

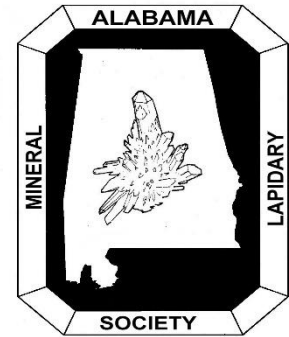
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Presidents Message



John Wild, President

We are only 1 month away from our biggest event of the year!

After the resounding success we had at the Spring Fling at Oak Mountain, we now have to change our focus to Tannehill. As always, we need the entire club to step up and make a difference. There will be a few changes this year beginning with the vendor dinner. John Gaston has graciously volunteered to provide the main meats and buns for the dinner and the club members will be asked to bring a side dish and desserts. This would be similar to what we do at our monthly meetings.

In fact, I am challenging every member to be at the vendor dinner and show support for the club. Last year, we asked for a show of hands to best determine how much food to order. We had a great and enthusiastic response. Unfortunately, almost nobody actually attended the dinner and we were left with food that was paid for and wasted. Let's not have that happen this year. **PLEASE** support the club by attending the dinner and get to know our vendors. We will be providing the vendors with a free dinner and asking our club members to pay only \$5 to offset some of the costs.

Last year we expanded our club sponsored activities to include geode cracking and new kids activities. These events are labor intensive and with the warm weather that we always seem to have, will need to be staffed in shifts. We will have sign-ups at the May meeting for both Saturday and Sunday time slots. Again, we need your help to make this part of the show a success.

One other thing I will ask of each member. Tell your friends and family about the show and share it on your social media accounts. We will be using Facebook to spread the word and when you see a post about the show, share it on your feed as well. If we all share the information, we will have the snowball effect and we can spread our message with no additional cost.

As Sandra always says "keep on rocking!"
John

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UPCOMING EVENT!! June 1st and 2nd 46TH ANNUAL TANNEHILL GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL AND JEWELRY SHOW!!

Please be sure to sign up to work the show! Even if you can only do a couple of hours it will help!! We will have several areas that you can help with! You can work more than one area in a day. Please consider at least working one day so that other members can enjoy the show too!! If you miss the sign up sheet either call John , Lou Ann or one of the other Officers or Show up!! We will be setting up Friday evening and serving our vendors dinner. We need help to set up and take down our part of the show!! SIGN UP!!

PUP SCOUTS PARENTS! There will be a display tent for PUP Scouts and we need you to sign up with Terri Wilson to work. Pup Scouts will need to bring their collection displays.

Remember that this show helps to fund our club!!

UPCOMING EVENT- OAK MOUNTAIN OCTOBER-DETAILS COMING SOON!

UPCOMING EVENT- AMLS SHOW AT OAK MOUNTAIN – NOVEMBER 2 & 3 , 2019

DETAILS COMING AFTER TANNEHILL SHOW!

WORKDAY AT THE WORKSHOP – MAY 25, 2019

Workshop address: 8036 Parkway Dr., Leeds, AL 35094 (Members only!)

GPS will take you to back of the building! WE are across from the Pants Store and Bud's!!

We will have a workshop day to put cups and other items together for our Tannehill show!! This is a fun day at the workshop and you MIGHT get some brownie points and maybe a free hours of workshop time if you participate! Please consider coming for an hour or two!! With more hands it will take less time! (And you get a peak at what is in the cups! We will not do bags so as not to compete with our vendors at this function!)

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SPEAKING OF THE WORKSHOP!

We have the workshop open for you to use the saws and cabbing machines. There is a nominal charge at this time of \$5 per hour. We hope to have more people participating so that we may add to it. We will have a cabbing party after Tannehill. This will be a great opportunity for you

Workshop (continued)

To come and make a cabochon if you want to take a silver class with Bud on June 22 and 23.

We will have more information on the cabbing party in the next RR. Also more on the silver class to follow. This is limited to six people (members only!) There will be a charge for this!

Classes at the workshop

We do not have any classes scheduled at this time. If you would like to teach a class or would like a class taught please let Rhea or Bunny know. These classes do not include the cabbing or saw classes but jewelry related classes. We have done several projects over the past few months but we need more people to participate. Join us if you can ! These classes are \$10 which goes to the club. Most of the material is furnished for you to use. If you have your own materials bring it and share!!

