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President's Message

John Wild, President AMLS

First, I want to thank all of the members who volunteered their time to get the workshop open. Your efforts did not go unnoticed or unappreciated! Thanks also to the members that took advantage of the equipment and expertise available for a small fee. The fees help offset the cost and maintenance of the equipment, as well as the rent and utilities.

Our AMLS participated in the Whistle Stop Festival in Leeds last month and raised additional funds for the club by selling grab bags and breaking geodes. We have another opportunity to promote our club at the Harvest Festival at Oak Mountain State Park on Saturday, October 13th. We need volunteers to interact, educate and promote the activities of the AMLS. Please contact Lou Ann Newell, Terri Wilson or me to let us know you are available to help with this event.

The October meeting looks like it will be a lot of fun! Bring your rocks, slabs, cabs, pendants, rings, etc.—anything you are willing to part with and see if a fellow club member might want it a little bit more than you! The program will be a tail-gate selling event where we bring our lapidary pretties to sell to other members. It promises to be a fun time and, as a bonus, we will get to share our interests with each other.

Also, don't forget this meeting will be the deadline to submit your applications for the club scholarships. The winner gets to spend a week with some very talented instructors at either William Holland or Wild Acres.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Reggie Bolton on his being elected President of the SFMS. Reggie served our club well as President, and we can all be proud in knowing that he will be leading the entire Southeast Federation. Congratulations, Reggie.

I look forward to seeing everybody on October 12th!

1. Board Meeting Minutes 9/14/2018

Submitted by Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

John Gaston blessed our meal and we lined up to pile up our plates or check out the silent auction. After eating John Wild introduced our visitors, Dwight Christolear and Vivian Melot and new members, Nancy Townsend, Ann Coley, Kim Bohanon and Emmett Christolear. Minutes from August were approved.

The workshop was open last weekend but attendance was low. Don Hill will open it Sunday Sept 16th from 9 to 4, Bud Newell will open it Sunday Sept 22nd. The 18" saw is being worked on, currently 14' is the largest working saw. There are also 12', 10", 8" and 6" and a cabbng machine working. The machines at the Sullivan's were good but not cabbng machines. After looking them over the shop committee recommends that we purchase Steve Adams's Genie for \$700. and the other cabbng machine for \$800. They can be resold for these prices if we need to. A motion was put forward to purchase both and was passed. Items such as saw blades and wheels have also been purchased.

Treasurer Reggie Bolton talked about the need for fees to cover expenses and said that the club has great equipment and it needs to be used. All members need to use goggles & ear plugs, tie their hair back and use caution. Reggie will consult with others at the upcoming SFMS annual meeting about what the federation insurance covers but we will need to purchase renter's insurance. He will become president of the Federation for 2019 at that meeting.

Carolyn Neyman asked John Gaston to organize the Kornegay Library at the workshop. Included are USGS quadrangle maps and field trip and collecting information for both the southeast and out west. Carolyn will also be holding an additional sale on Sept, 15th 8-1 open to rock club members only.

A new editor is needed immediately for the Rockhound Roundup. Sandra Sullivan needs to step down but can assist the new editor.

At the October meeting we vote for the 2019 board of directors. The nominating committee consists of Sandra Sullivan, Cathy Kellogg, and Don Rosenstiel plus one member chosen by each of them plus president John Wild. If you are interested in becoming a board member or chairman of a committee please contact one of them.

Applications for the Kontsen Scholarship are available and should be turned in by the October meeting.

Our next outreach program will be at the Whistle Stop Festival in Leeds at the Shops of Grand River. This will be Saturday Sept, 29th from 10 to 5 and people will be needed to set up, man and take down the space.

The Oak Mountain Harvest Festival will be October 13th from 9 to 5 with the same needs. It's fun to show the public what we do. There will be a cabbng demo, geode cracking, treasure

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sifting and grab bags.

The Graves Mountain dig will be held October 5,6,& 7. It's located in Lincoln, GA and no fee is charged but donations are welcome. Believe me, having a golf cart to haul your rocks up from the pit will inspire a donation!

Our program for the evening was a video on rocks and minerals and the silent auction prizes were given out.

Respectfully submitted by Bunny Bolton recording secretary

FIELD TRIPS AND SHOWS October 2018

OCTOBER 12-14 Huntsville, AL

Huntsville, AL Gem & Mineral Society: Jaycee Center, 2180 Airport Road:

Friday & Saturday 1-6, Sunday 12-5' adults \$3 (weekend pass \$5) Seniors \$2, students (through high school) \$1, children under 5 free; largest jewelry show in the region. Free parking!

OCTOBER 21- FIELD TRIP TO SUMMERVILLE, GA

More information at the meeting. Free dig but donations accepted!

Leeds Workshop Openings!

October 14 Sunday 9-4 Don Hill will have open for machines!

October 16 Tuesday 6:30 -9:00 Bunny will have a class on beads!

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November 4 Sunday 9-4 Don Hill will have shop open for machines!

November 23 Friday (BLACK FRIDAY) Don Hill will have shop open!!

December 9 Sunday Don Hill will have shop open machines!

If you are interested in teaching a class let us know!

Business Notes!!!!

The nominating committee has reported that the present officers will keep their position with the addition of Donna Sellers has stepped up to do the historian position and Lou Ann Newell will do corresponding secretary.

If you are interested in one of the positions please let one of the officers know. We have positions available or that will be soon. All help is welcome!

Officers

President John Wild

Vice president LeVan Foster

2nd Vice President Bud and Lou Ann Newell

Treasurer Reggie Bolton

Recording Secretary Bunny Bolton

Corresponding Sec. Lou Ann Newell

Historian Donna Sellers

Fun Times!!! Oak Mountain October 13, 2018

Volunteers are needed!!! Please come out for a couple of hours to help YOUR club. This will be a fun outreach to others about our club. Games to be played, information on the club to hand out and tell people how great our club is!! Come join in the fun!!! Let John Wild, Terry Wilson or Lou Ann Newell know if you can make it!!

FRIDAY MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2018

TAILGATING MEETING! 6:30 P.M.

We hope to see everyone this Friday for our tailgating meeting!! Bring your items that you would like to sell to the meeting and we are going to set up and tailgate!! Must be related to rocks to sell!!Rocks, jewelry (lapidary) that you have made, machinery if you want to sell it!!! Bring it!! Let's have some fun!!!