



## Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild



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**The Geode – The MMLG Monthly Newsletter**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR...and welcome to 2015! Our first General Meeting of the new year will take place on Wednesday January 7 at 7:45 pm in Classrooms A & B at the MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM, 3280 S. Miami Avenue - directly across the street from Vizcaya.**

**Our program for the month will be a video presentation on BERYL – a colorful family of gemstones! (Yes, we're talking emeralds, aquamarine, morganite, heliodor, and even the very rare red beryl, Bixbite!) There will be a little history, a little culture, a little science, a little market economics – and a whole lot of how you can find your own BERYL gemstones...just a two day drive away!**

**At the meeting, there will be greetings, announcements, displays of members' beryl gem specimens, Q & A, refreshments, and general good time for all.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

### Club News –

- Our 60th Anniversary GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL, AND JEWELRY SHOW last month at Evelyn Greer Park in Pinecrest was such a huge success that we're going to have another one in the Spring – April 18 & 19 to be precise. We've had so much interest in another show that we're working on plans to increase the number of vendor and activity tables. Watch for next month's GEODE for information about expanded participation opportunities!
- If any of you have photos or video of last month's show, please email us at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org). Once we have copies of all the video/photos that are available, we'll post them on our web site.
- Our next tri-county (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach) inter-club picnic will take place on Sunday, January 18, at TY Park (in Broward County), at Pavilion #9. There will be good food, good company, and a good opportunity to buy/sell/trade hobby-related items – not to mention BINGO and raffles!!!
- 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 <http://www.mmlg-inc.org> and click on "trading post" to get started.
- 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? While any member of the community may attend our General Meetings, dues-paying 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!!!!

- We'll put on our monthly 4th Sunday event on January 25 from 1 to 4 PM in Classrooms A & B at the Miami Science Museum. Please join us – bringing rocks, gems, jewelry to exhibit or sell.

- Any member wishing to serve on a committee and/or present a program should contact John Speier, at 954.648.1874.

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