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## ~~~~~ Presidents Message ~~~~~

First I would like to say thanks to Jim Thomas and Sandra Sullivan for looking after things last meeting while I was away. I understand everything went very well.

The big weekend is upon us and it looks like there is going to be a large turnout of dealers. Hope you have plans to be a part of this event. While I was setup at the gem show in Franklin N.C., I talked to several of the dealers who plan on being a part of our gem show. They said they said that they are looking forward to being at Tannehill.

If you have volunteered to be a part of the Friday cookout and dealer's dinner or working in any way during the show, THANKS!! If you have not yet put your name down to be a part of this event, come on out any day, there will be something for you to do.

Looks like the bylaws committee is off and running and getting a handle on things. I appreciate all the background work and look forward to reviewing the results.

Remember to wear your badge during the gem show so our dealers will know that you are a part of the AMLS. Also if you have not purchased your tee-shirt or patch, they will be available at the club tent during the gem show. See you at Tannehill Friday for the dealer's dinner and Saturday and Sunday for the gem show.  
Joe Muncher, President A.M.L.S.

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**The Tannehill Show takes the place of the monthly meeting for the month of June. There will be NO meeting at the library for this month for AMLS!**

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** - Tannehill Show Dealers Dinner - The rock club puts on the dealers dinner for those who have just come in off the road and need a good meal. Many of these dealers haven't finished with their set-up and they do appreciate what we serve. Members have the opportunity to do some early shopping before the public comes in too.

**June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** - Tannehill Show- Tannehill Iron-works Historical State Park. From B'ham, take I-20/59 S. to Exit 100 or take Exit #1 off I-459 and follow the signs. Show is free with paid admission to the park.

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## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Jim Thomas called the meeting to order. He welcomed guests Cathy Gilbert, Mark Ramsey, and Amanda Cashe ( Ed Elam 's granddaughter). Jim asked for corrections to last month's minutes. There were no changes or additions. The motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded, and passed. John Gaston gave the treasurer's report.

### Old Business

It was mentioned that T-shirts were still available to those who would like to purchase them. Gene gave a report on Tannehill stating that all 49 vendor spaces were taken this year. Diana Carby asked for volunteers for all areas during the weekend. John asked that we ask for volunteers rather than pass the list around. He did an excellent job of getting volunteers. There will be a fossil dig this year in the kids' area. Sandra discussed possibly doing a display competition between club members in the future at Tannehill.

### New Business

Sandra Sullivan reported there have been 5 earthquakes in Alabama so far this year. She also said she had received an offer for a new fossil book in the mailbag. She is sending for a copy and if other members would like one also contact her. Sandra said she had checked on space in the new library. They will have 3 large meeting rooms. The largest will accommodate up to 180. The ground breaking for the library will be the 17<sup>th</sup>. The new library will have grass on the roof. Sandra discussed the board making a \$40.00 donation. Sandra reported on the health of Kenneth Kornegay, Reba Belding and Virginia.

John reported that there is a possible buyer for the club trailer. It was mentioned that the trailer has deteriorated and is not being used anymore by the club. The motion was made to get an offer and let John negotiate the sale. It was seconded and passed.

Vicki Lais reported on the By-law committee. She said they were learning a lot. She said they found that the board and committees have very little power and everything should be brought before the club. *Minutes Continued* .....

*For more information: Checkout the AFMS and SFMS Websites* The SFMS Newsletter, the *Lodestar*, and AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms> and [www.afed.org](http://www.afed.org)  
Email: [sfms@amfed.org](mailto:sfms@amfed.org)

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*Minutes Continued* ... Comparison was made to a club in NC where they are run by the board and the members have no power. A vote was taken to review the By-laws as a whole instead of piece-meal.

There is no field trip planned for this month.

