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Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society
Birmingham, Alabama

President’s Message

Greetings.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving.

Please come to the December club meeting and help us swear in officers. We will have some singing and Christmas present exchange. The scholarship recipients will be announced also.

The workshop will be open every Saturday until Christmas from 10am to 4pm. Come by and work on a Christmas present.

On December 10th Yvonne will be there to teach wire wrapping with small Christmas projects, earring, zipper pull tabs, dangles, etc. Charge will be \$10 for club and \$5 for wire. We will have the tools and beads. Bring any beads you want to use.

I will put out the rocks and paint for anyone wanting to paint a Christmas rock.

Check out this link for some fun Christmas minerals,

<https://carnegiemnh.org/a-perfect-mineral-for-the-christmas-season/>

The January meeting will be on Friday the 13th but don’t let that scare you away!

We will be hosting the Dixie Mineral Council field trip in January. I hope our club can have a good turnout for this event. This is important.

Remember coal is not the only mineral for Christmas.

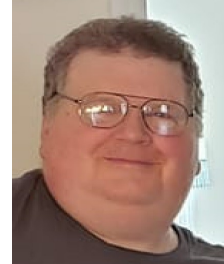
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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



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



Levan Foster
President A.M.L.S.

- **Upcoming in December-** Our next meeting will be held on the second Friday night, December the 9th or this upcoming Friday night! Board meetings are scheduled for now the 3rd Wednesday night 6 pm on ZOOM. This month (Dec.) will be on Thursday the 21st or when the president schedules it. Members welcomed! Just email Sandra or Levan.
- **Fieldtrip** - None during the December month.
- **Workshop** open usually with Robert Lorino for Tuesdays and Levan Foster for Thursdays evenings. Levan and Yvonne Foster say Saturdays too.

**We will have our NEXT meeting December 9th at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church
3139 Cahaba Heights Road
Cahaba Heights, AL. 35243
Friday night at 6:30 pm
Program: Scholarship announcements, swearing in of officers, and gift exchange.**

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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 11/11/22~

Due to there NOT being enough members to show up for the meeting, we did not have a quorum. Our recording secretary, Bunny Bolton was there but we did not do a regular meeting. We did do some tailgating among ourselves but with a very few members. A total of just eleven members signed in and only five officers and board members were there.

So therefore we do not have any minutes to write about here. Sorry ...

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

Due to NOT having any real business to discuss, there was no ZOOM board meeting held this month.

Maybe next month ...

**CLEAN OUT OF THE SHED AT THE GILBERT DOUGLAS HOME -**

For several years now Gilbert Douglas has had a trailer/shed that belongs to the AMLS on his property near Patton Chapel Road in Hoover. We need to unload the trailer/shed and transport the miscellaneous items to the workshop.

“Cleanout Day” - I am looking at Saturdays in January for several members to meet there and carry things to the workshop. We need a primary date and a weather day. How does January 7th sound for first day and January 14th in case of bad weather? Please let me know how this sounds to you. This may take half a day at the most.

Thank you,
Levan Foster

***Renewal Time !***

Please see Reggie Bolton to renew your dues for the year 2023! He will need you to fill out a membership form. See page 9.

Per our bylaws, “Article V Section 6. Dues are payable to the treasurer at the annual meeting in November of each year. Any member with dues in arrears after the January meeting shall be considered not in good standing. Renewal dues shall be paid in the full year amount regardless of the month in which the renewal dues are paid.”

Your friendly editor, Sandra Sullivan

Kid's Corner ~ Mineral Quiz ???

How much do you know about minerals? Take this quiz and find out.

1. A mineral that occurs in only one color is called _____.
2. A mineral that occurs in two or more colors is called _____.
3. Brightly colored specimens of chalcopyrite and bornite are commonly called _____.
4. Yellow beryl is called _____ which means _____.
5. Milky quartz is white due to _____ trapped in the crystal.
6. Iron gives _____ quartz its yellow-brown color.
7. Which variety of beryl is commonly more valuable than diamonds? _____
8. Blue beryl is called _____ which means _____.
9. Which copper mineral is always green?

10. Which copper mineral is always blue?

11. When trace amounts of _____ are trapped in celestite, the celestite is blue.
12. What makes the mineral rhodochrosite red?

