



## **Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild**



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## *We're back...and ready to go!!!*

We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday season, and we wish you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year! Our December Show was our most successful ever – by all standards of measurement. We had more children's activities, more informational opportunities, more happy patrons, more satisfied vendors, more club revenue!

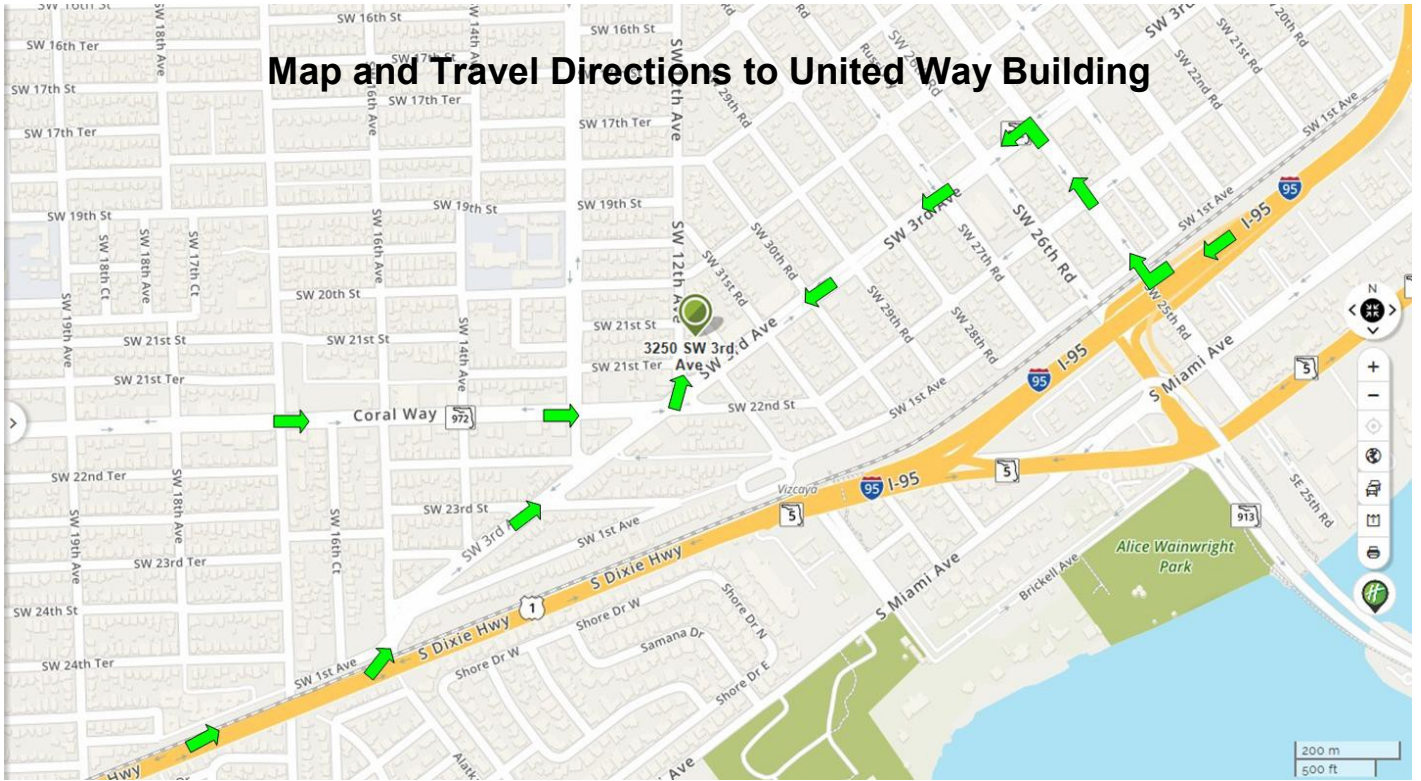
We're continuing our regular monthly meetings on Saturday January 12 at 11 AM in the UNITED WAY OF MIAMI-DADE building located at 3250 SW 3 Ave. (Yes, that's right there at Five Points - within walking distance of the Vizcaya MetroRailStation.) We also have use of the parking garage, right next door. (See page 2 for map and directions.) Following our traditional format, we'll start with a meet-and-greet session and then go to announcements, an educational presentation **MINERAL FLUORESCENCE – how certain minerals respond to ultra-violet light.** (Please feel free to bring some of your own specimens to test under the UV source.) Then we'll have our usual Q & A, door prizes, and light refreshments.

The next tri-county picnic will be at TY Park in Broward County on Sunday Jan 27- pavilion # 9 from 10am to 4pm. This get-together of the Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Clubs will feature food – fun - fabulous values / minerals – gems – artisan jewelry. It's a potluck event – the three clubs supply meat entrees, and the attendees bring side dishes and/or desserts for all to share. Members will have gems, minerals, jewelry to swap or sell - we'll have Bingo and raffles with hobby-related prizes. Don't miss it!

***Slowly, but surely, we are revitalizing our Club.*** One of our missions is to share our "how to" expertise with our fellow members. We made a start this past Fall. Dianne Mielke started a beading "mentoring session" in her home for several of our members – averaging one weekend session a month. Those ladies love it!