The program consisted of a report by Frank and Cynthia Morrison the winners of the stamp scholarship on their time at William Morrison. John Gaston displayed rocks and minerals he discovered on family trips. The meeting was ended by a motion, seconded and passed. Door prize names were called by Sandra Sullivan as usual. Respectfully Submitted, Diana Carby, Recording Secretary

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May 25, 2009 Memorial Day

O God, whose name was on the lips of the men  
who founded this nation,  
and on the lips of men who died for it,  
be with us yet.  
Guide us through this period of crisis, confusion  
and insecurity.  
Keep us steadfast in remembering the truths our  
forefathers lived by.  
Restore our innocence, renew our vision,  
enter our hearts and keep us brave.  
Give us, as Americans, the strength to do your  
work and  
To make this country worthy of your blessing.  
Amen

Frank Mayo died on October 13, 1989, of heart failure following a brief illness. It is believed that Mr. Mayo composed this prayer while he was President of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies in 1976. His prayer could have been written for today's world. Let us pray his prayer today.

Copy of prayer was provided by Ben & Susan Smith, Wilmington, North Carolina.

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Club & Society Shows / Swaps ~~~ Via the  
*Lodestar 4/09* .

**June 6-7 Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society.** 36th Annual Show. Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park, Exit 100, 1-20/59 South. Hours: Both days, 9:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M. Contact: J.B. Blackerby, 155 Hwy 69, Chelsea, AL 35043; 205.678.6564; [black2200@aol.com](mailto:black2200@aol.com).

**June 6-7 Marion, KY - Ben E. Clement Museum.** Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show with "Digs", Fohs Hall on Walker Street. Hours: 6th, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.; 7th, 11:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Contact: Tina Walker at 270.965.4263 or visit website: [www.clementmineralmuseum.org](http://www.clementmineralmuseum.org).

**June 19-21 Asheville, NC- Colburn Earth Science Museum.** Asheville Gem Fest, 2 South Pack Square at Pack Place. Hours: 19th & 20th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 21st, 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Felicity Green at 828.254.7162 or [museum.colburn@gmail.com](mailto:museum.colburn@gmail.com)

**August 21-23 Pass Christian, MS - Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society.** 34th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show, West Harrison Civic Center on Espy Avenue. Contact: Margaret Johnston at 228.467.1457 or [Johnstonmargaret@bellsouth.net](mailto:Johnstonmargaret@bellsouth.net).

**Sept. 18-20 Jacksonville, FL– Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society.** 21st Annual Gem , Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil, Bead Show and Sale. Morocco Temple, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road S. Contact: Tom Frame at [tomframe@comcast.net](mailto:tomframe@comcast.net).

**Oct. 3-4 Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky.** 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show & Sale. Kentucky National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport Rd. Hours: 3rd, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 4th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Kay Fisher, 859.537.1776, [kkay19@aol.com](mailto:kkay19@aol.com).

**Oct. 31 –Nov.1 Stuart FL– St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club.** 31st Annual Rock & Gem

Show. Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy. (A1A). Hours: 10:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M. both days. Discount coupon at [slrockandgem.org](http://slrockandgem.org). Contacts: Dennis Ponte at 772.288.9296 or Norm Holbert at 772.873.0787.

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\*\*\* **Southeast Federation Field Trip** \*\*\*  
Graves Mountain, GA, May 16 Contact Clarence Norman Jr. (706) 359-3862, (706) 359-2381 - [www.gamineral.org/commercial-gravesmountain.htm](http://www.gamineral.org/commercial-gravesmountain.htm)  
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**Tannehill Show Update ... Gene says...**  
See you there !!! We have about 57 dealers to meet all your rock hounding needs.  
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**Bill Fowler says ...** I expect to be running a fossil dig in conjunction with the other kids games, just as I did the year before last. And yes, I would appreciate donations of any shark teeth or other small fossils that anyone cares to bring me. I do not plan to do any displays of fluorescent minerals or fossils this year.  
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**A.M.L.S. Club T-Shirts : Sizes - Sm., Med., Lg., X Lg., \$12. Sizes - 2X \$14. 3X \$15.** Design on front & back will be considered a special \$1. extra. New Patches \$ 5. each.  
*See Sandra Sullivan at the the Tannehill Show!*  
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**Cabbing and Wire Wrapping Classes ....** We have scheduled Saturday, June 20, and Saturday, June 27, for Wire Wrapping and Cabochons classes! These classes are two-day classes for beginners. If you are looking for an advanced class, [visit this site. http://lapidaryclub.com](http://lapidaryclub.com)