13. A substance trapped inside a mineral that gives the mineral its color is called a _____.
14. Green quartz gets its color from what mineral trapped inside? _____

Choose from these terms:

Gold	Idiochromatic	Azurite
Sea water	Sun gift	Malachite
Manganese	Allochromatic	Emerald
Chromophore	Peacock Ore	Citrine
Heliodor	Green mica (fuchsite)	Aquamarine
Microscopic inclusions of gas and fluids		

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

Jan. 14-15 Deland, FL. Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society; Volusia County Fairgrounds (Tommy Lawrence Arena), 3150 E New York Ave, 1000 Walker St., Lot 292; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 adults, kids 12 and under free; Free Parking, Grand Prize Drawing, Silent Auction, Over 40 Vendors, Demos, Visit our website for \$1 off coupon; contact Mary DeJan, (386) 871-6221; Email: tomokagmsvendor@gmail.com; Website: tomokagms.org

Jan. 13-15 Globe, AZ. Gila County Gem & Mineral Society Inc; Gila County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Rd; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3 single adult, \$5 a couple and kids free; LOTS OF CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ** DEMONSTRATORS AND VENDORS LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT/ TOOLS **40+ SPECIMEN DISPLAYS HOURLY DOOR PRIZES ** AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!! PRESENTATION FOR ALL AGES SPECIAL GUEST JOHN O'BRIEN - WHAT IS A FOSSIL @ 1PM FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY ; contact Jodi Brewster, (623) 810-9780; Email: jodibrewster66@gmail.com; Website: gilagem.org

Feb. 2-4 Tucson, AZ United States Faceters Guild; Old Pueblo Lapidary Club, 3118 N Dale Ave; Thu. 10-5, Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-9; See website for admission details; A great event to learn Faceting, or hone your skills, presentations on dopping, heating, using software, stone evaluation, machine demonstration, door prizes, stone competition, and the Faceters Hob Nob to finish it off Saturday night; contact David Smith, 520-907-5527; Email: David@beadholiday.com; Website: USFacetersguild.org

Feb. 4-5 Merritt Island, FL. Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club; Kiwanis Recreation Center, 951 Kiwanis Island Park; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$6 adults, \$1 off coupon available on website or FL today advertisement, children under 12 are free with an adult; We will have about 25 vendors selling, rocks, minerals, specimens, gems, slabs, handmade and fabricated jewelry and findings. There will be a sluice and spinning wheel primarily for the kids and those young at heart. Silent auction and raffles will be running both days; contact Roz Mestre, (321) 431-0159; Email: roz.mestre@att.net; Website: www.centralbrevardgems.com

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows:

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

Feb. 9-12 Tucson, AZ Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc; Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church Avenue; Thu. 10-6, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Ticketed event - Open to the Public - Retail Sales - This Show is for all ages - Adults, Seniors, Kids, etc.; 68th Annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® THEME: SILICA – Agates and Opals and Quartz, Oh My; contact Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc, (520) 322-5773; Email: tgms@tgms.org; Website: www.tgms.org/show

QUARTZITE show is usually held in January but I didn't find anything in the Rock&Gem listing concerning their big show. (Maybe we should just ask one of the old timers if it is on.)

NOW IS THE TIME TO HELP GET THE NEW YEAR OFF TO A GOOD START!

As a member, is there any programs you would be interested in seeing done?

Do we need another Mineral I.D. class from John Gaston?

Are there any fieldtrips you would like to see the club do and would you participate?

These are a few of the questions the board members would like to hear from you on. Please feel free to add your two cents worth in on any of the planning for the upcoming year, NOWS THE TIME!

UPCOMING December Meeting ~

The annual meeting of the SFMS was held in Marietta, GA this past month. Levan and Yvonne Foster represented our club. They will be able to give us a full report on doing the annual meeting and the show.



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

Early to mid-December meteors ... the Geminids

Predicted peak: is predicted* for December 14, 2022, at 13 UTC.

When to watch: The moon will illuminate the sky from late evening on, on the evening of December 13. The moon will rise slightly later on December 14. The Geminids tend to be bright. One option is to try watching in moonlight on the nights of December 13 and 14. Or watch earlier in the evening, after Gemini is above the horizon but before the moon rises. Overall duration of shower: November 19 to December 24.

Radiant: Rises in mid-evening, highest around 2 a.m. See chart below.

