



Rockhound Roundup

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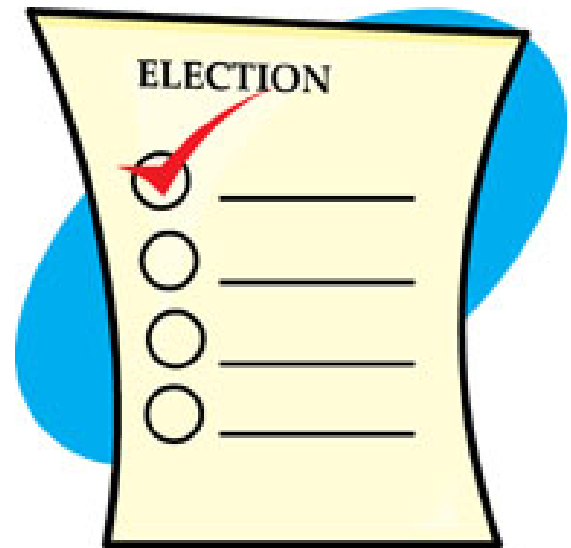
October Meeting

Following are the Candidates for our 2025 officer positions

- President – Rhea Proffitt
- 1st Vice President (Programs) – vacant
- 2nd Vice President (Field Trips) – Rick Halbrooks
- Treasurer – John Wild
- Recording Secretary – vacant
- Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Carish
- Historian – John Gaston

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Please attend this important meeting.
Your support and vote is needed!



October Meeting: October 11, 6:30 p.m. at Cahaba Heights United Methodist



**Junior
Rockhound
News**

The official meeting of our Junior Rockhound club will be at 5:30, October 11, at the regular AMLS meeting place, Cahaba Heights UMC.

NOTE FROM ALLISON AND JOHN: We will be working on completing our mineral ID kits this month. For those that missed the last meeting, I will have a few extra egg cartons available for those that need to start on their kits. If you have completed your kit and have identified all of your rocks, please bring your kit with you this month to earn your first badge!

Rockhound Roundup

October 2024

Hello All,

I wanted to let everyone know how much all of your work was truly appreciated. We had snacks and drinks for our volunteers and the vendors too. Many of the vendors were very thankful because no other show had been that thoughtful. The kids area was well "staffed" with both Jr Rockhounds and adult. We had a beautiful display of members work and collected pieces. Our entry table was never in need of volunteers either

Please if you have pictures or videos you took at the show forward them to our webmaster with a short description, lets show-off a little. You all have something to be proud of.

So, to all who came to support the show in any manor large or small, I personally want to THANK YOU. And we start planning next years show in January. Get your ideas ready.

Thank you,
Rhea Proffitt, Show Chairman

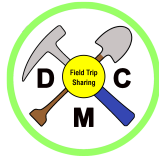


More show photos on the website.



Announcements

The Dixie Mineral Council, field trip gurus for the SFMS, announces a field trip to the **Diamond Hill Mine in Abbeville, SC** on November 9. This event is open to club members of the Federation, of which we belong. The link on attending is on the members-only page of the website. NOTE: I confirmed this with DMC on Sunday and was told it HAD been confirmed by the club in South Carolina. Additional information can be found at lapidaryclub.com.



Nestled in the North Georgia mountains, William Holland is a school devoted to preserving and perpetuating lapidary and jewelry art skills, for generations to learn and enjoy. Everyone is invited to come and learn in a creative space and build relationships in this unique educational environment.

Our club awards a scholarship for a member each year. The club will award our 2025 Kontzen Scholarship at the December meeting. An applications for the scholarship is attached to this newsletter.



AMLS T-Shirts

New for 2024

Order yours at our October 11 meeting

Youth small - adult XL - \$12

XXL - \$14

XXXL - \$16

Add two dollars for every X

AMLS members Frank and Cynthia Morrison have the following equipment and rough available for sale. If you are interested, please contact them at the email below.