Gloria needs at least three students for a class (maximum of five students). I may be able to take four students if I can get the two dual-arbor machines working and a new GFCI circuit breaker installed in the shop, but if I can't get the time to do this I may only be able to accommodate two students. **PLEASE READ [Club Policy #4](#), and either [Wire Wrap Class Information](#) or [Cabochons Class Information](#) BEFORE you commit to a class.** *Continued on page 5.*

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## SFMS WORKSHOP NEWS

Enrollments for the workshops are rolling in. There has been a change in one aspect of the workshop enrollment I would like to discuss with you. This is concerning the intermediate / advanced classes. I have relaxed (slightly) the requirements for entry into these classes. It has been understood in the past that to attend an intermediate or advanced class that you must have taken the beginners class at one of the workshops. I felt this was too restrictive. There are lots of classes offered outside of the workshops that would have qualified you for an intermediate or advanced class. As an example, if you have attended a silversmithing class offered by your local club, this will qualify you to attend an intermediate / advanced class at the workshops. Prior experience is what the Instructors/Directors are looking for. Do not let the title of the class put you off. If you are considering one of these classes, but are unsure, please contact the Instructor or Workshop Director. Don't be afraid to advance your skill to the next level!! Below is a list of the Intermediate/Advanced classes and instructors. Contact information for Instructors and Workshop Directors can be obtained from SFMS Website or by contacting me at [sfmsedchair@gmail.com](mailto:sfmsedchair@gmail.com) or 865.406.8802. The *Lodestar* also lists the Workshop Directors contact information. Please pass this information on to your fellow club members. Any club newsletter editor that would like a version of this page, the workshop schedules, info sheet and registration form in a paste-able format feel free to contact me. Don't forget to sign up soon for the class of your choice.

**June 14 – 20 William Holland** Silversmithing – Intermediate Allen Jewell

**August 17 – 23 Wildacres Retreat** Metalsmithing - Advanced Jeff Shear

**September 14 – 20 Wildacres Retreat**

Beading Intermediate/Advanced Vivian Heath

Chainmaking Intermediate/Advanced Roy Deere

Cold Connections Intermediate/Advanced Kim St. Jean

Silversmithing Intermediate/Advanced Nancy English

Wirewrapping Intermediate/Advanced Rowan Rose

Precious Metal Clay Certification

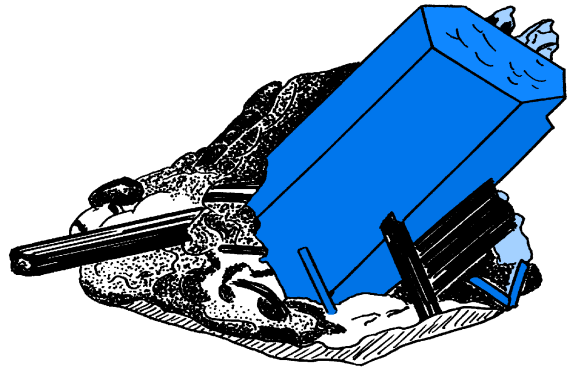
Level 3 Ken & Mary Ann Devos

**October 11 – 17 William Holland**

Silversmithing Intermediate Nancy English

Cold Connections Intermediate/Advanced Kim St. Jean

I was saddened to hear that Tom Wilkie had recently passed away. Tom had been a first class faceting and intarsia instructor at William Holland and Wildacres for many years. Everyone who attended one of Tom's classes came away with a wealth of information and a life long skill. I have a deep respect for Tom because he was not afraid to "tell it like it is". His Instructor or Student Evaluation Sheets (for Wildacres) were one of the firsts one I read at the end of each workshop. He will be missed by students and instructors alike. *Danny Griffin, SFMS Education Chairman*