Nearest moon phase: In 2022, last quarter moon falls on December 16. So it's a bright waning gibbous moon that'll illuminate the sky during the 2022 Geminid meteor peak.

Expected meteors at peak, under ideal conditions: Under a dark sky with no moon, you might catch 120 Geminid meteors per hour.

Note: The bold, white, bright Geminids give us one of the Northern Hemisphere's best showers, in years when there's no moon. They're also visible, at lower rates, from the Southern Hemisphere. The meteors are plentiful, rivaling the August Perseids.

Meteor shower around the December solstice ... the Ursids

Predicted peak: is predicted* for December 22, 2022, at 22 UTC.

When to watch: Watch for Ursid meteors December 22 and 23, before dawn.

Duration of shower: Ursids range from December 13 to 24, so you might see some intermingling with the Geminids' peak.

Radiant: Circumpolar at northerly latitudes.

Nearest moon phase: A faint waning crescent moon at only 3% illumination won't interfere with the Ursids in 2022. New moon is December 23 at 10:16 UTC.

Expected meteors at peak, under ideal conditions: Under a dark sky with no moon, the Ursids offer perhaps five to 10 meteors per hour.

Note: This low-key meteor shower – which always peaks around the solstice – is somewhat overlooked due to the holiday season. Its hourly rate is lower than that of the popular Geminid shower, which peaks just a week before.

Early January 2023 meteors ... the Quadrantids

The Quadrantids are the year's first meteor shower.

They're brief! And they're mostly drowned in moonlight in 2023.

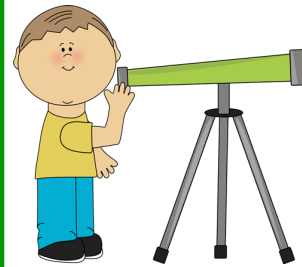
When to watch: The best night for the 2023 Quadrantids is January 3-4 (The predicted peak** is 3 UTC on January 4). A bright nearly full moon will shine almost all night. Try late night January 3 to dawn January 4, in moonlight. Or try the hour or so of true darkness, after moonset, shortly before dawn on January 4.

Nearest moon phase: Full moon will come on January 6, 2023.

Radiant: Rises in the north-northeast after midnight and is highest up before dawn. The radiant point for the Quadrantids is in a now-obsolete constellation, Quadrans Muralis the Mural Quadrant. Nowadays, we see the radiant near the famous Big Dipper asterism. Because the Quadrantid radiant is far to the north on the sky's dome, this is mostly a far-northern shower, not as good for the Southern Hemisphere. Expected meteors at peak, under ideal conditions: Under a dark sky with no moon, when the radiant is high in the sky, the Quadrantids can produce over 100 meteors per hour.

Duration of shower: The Quadrantid meteor shower runs from mid-November through mid-January each year, according to this 2017 article in the journal *Icarus*. You might see a Quadrantid streak by any time during that interval. But most activity is centered on the peak.

Note: The Quadrantids is one of four major meteor showers each year with a sharp peak (the other three are the Lyrids, Leonids, and Ursids).

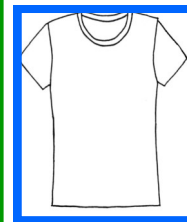


Keep looking up!

***** Please go to the website above for alot more information concerning these meteor showers!**

Sandra say's ... T-shirts for AMLS members

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 Dec. 21st. 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 Columbia Gem & Mineral Society (Columbia, SC) (HOST)

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Meet at 7:30 AM Eastern Time

Trip 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Eastern Time

Mount Pleasant, SC

Registration Required by November 15th

Limit 60 People

I regret this information is late in coming to you, but honestly, who would have made this trip? S.S.

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 Morris Island to collect Miocene fossils (teeth and bones) that have been deposited through Charleston Harbor dredging operations. The trip includes a scenic boat ride across Charleston Harbor that passes by Fort Moultrie and Fort Sumter where the first shots of the civil war occurred.

COLLECTING: Our target is surface collecting fossils on Morris Island beach in Charleston Harbor. Morris Island is used as a spoil deposit area for dredging Charleston Harbor and the spoil material contains abundant fossils. You reach the island by a boat that takes folks to the back side of the island where you are dropped off to collect.

BRING: Bring a backpack or small bucket along with zip lock bags and wrapping paper for carrying your finds. Bring your own snacks and drinks.