- ◆ Facetron 8" Flatlap – like new condition. Lots of accessories and extras.
- ◆ One Raytech 10" diamond saw Type L-10S
- ◆ One Raytech 10" diamond saw with automatic feed and cover
- ◆ One Frantom capping machine with 2 diamond wheels, three expandable drums and a leather polishing disk.
- ◆ Three diamond blades 10"
- ◆ A lot of rough and slabs. Some very nice slabs of ocean jasper. Rainbow obsidian and petrified wood

Frank and Cynthia Morrison
email if interested
mowoodwks@hotmail.com

No meeting was held in September so there was no minutes taken.

Calendar for July

October 11, 5:30

Junior Rockhound Meeting

October 11, 6:30

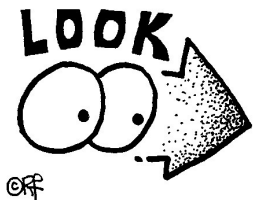
Regular Club Meeting

All Tuesdays & Saturdays

Workshop Open (verify on MO Facebook Page)

Save the date:

November 9, Diamond Hill Mine, Abbeville, SC



Jim Richardson Scholarship Program

Three Scholarships

- Lodging Students:** Tuition, shared lodging, and meals for 2 students.
- Commuter Students:** Tuition and lunches for 1 student.
- Jr. Rockhound:** Tuition, shared lodging, and meals for 1 student.

How To Apply

Tell Us

- What does this scholarship mean to you?
- How will you use it to carry on the art of lapidary and jewelry making?

(Optional for Jr. Rockhound applicants)

Deadline: October 18, 2024

Winners Announced: November 15, 2024

info@lapidaryschool.org

This scholarship is given by William Holland. Application forms and more information is listed on our website. This is in addition to the scholarship given by our club.

WORKSHOP NEWS

8036 Parkway Drive in Leeds

Come visit, bring a prospective member, use the equipment, or introduce a new member to the skills and processes of lapidary at our workshop in Leeds. Use of equipment is \$5 an hour and includes both saws and lapidary equipment. **Use of equipment is restricted to Members Only.**

Robert Lorino usually opens the workshop on Tuesdays and Levan and Yvonne are usually at workshop Saturdays from 12-5. **Check MO, the members-only Facebook page, for schedule changes. TEXT YVONNE AT 205-602-8280 WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR CLASSES!**




North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (NMGMS)

Come and join us at the Oren Dunn Museum in Tupelo for a fun fossil and geology weekend November 1st and 2nd. Professionals on hand to id any "treasures" that you wish to bring. Fun activities for the kids, displays, "hands-on" table, rock painting, make a gem tree, and the geode cracker will be there. Free admission to the event. Activities tickets are \$1 each/6 for \$5. See you there!

History of Paleontology in Mississippi

Friday, November 1, 2024
6 pm - 8 pm
Free Admission

Oren Dunn City Museum at Ballard Park
689 Rutherford Road, Tupelo, MS 38801
(662) 841-6438



George Phillips
Paleontologist



Oren Dunn City Museum and the North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society presents



Fossil Road Show & Geology Fest

Professional on hand to ID your fossils/rocks

- * Fun Activities
- * Displays
- * Grab bags

Saturday, November 2, 2024
10 am - 3 pm

Oren Dunn City Museum at Ballard Park
689 Rutherford Road, Tupelo, MS 38801
(662) 841-6438





Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society
Application for the
Joe and Frances Kontzen Scholarship
For Education

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell phone _____ Email _____

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Number of years you have been a member of AMLS? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you regularly attend meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you volunteer to help with the Annual Show in September? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend fieldtrips? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended one of the SFMS schools/classes:

William Holland in Young Harris, GA - Year \_\_\_\_\_

Wildacres Retreat in Spruce Pines, NC - Year \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to do brief article for the newsletter, give a presentation at an AMLS club meeting and demonstrate/teach at the workshop the skills you learn from your class at the school? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are submitting this application at a club meeting, please fold in half and place it in the basket on the sign-in table by the door. If you are printing this for the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society, please mail to:

Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society
8036 Parkway Drive
Leeds, Alabama 35094

Received By _____
Date _____