



## Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild



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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 JUNE 13) 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's program will feature Dianne Mielke leading one of her regular stone-of-the-month discussions, this time on ALEXANDRITE, the birthstone for June. There will also be a video about ROCKHOULDING FOR FIRE AGATE IN CALIFORNIA.**

**For our adult members who sometimes feel overwhelmed by the middle-schoolers coming to our meetings, the grades are in, and we expect to see far fewer of those students at this meeting.**

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

### Club News –

- SPECIAL NOTE\*\*\*\*\* There will be **no meetings** in JULY and AUGUST! About 10 years ago, we noticed a serious fall-off in attendance at our meetings in the summer. It turns out that many of our members travel around the country at that time, engaging in rockhounding and/or attending the many Gem-and-Mineral Shows up North. So, please enjoy your rock-and-gem travels, and we'll see you in September!

-At the recent Tri-county picnic, we found out some sad news about some club members from north of Miami-Dade, specifically, the folks that most of you know as Bill & Margie. Bill has fallen seriously ill and requires around-the-clock care. Sean Brannigan (President of the Broward Club) told us that Bill particularly enjoys receiving get-well cards from friends and family. For those of you who would like to send a greeting, the mailing address is:

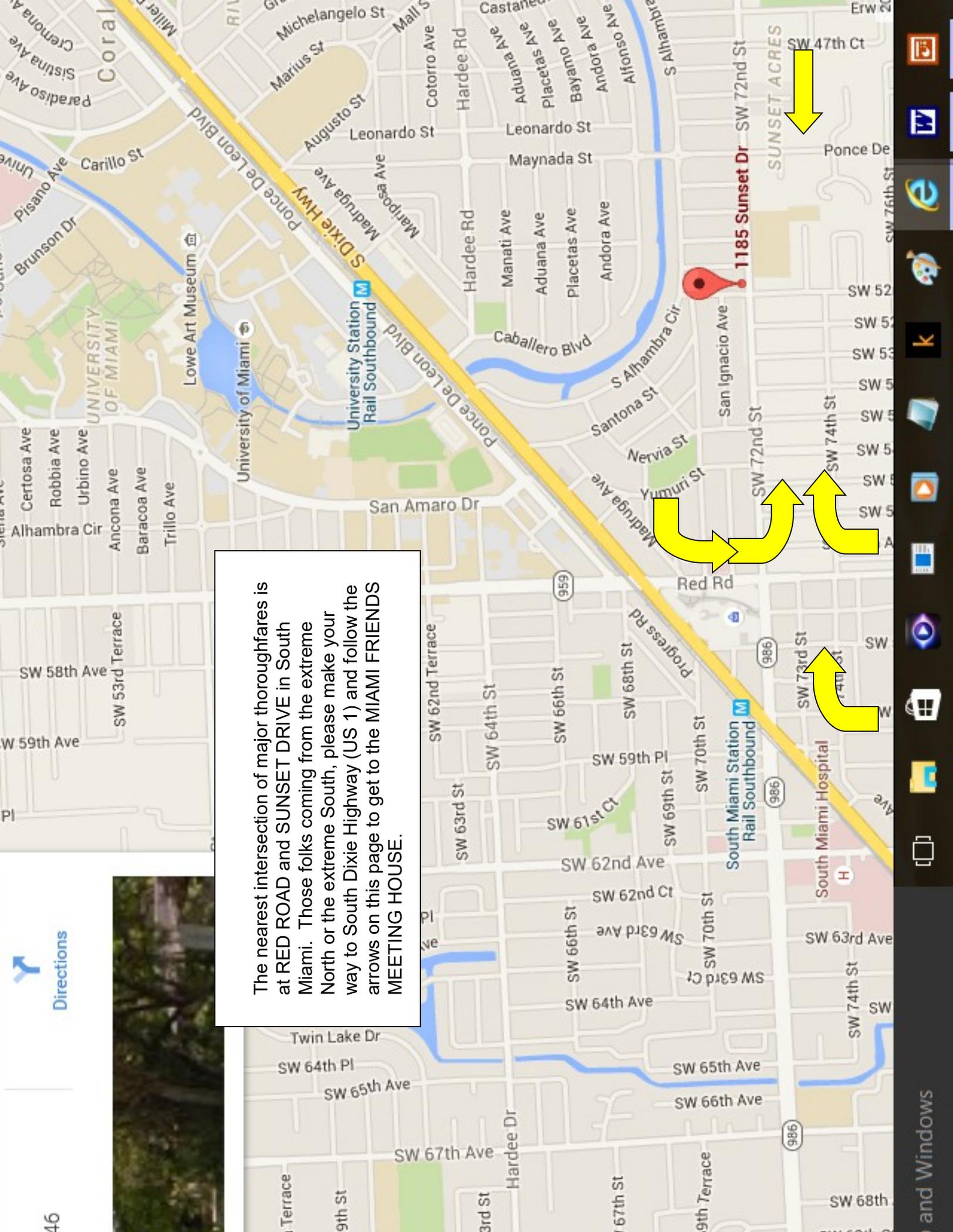
Bill Prema  
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- One of the ways in which we try to serve our members' needs is by providing a no-cost way to *buy-sell-trade* gem/mineral/lapidary-specimens/supplies/crafted items in an online "trading post" at our website. Right now, we have no postings, but, in the past, several of our members and supporters have successfully listed (and sold) specimens, equipment, and supplies. Just go to our website [www.mmlg-inc.org](http://www.mmlg-inc.org) and click on "trading post" to get started.

- Early warning! Our Club has not been able to offer workshops and training in recent years. We're going to start again in the Fall! We've recently rehabbed and reconditioned two cabbing units. We plan to initiate cabochon classes in September. You'll receive specific information with the September issue of THE GEODE.

- We apologize for giving out some erroneous information. Many of you have inquired about the dates for our Fall Show, and we told you that it was the **first** weekend in December. WRONG-WRONG-WRONG /SORRY-SORRY-SORRY! (I was looking at my old datebook.) This year's Show will be on the **SECOND WEEKEND in December (Dec 10 & 11)**. As previously, it will take place at Evelyn Greer Park in Pinecrest. We're continuing to sort through our equipment and specimen inventory in our storage unit, and we plan to make more of it available for purchase at the Show.

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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.

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