TERRAIN/SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Boots or sturdy tennis shoes (that you don't mind getting wet) are recommended for walking on the beach. Bring weather appropriate clothing because you will be exposed during the boat ride (boat has a roof but not enclosed) and on the beach.

FEE: \$50.00 per person for the chartered boat ride to reach the collection area.

CHILDREN (Yes): Suitable for children, 5 years and older.

PETS: No.

FACILITIES: No facilities once you get on the boat.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Hotels are available in Mt. Pleasant and a little further away in Charleston, SC. Hotel rates should be lower due to being outside of tourist season. Early December is an excellent time to visit the Charleston area.

REGISTRATION: We have access to two boats that hold up to 30 people each so we have to limit the number of folks to 60 individuals. Therefore, we need an RSVP by November 15th so that our club can contact the outfitter to confirm our boat needs. If you have reserved a place but are unable to attend the trip, please be considerate to your fellow fossil collectors and let us know as soon as possible so someone on a potential waiting list can take your slot(s). Click here to fill out a registration form. If the trip is full, click here to fill out a waiting list form.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: The meeting place will be in the Mt. Pleasant area. Once you reserve, you will be informed of the exact meeting location to board the boat. There are restrooms available before you board the boat. Please bring the fee (cash or check) and give it to Ron Ahle. Please arrive 30 minutes early to complete payment and fill out a release form.

CONTACT: For further information contact: Ron Ahle, at thebears@earthlink.net or call cell phone 803-609-7490

IMPORTANT: DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs in the SFMS field trip sharing program.
Continued on the next page.

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."



SFMS DMC club members are covered by liability insurance and they are bound by the AFMS code of ethics, but the general public is not and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So, unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips. Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.

2023 - January - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society (Birmingham, AL)

On November 6th, Jim Thomas, Reggie Bolton, Chase Elgi, and Don Hill went to check out the place for our upcoming DMC Fieldtrip. Happy to report they were successful in scouting the site and taking important notes. We will be able fulfill our part as a member in the DMC.

We will put that information in the next Rockhound Roundup (January issue) so as the members can be able to go to this unique collecting site.

The next months DMC Fieldtrips in 2023 are listed below.

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.

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

Just friendly editor.
Keep on rocking, Sandra Sullivan

THIS 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?



A.M.L.S Christmas Gift Exchange



Our annual Christmas party will have our usual exchange. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift about \$10. to \$15. in value that would be appropriate for rockhounds. If you're a child, please bring a gift for a child. If you're a lady, please bring a gift for a lady, and a man's gift for a man. Or bring something that anyone would be excited to receive as a gift.

We will have a table set up just for the gifts. A section will be labeled MAN'S GIFT, another section labeled WOMAN'S GIFT, Another CHILD'S GIFT, and yet a forth labeled ANYONE GIFT. It fairly easily once you see it and get the hang of what we do.

If you have any questions, just call Sandra and she'll explain. (205) 903-7062 Okay.

How about for the food items this year, we bring finger foods. So if you can not cook a dish, a drink would be a much needed item.

Anyone ready for their eggnog or apple cider?



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 ...

A Gemstone Christmas

M is for malachite, green and bright.
E is for emerald, its beauty we herald.
R is for ruby, red as can be.
R is for rhodochrosite, the pink is just right.
Y is for yag, hope Santa has one in his bag.

C is for citrine, rare, but our hearts it will win.
H is for hauynite, the colour is blue and white and golden flecks of pyrite.
R is for rhodonite, its black lacy dendrite are a pretty sight.
I is for imperial jade, a reputation it has made.
S is for sapphire, the cornflower blue we desire.
T is for tourmaline, its varied colours are the richest.

M is for moonstone, if polished right its cats-eye will be shown.
A is for agate, no two are alike; do not look for a mate.
S is for shalerite, like the Star of Bethlehem, it's yellow and bright.



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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.

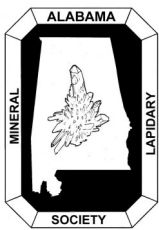
Visitors Welcomed !

Date Received _____

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 11 am</i>	7	8 <i>Wkshp.</i> <i>open 1pm</i>	9 <i>Mtg.</i>	10
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ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY Birmingham, Alabama



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

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PURPOSE:

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

OBJECTIVE:

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