**Dear Sandra,**

I have a friend who has asked if the lapidary society would consider selling or renting him the workshop trailer. Jed is setting up "farmer's markets" around this area and the trailer would help him get his gear around to the various sites and also be nice to sell produce and other items from.

Is the club interested?? Please understand the trailer is fine where it is and can remain there..... I just wonder if the club could use the money more, since the trailer has not be used in quite a while....

Please let me know. Hope everyone is doing well. Best regards, Gilbert Douglas

1868 Patton Chapel Road

Birmingham, AL 35226-3317 [www.GilbertDouglas.com](http://www.GilbertDouglas.com)

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To All Members:

The Tannehill Show is right around the corner for us. It is shaping up to be an exciting event. So far, Gene Blackerby has lined up 72 vendors for the show!!! With so many vendors we can expect large crowds on both days and you know what large crowds mean? It means we need volunteers to help make sure the event is a success. We can not do it without you. Please consider donating a portion of your time to helping us make this the best Show yet for AMLS. The areas we need volunteers for are listed below:

## **Friday, June 5th**

Help load tent and tables - we have a truck and one volunteer, need at least one additional volunteer to help. Help with vendor dinner Friday night - set up, serving, and clean up - we need several more volunteers please. **Donations of pound cake or cookies from all members attending the dinner**, we're looking for a dessert that will hold up without refrigeration and not make a mess while serving.

## **Saturday, June 6th**

Collect door prizes early Saturday morning - 1 volunteer, need 2 more  
Club area - assist with games, set-up and membership information - need at least 2 more volunteers so we can relieve everyone during the day.

## **Sunday, June 7th**

Club area - assist with games and membership information - need at least 2 more volunteers so we can relieve everyone during the day.  
Break down tent and tables around 4:00 and help deliver back to storage. We still have room for demonstrations and member selling under the Club Tent if you're interested.  
We've had a great response so far and if we can fill in these last few positions I think we'll be set for a fabulous weekend. With everyone pitching in we can all enjoy the Show. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or Gloria Adams for more information. Suzan Adderholt (Cell) 205-305-9944, (Work) 205-257-3165 (Home) 205-424-3580.

## **CAN YOU DIG IT?**

Yes, you can in Marion Kentucky. Come dig Fluorite and related minerals during the day and fluorescent minerals at night.

### Scheduled Digs for 2009

June 6th & 7th\*, July 25, August 22, September 19, October 17

\*Also, dates of the Ben E. Clement Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Pre-registration is required, so register early as space is limited to the first 30 people per date.

Registration forms can be found on our website. We will gladly schedule private digs for groups of 10 or more people. For More Information Contact: The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum  
P. O. Box 391 Marion, KY. 42064  
Or call 270.965.4263  
Or visit our website at [clementmineralmuseum.org](http://clementmineralmuseum.org)

*Continued from page 3.....* or call to sign up for Wire Wrapping Class. You will need to send a check to me for the club workshop donation (\$10 for wire wrapping, \$20 for cabochons), made out to AMLS, as soon as possible after signing up for a class. Questions? E-mail or call me or Gloria. Steve Adams, Webmaster <http://lapidaryclub.com>

