

Rockhound Roundup

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Our Annual Gem Show is Here!

This Week

If you are a club member and have not signed up to volunteer for the show, you are running out of time. This is your best opportunity of the year to associate with other club members and get familiar with what your club does. Don't miss out.

Need more information about the show? email amlsgemshow@gmail.com. But don't wait; there are only a couple more days to get in on the fun.

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Club Announcements!

Revisions to AMLS Bylaws Are Complete

Final revisions to Club Bylaws were approved by the members at the August meeting and the newly revised Bylaws have been posted to the Members' Only area of the website. The Bylaws committee thanks the members for their participation in this necessary adjustment to keep the club functioning smoothly. Examination of the appropriateness of the bylaws is required every 10 years; however, members are urged to recommend this process any time club procedures and processes may need to be revised.

Ivey Cook

Bylaws Committee Chair

2025 Club Officers Needed!

At the October meeting the Nominating Committee will announce the candidates for 2025 Officer Positions. The new officers will be voted in and the 2025 Committee Chairs will be appointed.

An Important Email Has Been Sent to Non-Current Club Members!

Check your email inbox and spam box. If you did not fill out a renewal application for the 2024 year, you were sent an email to verify that you wish to remain a member. This email was sent from: thelapidaryclub@gmail.com

DMC field trip announced

(login to the members page to get details)

Be a Workshop Assistant!

Your workshop is growing. Your assistance is needed to help with some shop maintenance. Contact Levan Foster at the workshop.

Last Chance - Vendor Opportunity for Club Members

There are a few tables vacant at this year's gem show. If you have considered being a vendor, this might be a good opportunity. Email amlsgemshow@gmail.com if you are interested.



Meeting Minutes

AMLS Meeting Minutes August 9, 2024.

Levan Foster blessed our meeting and we enjoyed the pot luck. Reggie Bolton led our meeting and asked for visitors. We met Gene Musso and new member Rick Halbrooks. He then asked if anyone had corrections to the Rockhound Roundup. There were none so Don Hill moved that they be accepted, Rhea Proffitt seconded and the motion passed.

The final section of bylaws changes was e-mailed to members. John Gaston moved that they be accepted. Jill Hill seconded and the motion passed.

Casey Faulkner talked about the sign-up sheet. There is one at the meeting and also on the website. You may also receive an e-mail. There are various jobs for 9-12, 12-3, or 3-6 shifts Thursday through Sunday.

The geode cracker and sand sifting are going to be in the kid's /club table area.

There will be no rock painting (too messy for indoors) but we will offer rock balancing in rice as a free activity.

A cabbage machine will be there for demos. The club table will be in this area as well.

We hope this will streamline the entry table which will be at the front, behind the stairs, in front of the doors into the hall.

Our Facebook advertising is reaching people and there have been 10,000 impressions on Tik-tok. Jinger Glasgow is getting us live spots on Channel 6 and 33/40.

John Gaston has offered us a raffle prize if we want to sell tickets for that. He will be compensated for the item.

Casey Faulkner will do a QR code for the curious to put their info in. She will also work on the square and tablets.

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John and Bonnie Gaston will be serving a mid-day meal for vendors and volunteers on Thursday.

They will go in Wednesday for set up. Members should bring cookies and drinks for this.

We will have bottled water and snacks for vendors for the week-end. Kristen Osborn will pick these up.

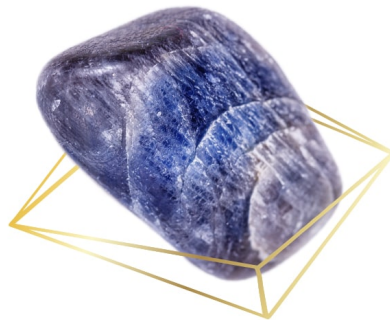
Ben Beadore will put up directional signs.

Respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary

If you notice any important incorrect or missing information, please email the corrections to: newsletter@lapidaryclub.com so they may be recognized before the next meeting.



