



## Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild



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**The Geode – The MMLG Monthly Newsletter**

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Our monthly General Meeting takes place at the MIAMI FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE on the second Monday of each month (this month, it's Feb 8) at 7:45 PM. The street address is 1185 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables. It's located on the corner of Sunset Drive and Trionfo Street (it's a traffic signal-controlled intersection) directly across the street from Sunset Elementary School.

In addition to our members meeting-and-greeting (hey, sometimes we haven't seen each other for months), refreshments, announcements, and our ever-popular hobby-related raffle, we'll feature an educational presentation. This month, it's WRITTEN IN STONE : Earth's Natural Diary, a program excerpt from the BBC's new EYEWITNESS documentary earth science series. Yes, it's – *fossils...and minerals...and rocks...oh my!* And gemstones and precious metals as well! Everything you ever wanted to know about the basic (yet incredibly diverse) components of our "rocking" home planet.

*Please follow the travel directions on the MAPS below, as well as for on-street parking.*

### **Club News –**

- The Jan 17 Tri-County Picnic was a huge success - especially for us in the MMLG. Our SILENT AUCTION of excess equipment and supplies successfully sold more than 2/3 of the sale items. There were some fabulous bargains! (*A working GRAVES faceting machine went for the starting bid of only \$100!!!*) We're hoping to do this again at the Spring Picnic. This past auction represented less than 1/5 of what we are holding in storage.

- Dues are due! The membership year starts every January 1. 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

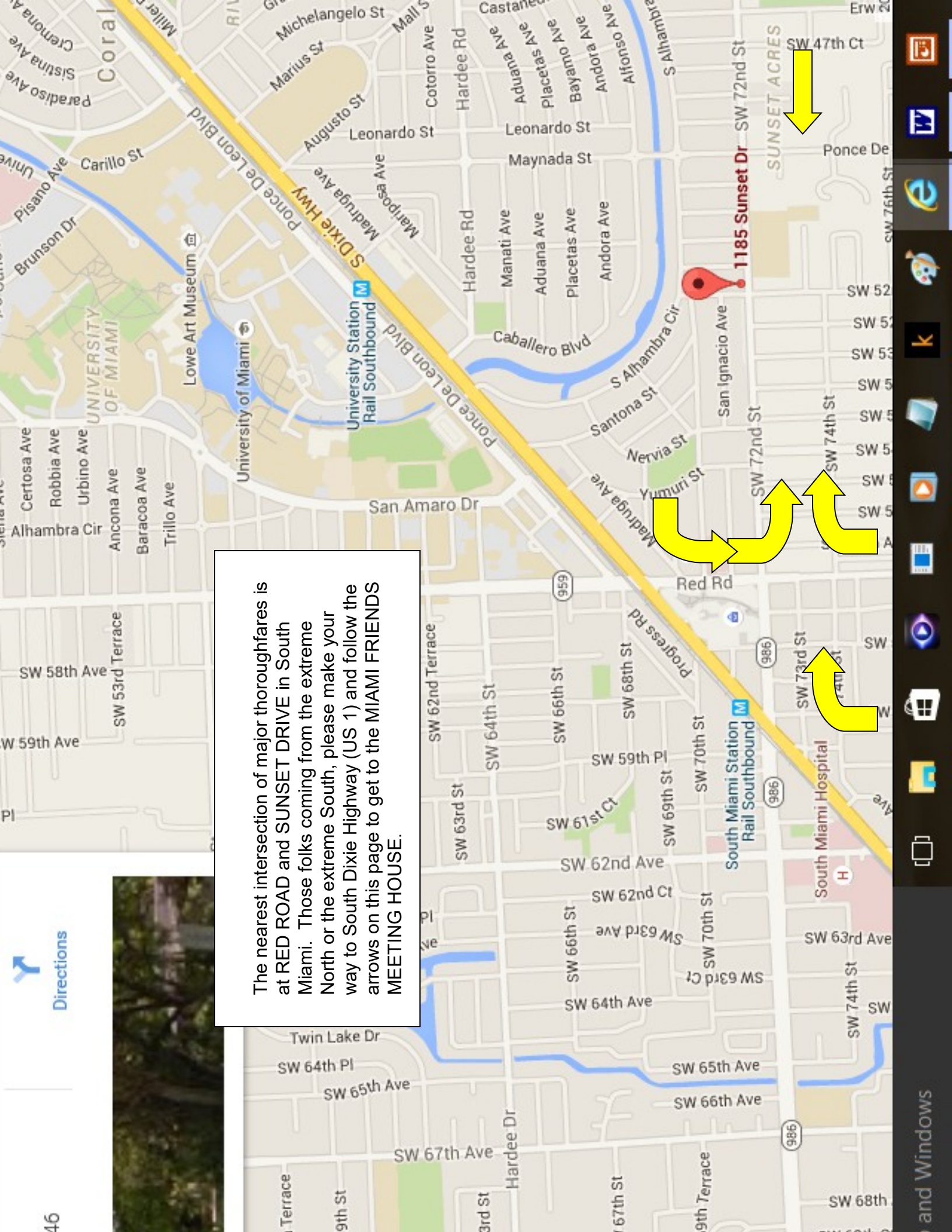
- Please mark your calendars – the dates for our Spring Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show have been changed! The Village of Pinecrest needs our previously-booked dates for a special event, so our Show dates at Evelyn Greer Park have been moved to Saturday (April 30) and Sunday (May 1).