### **Web site updates:**

Where are all the photos? Please send photographs of yourselves doing what you do with rocks, to rocks, looking for rocks,. whatever(!) for the photo rotations on the web site. I also need good quality photographs of your rock or mineral specimens for the photo rotation on the home page. E-mail your photos and captions to [steve@lapidaryclub.com](mailto:steve@lapidaryclub.com). Don't make me come get them! Also, due to problems caused by other web sites on our shared web server, I've leased a dedicated server for all the web sites I webmaster. Only one of my web sites does extensive database retrievals, so we will experience better response and (hopefully) better service. I'm going to move the "resource-hog" sites first, followed by [lapidaryclub.com](http://lapidaryclub.com) and the other small sites. Before I move our site, I'll send out an e-mail to everyone to let you know "just in case" something catastrophic happens. But nothing will. Honest. *Steve Adams, Webmaster*

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## Ted's Safety Corner

by Ted Reith, AFMS Safety Chair  
*Clean Up Your Act – Safely, Please!*

The lovely, sparkly, near pristine specimens many of us 'collect' at rock, gem, and mineral shows hardly ever are found in that condition in Nature. Those who collect 'in the wild' will have some cleaning chores in front of them, whether planning to sell those specimens, or add them to a personal collection. In almost any venture, simple is better than complex, and less hazard is better than more. However, if you truly know the specimen you have and the nature of the surface contaminant, then by all means use complex cleaning methods with hazardous chemicals (if that is the needed methodology), but do so safely.

An important key to any cleaning is to know your specimen and know its contaminant. This means to know each in terms of Mohs hardness and chemical make-up. Hardness will guide one in mechanical cleaning options, while the chemistry will dictate specific cleaning materials. Cleaning methods, from simple/safe to complex/less safe, may be outlined as follows:

- Soak in or clean under running water, using a bristle brush.
- Same as above, but add a cleaning agent, such as household detergent, to the water. This will help 'wet' the surface contaminant and allow it to be flushed away more readily.
- If appropriate, use a brass brush (Mohs 3.5 – 5) or steel dental pick (harder). This is where knowledge of the base mineral hardness is useful. The tool needs to be harder than the contaminant, but less hard than the base material.

Of course, test on an obscure area first to confirm suitability. One very interesting cleaning option I saw is to use Soft Scrub cleaner (ground calcium carbonate in a detergent base) and a battery powered toothbrush. To give credit, the following link provides an excellent write-up:

[homepage.mac.com/rasprague/PegShop/extras/brush/brush.html](http://homepage.mac.com/rasprague/PegShop/extras/brush/brush.html)

Use equipment such as ultrasonic cleaners (good for more fragile specimens) or small sand blasters to remove tough scale on minerals, while following all manufacturer use and safety recommendations. Use an acid/water solution for those known, hard-to-remove contaminants. Oxalic acid and hydrochloric (Muriatic)

acids are typically used for cleaning of quartz. Both are available in hardware stores. Another useful link for specific procedures using acids is at:

[www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/john\\_betts/clean1.html](http://www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/john_betts/clean1.html)

The proper care and handling of acids can be accomplished using applied knowledge. The hazard associated with any acid is a function of the acid type and its concentration (% strength in water). If you put milk on your corn flakes this morning, and used oil & vinegar on your salad for lunch, you just ate two acids. Milk contains lactic acid, and vinegar is a dilute (5%) solution of acetic acid.

Several notes are appropriate regarding the two acids frequently used in mineral cleaning.

**Oxalic Acid:** Though classified as a weak organic acid, it is much stronger than acetic acid. It's primary hazard is skin irritation, with greater hazard if taken internally by mouth or breathing (classified as a poison). Recommended protective equipment includes gloves, apron, goggles, and respirator when used in poorly ventilated areas.

Full MSDS info at:

[www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/o6044.htm](http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/o6044.htm).

**Muriatic Acid:** AKA Hydrochloric acid – an extremely strong mineral acid with serious safety concerns. Severe damage can result from tissue or eye contact. Inhaling the fumes or ingestion may be fatal. I've used this myself, but wore butyl rubber gloves and apron, face shield, and used outdoors on a non-windy day to minimize inhalation concerns. Typically available commercially from 20 – 38% concentration, you MUST add the acid to water if dilution is needed, never add water to acid. MSDS:

[www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/H3880.htm](http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/H3880.htm).

