



## Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild



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The MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD (MMLG) is celebrating its **63rd anniversary** by holding a Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show on Dec 10 & 11 from 10 AM to 5 PM at EVELYN GREER PARK, 8200 SW 124 Street in the Village of Pinecrest – just one block off US 1 with plenty of free parking. Admission is \$4 – children under 12 admitted free (with paid adult admission). Go to our website [www.miamigemandmineral.com](http://www.miamigemandmineral.com) for a printable flyer with admission discount.

There will be exhibits, displays, demonstrations, raffles, and vendors showcasing mineral & fossil specimens, gemstones, fine jewelry, and artisan-crafted collectibles. Children's activities include jewelry-making sessions, surprise grab-bags, gem prospecting, and geode splitting. *And the ever-popular UM Geology Department will be back again for this Show!*



### Please Note:

Due to our Show, there will not be a Second Saturday Show-and-Tell Event in December in Miami Shores. Ours is a Club Show - all our vendors and exhibitors are your fellow Club members. We look forward to seeing all of you there in Pinecrest to share our interest and enthusiasm.

Actually, we strongly encourage you to **become involved** in our Show – as a **volunteer**. It takes a lot of work to put this event on, and sharing the burden with your fellow Club members makes it easier for everyone involved. We need folks to help us set up the room on Friday Dec 9 from 4 to 7 PM, as well as help us take it down on Sunday Dec 11 from 5 to 7 PM. We need help to staff the Club Table and monitor vendors' tables for their bathroom breaks during the Show - you can volunteer for time segments as small as two hours.

To volunteer, you may email the Show Chairman at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org) or call him at 786.546.3454.

**Club News –**

-We are now part of AmazonSmile, a way to financially support the Guild through purchases at Amazon.com. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to MMLG. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

The link below will take people directly to the special *smile.amazon.com* web page that supports the MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD INC. You may also want to bookmark the page in your computer to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-0998992>

- Just as reminder: Our upcoming membership year starts January 1, 2017. Single membership is \$15.00 per year - Family membership is \$20.00 per year. Dues are payable either by cash or check (made out to MMLG). You may pay the dues in person at our meetings & events or by mail to MMLG, P.O. Box 460206, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33346-0206.

What are the advantages of membership? Dues-paid members are entitled to a number of benefits:

- participation at all club activities
- discounts on publications and outside educational activities
- access to club library, displays, and collections
- accidental injury insurance on field trips and at club activities
- discount access to club sponsored classes and workshops
- special interest groups within the club
- access to club swaps, raffles, auctions, and vendor activities
- voting rights at club elections, meetings, and referendums
- co-ordination with other clubs, groups, or associations

- Our newsletter accepts business and commercial advertising. The Guild charges \$35.00 per year to advertise a “business card” listing in **The Geode**. This amounts to just a few dollars per month – call us or email us to set it up. Additionally, if any hobby-related advertisers present a program (on any Guild related subject) at one of our meetings, the yearly fee of \$35.00 will be refunded!!!!

- The next tri-county club picnic will take place at TY Park in Hollywood on Sunday January 22, 2017 in Pavilion 9 – food, friends, fun! Mark it on your calendar – bring a side dish (the Clubs provide turkey, ham, and sloppy Joes). Brunching & Munching starts around 11 AM, and there’s a lot of Show-and-Tell plus Swap-and-Sell of minerals, gems, jewelry, supplies – all followed by a raffle and bingo. **Our club will have a SILENT AUCTION table of surplus equipment and specimens.** Take Sheridan Street west off I-95.

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