

Rockhound Roundup Short version!

Sorry guys I have been really busy this month! I am just going to send the President's Message and the Minutes so that you can read them!!

The RR will continue and I will get this out as soon as I can! Please bear with me!

Here is the President Message from John Wild.

At first it was difficult to compose a positive, enthusiastic and uplifting message this time....

In the last couple of months, AMLS has suffered the loss of two of our long time members. First we lost Cecily Chaney and most recently Mike Sullivan. Both Cecily and Mike had contributed their time, skills, sweat and wisdom to help AMLS grow and prosper throughout the years, and from that we can take our inspiration for the future of the AMLS.

When we have to struggle and scramble to make it to the workshop, meeting or club event, think of the will and fortitude that Cecily and Mike battled with every day of their illness. Even though they were battling against a cruel disease, each of them still had the desire to be among their rockhound friends. Despite their illness, each was able to attend a meeting or a field trip in the last months of their time with us.

Even though they ultimately lost their individual battles, they each did so with strength, courage, and dignity. As we remember Cecily and Mike, let us remember how they lived and how they carried themselves through their final battle. They should always be remembered as generous, courageous, and faithful members of the Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society.

As many of you do, I hope that when faced with life's many obstacles, I can do so with the grace and dignity that Mike Sullivan and Cecily Chaney displayed.

You will be forever in our lives.

Thanks

John

Continue on to read the minutes from Bunny!!

Board member minutes!! From Bunny Bolton

AMLS Board meeting minutes July 29, 2019. In attendance- Rhea Proffitt, Levan Foster, John Wild, Lou Ann Newell, Terri Wilson, Reggie & Bunny Bolton

Rhea has ordered cafeteria trays for classes, a great way for each student to keep up with their supplies. She also spoke to her instructor at William Holland about tools and other supplies we should invest in for our classes. Bunny has purchased some tools and wire at bargain prices from friendly vendors happy to help supply the club. Levan suggested having a brief demonstration at each club meeting of skills that can be done with machines we have at the workshop. This is one way to stir up interest among the members in using the workshop. There is not much point in having it if members aren't using it. Look for announcements of upcoming classes.

Our nominating committee was discussed at length. Many new officers will be needed for 2020, president and vice president especially are needed. John will be contacting several members in the next few weeks.

The fee was set at \$75. for the November show dubbed 'Rocking in the Holidays' . Spaces will be larger than 10'x10' since there is plenty of room in the meadow and each will have a power connection. Terri will send out letters to potential vendors following a vote at the August meeting. Many vendors from Tannehill have already been spoken to.

The board decided to offer free time at the workshop during September. Lou Ann will send out an e-mail reminder about the August meeting.

respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary

See you tonight everyone! Remember that Kym Cochran will be there!