When using any acid, note that spills or solutions remaining after use should be neutralized with an alkaline material. Some fairly common household items to do that would include soda ash, lime, or baking soda. How do you know when you have enough neutralizer? You can use the old high school chem lab stand-by – litmus paper. Or, get some red cabbage at the grocery, and use the juice as an indicator. At pH 2 (acid), it will be red; at pH 12 (alkaline), it will be greenish-yellow. At neutral pH of 7, it's blue.

Happy...and safe cleaning

*AFMS Newsletter -June-July, 2009*

*Weekly Wisdom from the Democrat Reporter - Democracy is the only system that persists in asking the powers that be whether they are the powers that ought to be.*

*Sydney J. Harris*

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## *Last page funnies ....*

Dead Mule?

A new preacher went to his church office on Monday morning and discovered a dead mule in the church yard.? He called the police. Since there did not appear to be any foul play, the police referred the preacher to the health department. They said since there was no health threat, that he should call the sanitation department. The sanitation manager said he could not pick up the mule without authorization from the mayor. Now the preacher knew the mayor and was not too eager to call him. The mayor had a bad temper and was generally hard to deal with, but the preacher called him anyway. The mayor did not disappoint. He immediately began to rant and rave at the pastor and finally said, "Why did you call me anyway?? Isn't it your job to bury the dead?" The preacher paused for a brief prayer and asked the Lord to direct his response. He was led to say, "Yes, Mayor, it is my job to bury the dead, but I always like to notify the next of kin first!"



Man of the House:

A man had just finished reading the book *Man of the House* while commuting home from work. By the time he reached home, he stormed into the house and walked directly up to his wife, pointing a finger in her face, he said. "From now on I want you to know that I am the man of the house and my word is law! You are to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect you to present a scrumptious dessert. Then, after dinner, you are to draw my bath so I can relax. And when I am finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?" "The funeral Director would be my guess," she replied.

*Happy Father's Day June 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Via Email buddy EJ Samples*

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**ATTENTION MEMBERS:** Please fill out the form below because dues are due in the month of November. Please update the membership list with address and email addresses for receiving newsletter via the internet. For people joining in July - September, please mark the application "1/2 price for 2009".

### **A.M.L.S. Application for Membership**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \$8 \_\_\_\_\_ Subscription only \$8 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the ALABAMA MINERAL & LAPIDARY SOCIETY and mail to P.O. Box 811 Trussville, AL. 35173

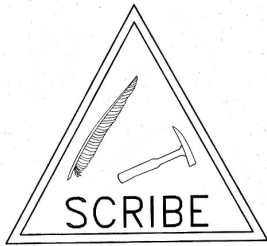
Meeting Date: Second Friday of each month except for the month of June. The Tannehill Show takes the place of that monthly meeting.

Place: Vestavia Hills Library 1112 Montgomery Hwy. Vestavia, AL. 36216

Time: 6:30 p.m.

***Visitors Welcomed***

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_



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Meeting : June 5<sup>th</sup> Dealers Dinner at the Tannehill Show,  
Place: Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park  
When: June 5<sup>th</sup> Dinner served at 6 pm  
June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Show 9a.m. - 5 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\* REMEMBER FOLKS \*\*\*\*\*

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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 2009 \$10.00 single and \$15.00 family. Junior memberships are available for \$8.00. Newsletter subscriptions run for one year (12 issues) and are \$8.00. Checks should be made out 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 June because of the Tannehill Show. Meetings are currently held in the meeting rooms of the Vestavia Library 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 *Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies*, and the *Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies*.

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To bring about a closer association of clubs and societies devoted to the study of Earth Sciences and to 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