SEPTEMBER



2025 Nominating Committee

At October's meeting, the confirmed nominees you see below will be voted into office. Who will be the future leaders of AMLS? Where will the club be in 2025?

It is important that every member serve in the club as an officer, committee chair or committee member.

When members choose not to serve, they are choosing not to have a club.

As you look at the schedule of nominees below, take note that there are (5) officer positions and (9) Committee Chair positions vacant.

Nominating Committee: Ivey Cook - committee chair
Vicki Lais

Officer Position - Nominee

President

Vacant

Vice President

Vacant

Recording Secretary

Vacant

Corresponding Secretary

Vacant

Treasure

Vacant

Historian

John Gaston

Committee Positions—Nominee

Membership

Vacant

Programs

Vacant

Field Trip

Vacant

Publications / Newsletter

Vacant

General Show

Rhea Proffitt

Publicity

Vacant

Website

Vacant

Property

Vacant

Hospitality

vacant

September Calendar of Events

September 4th Table setup
 September 5th Booth Setup and Vendor appreciation meal
 September 6 thru 8th the Gem Show takes place

No club meetings during our show month.

The workshop normally open Tuesdays and Saturdays will not be open during the show week

2024 Gem Show Update

The show is this week! Hopefully you as a member of the club are involved with making it happen or you are signed up as a volunteer during the show. If not, what are you waiting on?

Members, sign up to volunteer for the show.

Please share the Show information with your friends and family on-line.

Thank you:

Rhea Proffitt - Show Chairman

You can email amlsgemshow@gmail.com for more details.

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2024

**Gem &
 Mineral
 Show**

Friday 10AM—6PM
 Saturday 10AM—6PM
 Sunday 10AM—4PM
 Adults: \$5; Teens: \$3
 12 & under: FREE!

Irondale Civic Center
 3521 Ratliff Road
 Irondale, Alabama 35210



Sept 6-8



Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society Official Junior Rockhounds

(No New News Reported)

As always, send the Junior Rockhound information about meetings, projects and happenings to: newsletter@lapidaryclub.com

Be sure to include some pictures with description and any information you would like to include for club members to know about so we can be supportive of this very important part of our club.



Youth Programs

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)

Club Membership

A Message from the Membership Committee Chairman

Hello, my name is John Cook and I became membership committee chairman in June of 2023. I am aware the club has been a little slow recovering from "The Covid." Amongst all this we have been complacent about keeping our members current with dues. Our accurate membership records are an important part of a club charter. These records are verification for club insurance liability coverage as well as providing credentials for Southeastern and American Federation affiliation. Only current AMLS members can participate in club and federation sponsored events for these reasons.

If we do not have your renewal application for 2024 on file, you were sent an email last month asking if you wish to remain a member of AMLS. This is not a request for your renewal dues at this time. As I near the end of my service as membership committee chairman, I want to leave correct records for the next committee.

If you haven't seen the email, or do not know if you are a current member, please email to thelapidaryclub@gmail.com .

Thank you for your cooperation in this and feel free to email any questions, comments or concerns about your club.

Sincerely,
John Cook

Training Classes

If you are interested in taking a class, see Yvonne Foster. Yvonne will be at the Gem Show at Booth #31

Workshop News

Robert Lorino usually opens the workshop on Tuesdays and Levan and Yvonne Foster are usually at the workshop Saturdays. Typically the hours are from 12-5.

Come and participate in your workshop. A shop foreman will be there to help you with the equipment. Bring a guest and introduce them to the processes of lapidary at our workshop in Leeds.

Members are needed to help in the workshop. Please talk to one of the foremen and see how you can become a workshop assistant.

Field Trip Information

Dixie Mineral Council October 12 2024 Field trip to Southaven Mississippi



To get current fieldtrip information, login to the member's only page of the website and follow the link.

Field Trips are a privilege for the club members of AMLS.

To attend a field trip your membership must be current and you will have to show your current year club ID to participate. You will be turned away if you cannot verify your membership. This is due to the rule of the federation and because of insurance liability requirements.

If you are not sure of your membership or you need a membership ID, you must email membership@lapidaryclub.com

