to an estimate of where the center might be. Fix one tip of the dividers at the 3 o'clock position and scribe an arc with the other tip near the center. Do this again from the 6 o'clock, 9 o'clock, and 12 o'clock positions. The arcs at the center will form a small four-sided box. The center of the box is at the center of the disk.

Wishing you well for Thanksgiving,
- Brad Smith BradSmithJewelry@gmail.com

Sandra say's ...

Please pay with a check or cash only. The shirts are royal blue with our logo on the front. If you ordered one or more; you'll need to pick them up. We have extras for sale too! Now, here is the question ...



Do we need to order more of this same shirt or do we just say this is it?

This question and others will be raised at our next board meeting on ZOOM on the 3rd Wednesday night at 6 pm on Nov. 23rd. If you would like your 2cents added, I will see you get an invite. *S.S. your friendly editor*



An Official Field Trip of the Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society (Murfreesboro, TN)
(HOST)

Saturday, November 5, 2022
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Central Time
Cumberland Furnace, TN
Registration Required

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: We are heading to Cumberland Furnace to collect slag. The slag was a byproduct of making iron. Some of the slag is quite colorful in shades of blue and green ... some with swirls. The slag is easily cut and polished and makes nice pendants – it is too soft for rings.

COLLECTING: Our target is a dump pile on the banks of the stream that runs through Cumberland Furnace (access by crossing a large field owned by the community). This dump pile is located about a ¼ of a mile from the parking area. Although the dump pile has the greatest potential, slag can be found anywhere along the banks (both upstream and downstream). Another way to search is by wading downstream from the furnace if the creek is low. I am not sure if conditions will permit - bring wading shoes just in case if you wish to collect in the stream.

BRING: You need to bring a hand tool, trowel, small shovel, etc. to dig in the slag pile and gloves to protect your hands. Bring a backpack or small buckets for carrying. Boots or wading shoes are recommended as your feet may get wet otherwise.

TERRAIN/SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Quarter mile hike through the woods to the site, the path will be slightly overgrown. There is creek and some small streams, so your feet might get wet. Stream should be low this time of the year.

FEE: There is no fee.

REGISTRATION: Click here to fill out a registration form. If you are unable to attend the trip, please be considerate to your fellow rockhounds and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s).

CHILDREN (Yes!) : Must be 6 years or older.

PETS (Yes) : Leash required.

FACILITIES: No facilities at this site. Nearest gas station is one mile away.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: Directions and meeting place details will be emailed to registered participants

CONTACT: For further information contact: John Martin, at info@mtgms.org or call cell phone 615-210-5385.

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

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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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December - Columbia Gem & Mineral Society (Columbia, SC)

2023 - January - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

(Birmingham, AL)

February - Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society (Jacksonville, FL)

March - Mid-Georgia Gem and Mineral Society (Macon, GA) trips. Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.

LONGRANGE PLANNING ~

Clubs scheduled to host DMC Field Trips 2023

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

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

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

Great articles about this unique rockhounding site! 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.

NEXT MONTH....

Our meeting will consist of our usual December stuff. Announcement of the scholarships and our gift exchange. Rocks and jewelry are always a favorite.

Wonder why?



Total lunar eclipse on November 8, 2022

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

A total lunar eclipse will sweep across Asia, Australia, the Americas and the Pacific on Nov. 8, 2022.

Penumbral eclipse begins at 08:02 UTC on Nov.8 (3:02 a.m. EST).

Partial eclipse begins at 09:09 UTC on Nov.8 (4:09 a.m. EST).

Totality begins (moon engulfed in Earth's shadow) begins at 10:16 UTC on Nov.8 (5:16 a.m. EST).

Totality ends at 11:41 UTC on Nov.8 (6:41 a.m. EST).

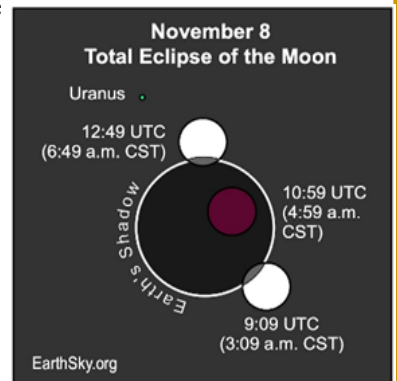
Partial eclipse ends at 12:49 UTC on Nov.8 (7:49 a.m. EST).

Penumbral eclipse ends at 13:56 UTC on Nov. 8 (8:56 a.m. EST).