Fieldtrips!

We are planning a field trip to the Gold Mine after Tannehill~~ More information will follow!

SFMS has a field trip to Chunky Gal on May 18th. If interested, see Lou Ann. Chunky Gal is in North Carolina.

Southeast Federation News!

Rockhound Roundup is May 18th and 19th at Suwannee River Music Park, 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak , FL 32060 10:00-5:00p.m.

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First annual rock show put on by the SFMS!! Reggie has mentioned this at a couple of meetings! For more info you can go to www.musicliveshere.com or call (386)364-1683 and talk to Carol Walker. Tell her you are interested in the above event!

You can also check out the <http://www.amfed.org/> for more info on the Southeastern Federation!

AMLS MEETING Officers

John Wild opened the meeting with a discussion of the committees needed for the Tannehill show. They are for: set up and tear down, a food crew for the vendor's dinner, two crews for the kid's area (one for Saturday and one for Sunday), treasurers for the kid's area and the geodes, someone to manage the club tent and the vendor's dinner. Also, we'll need volunteers to take drinks to the vendors during the show. The Board set aside 100\$ to pay for drinks and crackers to the vendors. Over a conference call, Cathy Kellogg reported that 27 vendors have paid for their spots at the show. There are 2 vendors who 'may be' at the show. 6 RV spots aren't rented. There are 3 spaces without electricity and 3 open air spaces that aren't rented. AMLS has 4700\$ in paid vendor reservations at this point. John Gaston is providing hamburgers and hot dogs for the vendor dinner. Our club members will provide the condiments and sides to go with the sandwiches. (cups, ice, lettuce, tomato, plates, drinks, cutlery, desserts). AMLS will not sell grab bags at Tannehill to avoid a conflict with vendors who do sell them. A date needs to be set to fill more sifting cups for the children. The AMLS will set up their tent at the front of the Tannehill show. The Board agreed to upgrade vendors free of charge to any empty spaces nearer the front of the show. A sign needs to be made to remind parents that children may not be left unattended in the kid's area. Don Hill will bring fans and a lap machine to the Tannehill show for our area. AMLS is not responsible for collecting taxes. Tannehill should provide forms for the vendors that include the percentages of tax required. A list needs to be provided at our May club meeting that asks for members to sign up to help at Tannehill and provide their phone numbers and email addresses. Email blasts need to be

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sent each week to remind members of the show and the need for volunteers. Steve Adams is asking for two people who are willing to keep our website updated with pictures, etc. He will train them to do this while he keeps the site running. We need to order new business cards for AMLS.

Submitted by Donna Garvich

April meeting minutes!

Members perused the auction offerings while a few got rocks sorted and organized, assigning values and identifying specimens and set up the silent action.

Tim Leatherman blessed our meal and we lined up to fill our plates with yummy food.

We began the meeting by swearing in the new Pup Scouts. John Wild thanked those who volunteered for the Oak Mountain Spring Festival. Having a pavilion gave us lots of room to spread out and saved having to put up and take down the tent. The day was a terrific success. Taking part in these outreach events is fun and a great teaching and learning experience. People love to talk about rocks!

A motion was put forward to accept the March minutes and passed.

Our visitors introduced themselves as Amanda Bailey with Vincent and Joe, Shannon Sikvia, Megan Perkins, Christian Wilkins, Matt Duke, Jonathan Lovell and Rose Lovell.

WE also met new members Lisa Baldone and Stan & Rend Golden.

With business out of the way the annual auction began. We started by letting the Pup Scouts have their own auction which was lively and helped them add to their collections.

Next the rest of us got to add to our own collections. John Gaston walked away with a wonderful collection of specimens donated by Steve Zehren. It was a successful fund raiser as well bringing in over \$1300!

respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary

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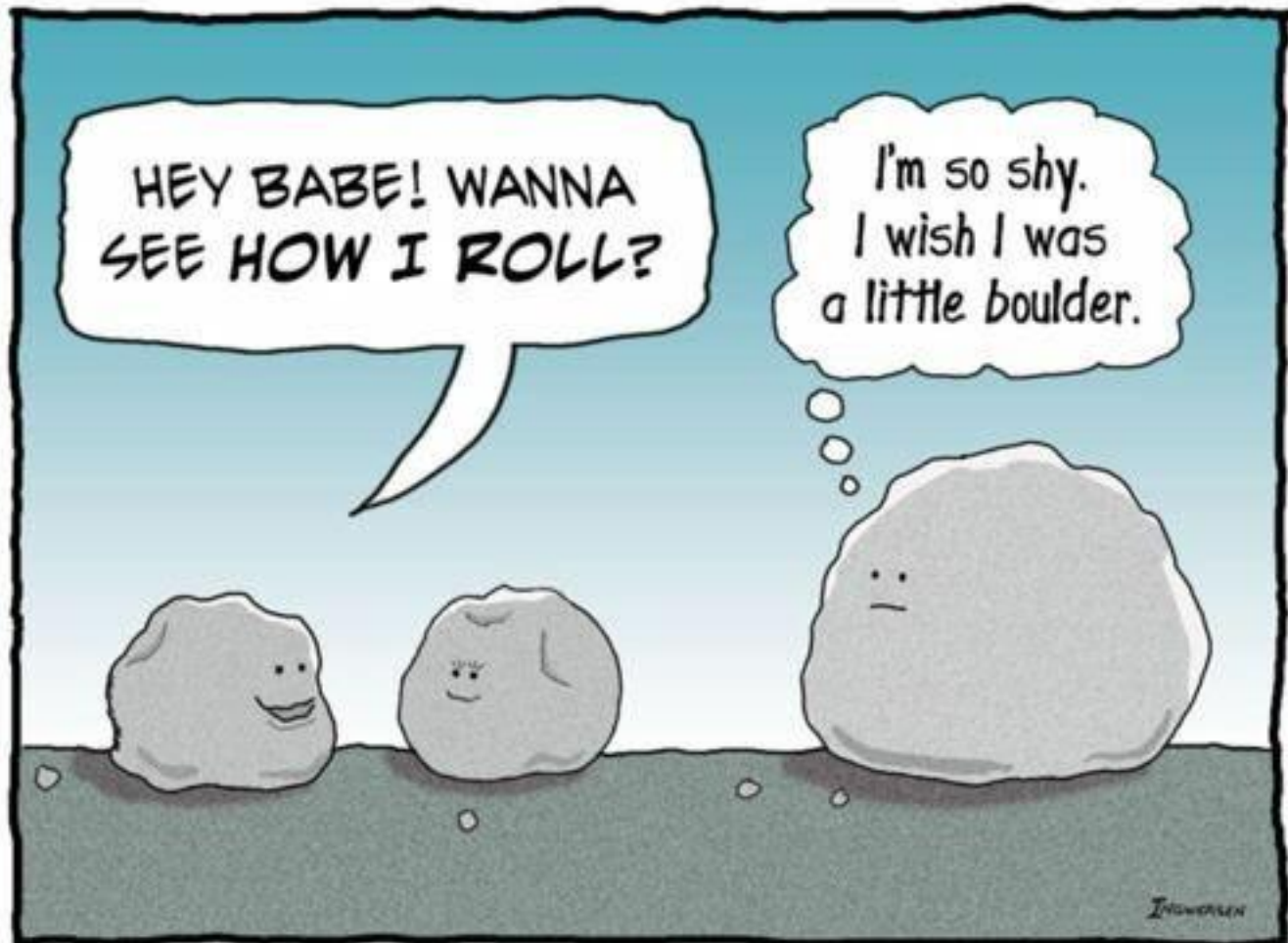
PUP Scout News!

Crystal growing workshop for final step for Rock and Mineral Badge May 17th (Friday) at 6:00 p.m. Saturday May 18th at 2:00 p.m. and Makeup Day Monday May 20th at 3:00 p.m. If you can not make any of these days please text or call Terri Wilson. 205-834-4470.

June 17th- Simple jewelry class 1-6. (Monday) \$10 per student

PUP SCOUT PARENTS NEEDED!! TERRI NEEDS HELP! CONTACT HER AT THE ABOVE NUMBER!

NO JUNE MEETING!



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Treasurer- Reggie Bolton

Recording Secretary- Bunny Bolton

Secretary- Lou Ann Newell

Club chairpersons

Field Trip- Bud and Lou Ann Newell

Tannehill-Cathy Kellogg

Hospitality- Rhea Profitt

Education-Rhea Profitt

Pup Scout Chairperson-Terri Wilson

Members at Large-Terri Wilson and Don Rosenstiel

HAPPY ROCKING!!

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