- Don't forget that our club website is your website. If you have news to announce, photos to share, stuff to sell or trade, contact us at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org) so that we can put it on the appropriate page at our website.

- As well, our website has a link to our Club's FACEBOOK page. For those of you involved with social media, this is a way to stay in touch and communicate with each other more often than once a month.

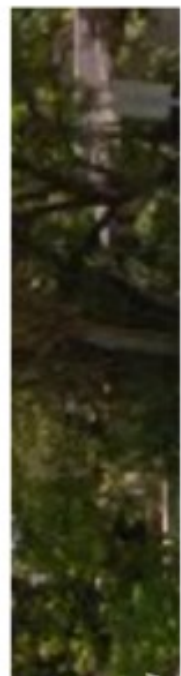
Directions

The nearest intersection of major thoroughfares is at RED ROAD and SUNSET DRIVE in South Miami. Those folks coming from the extreme North or the extreme South, please make your way to South Dixie Highway (US 1) and follow the arrows on this page to get to the MIAMI FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE.



1185 Sunset Dr

Coral Gables, FL 33146



Directions

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Our monthly General Meetings are in Coral Gables directly across the street from Sunset Elementary School at the Miami Friends Meeting House. The street address is 1185 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables, FL. Coral Gables addresses are not on the Miami map grid. The Meeting house is on the corner of SW 52 Avenue (Trionfo Street) and 72 Street (Sunset Drive).

There is plenty of on-street angle parking on the other side of Trionfo Street, as well as on San Ignacio (see green arrows). Please don't park where there are NO PARKING signs. There is also a driveway (orange arrow) into the onsite parking, but that area becomes very muddy when it rains. Please enter by walking through the main door by following the paved driveway.



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*This is the text of an email forwarded to us by member KC Foster:*

Sent: Monday, February 1, 2016 6:47 AM  
Subject: ROCK/MINERAL fire sale!

Alan Meltzer here. On Sat, Feb 13th at 10am the Janey Jones estate will liquidate the remaining material at steep discount.

I think it would be a good service to the memberships of the West Palm, Lauderdale, and Miami clubs if you could Email the memberships and let them know about this.

The address is 4317 Bouganvillea Dr in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, 33308. From I-95 you drive east on Commercial Blvd and turn right on Bouganvillea, the house is 1/2 a block down on the right

This really is a huge opportunity to distribute an amazing local collection to your memberships, let me know if you have any questions.