Maximum eclipse is at 10:59 UTC on Nov.8 (5:59 a.m. EST).

Duration of totality is about 85 minutes.

Note: A total lunar eclipse when the sun, Earth and moon are aligned, with Earth in the middle. Earth's shadow falls on the moon. Nov.8, 2022, is Election Day in the U.S. And many are asking ... when was the last total lunar eclipse on Election Day?



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.



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 rock club 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 the EFMLS at **Wildacres** near Spruce Pines, N.C. The information you put on the application will help too. Just be mindful this is for all year long and the scholarships will be awarded in December at the meeting. S.S.



As the editor for our newsletter because we are 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.

<https://southeastfed.org>

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. is a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. It was organized in 1976 and joined the AFMS in 1993. It encompasses a region of 7 states and has over 80 different clubs.

Southeast Federation Of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. includes these states:

Alabama Florida Georgia Mississippi North Carolina South Carolina Tennessee

****Kentucky *Louisiana *Virginia***

****Note: Clubs are in these states, but these states are not within the Southeast Federation boundaries.***

The SFMS sponsors four workshops each year. A broad range of courses related to the lapidary arts are taught at William Holland and Wild Acres.



As a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), the SFMS has access to many resources and programs. Read more about what the AFMS offers to SFMS members here, and at the AFMS website www.amfed.org A large measure of the enjoyment of our hobby consists of collecting in the field. For that reason, the members are proud to endorse the "Code of Ethics". Please view all at this website.

The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc. is a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. It was organized in 1950 and joined the AFMS in 1952. It encompasses the North Eastern region of the United States and has 109 different clubs in 21 states and 9,200 members.

The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc. was organized in 1950 as a nonprofit to bring about a closer association of Mineral Societies devoted to the study of geology, minerals, earth sciences and the practice of the lapidary arts and related crafts in the eastern portion of the United States. Beginning with three "founding" mineral societies and seven "charter" societies, the EFMLS has now grown to approximately 115 affiliated societies, with a combined membership of approximately 9,200 individuals. The Mission and Commitment of the EFMLS is to assist our valued Affiliate Member Societies and Mineralogical Related Organizations (MRO's) to ensure their success in their communities.



<https://efmls.org/3d-flip-book/current-newsletter/>

The current newsletter has an article about the 50th Anniversary of being at the EFMLS workshop at *Wildacres* in Spruce Pines, NC. Maybe only one session this upcoming year.

Eastern Federation Of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc. includes these states:

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

Last page funnies ...

GEOLOGY HUMOR

1. You own more pieces of quartz than underwear.
2. Your rock collection weighs more than you do.
3. Your rock garden is located inside your house.
4. You can pronounce the word “molybdenite” correctly on the first try.
5. You don’t think of “cleavage” the same way everyone else does.
6. You have never uttered the phrase “Have you tried licking it?”.
7. You think the primary function of road cuts is tourist attractions.
8. You find yourself compelled to examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.
9. You’re planning on using a pick and shovel while on your vacation.

10. Your internet home page has pictures of your rocks.
11. You will walk across eight lanes of freeway traffic to see if the outcrop on the other side of the highway is the same type of rock as the side you’re parked on.
12. You can point out where Tsumeb is on a world map.
13. The baggage handlers at the airport know you by name and refuse to help with your luggage.
14. You have never found yourself trying to explain to airport security that a rock hammer isn’t really a weapon.
15. You never throw anything away.
16. You have never taken a 22-passenger van over “roads” that were really intended only for cattle.
17. You consider a “recent event” to be anything that has happened in the last hundred thousand years.
18. You have never had to respond “yes” to the question, “What have you got in here, ROCKS?”

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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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.

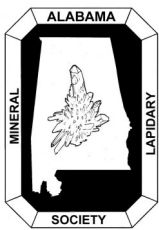
Visitors Welcomed !

Date Received _____

NOVEMBER 2022

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

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The Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society is a non-profit organization for people interested in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, and the lapidary arts. Membership is open to all people interested in the objectives of the society. Dues for the calendar year 2022 are \$25.00 family, \$20.00 single, and Juniors / Students \$15.00. Checks should be made payable to the **Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society** and given to the treasurer. The society holds regular meetings on the second Friday of the month at 6:30 pm (**except the month of our annual show**). Meetings are currently held at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church and usually last an hour and a half. There is a half hour of snacks and fellowship preceding the meeting.

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PURPOSE:

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

OBJECTIVE:

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