And we're currently on track to re-establish our own lapidary workshop - in which we can set up stone cutting and polishing equipment as well as a traditional jewelry artisan workbench. The capping machine and accessories (as well as a Dremel tool station) are already in place. Our goal is to start training sessions by February – and then offer "open hours" for trained members soon after that. Watch for more info!

## Map and Travel Directions to United Way Building

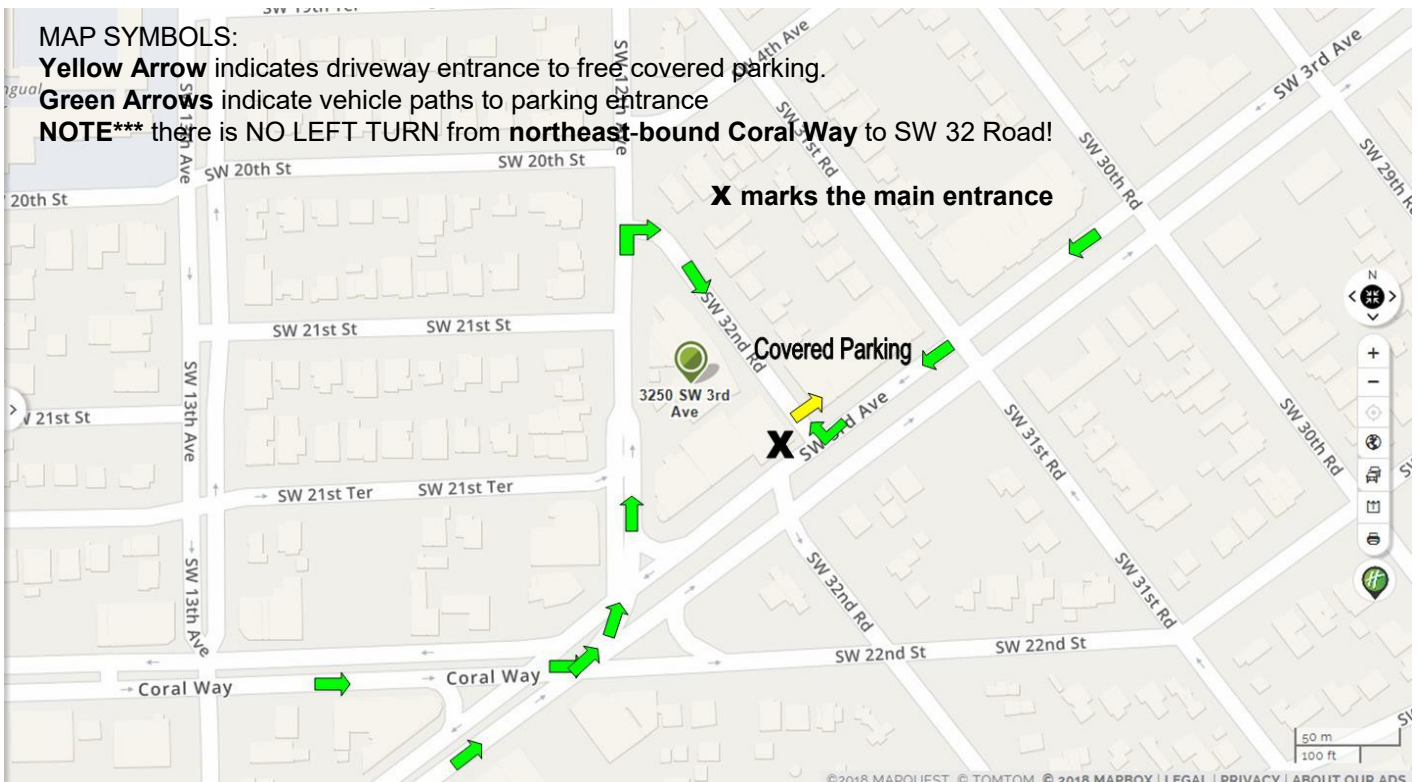


### MAP SYMBOLS:

**Yellow Arrow** indicates driveway entrance to free covered parking.

**Green Arrows** indicate vehicle paths to parking entrance

**NOTE\*\*\*** there is NO LEFT TURN from **northeast-bound Coral Way** to SW 32 Road!



From the North – take I-95 South to Exit 1A (Rickenbacker Causeway/Key Biscayne). Make a right turn at the traffic light onto SW 25 Road and go 3 blocks to Coral Way (SW 3 Ave) and turn left. Follow Coral Way to SW 32 Road and turn right – then immediately turn right into United Way Parking Garage (free parking). Exit garage on foot and cross SW 32 Road to main entrance to UNITED WAY on Coral Way.

From the South – Take US 1 (South Dixie Highway) North past SW 17 Ave and make the next left turn at SW 16 Ave/SW 3 Ave and follow SW 3 Ave to Five Points (Coral Way and SW 12 Ave). At the traffic light, turn left onto SW 12 Ave – go to the end of the block and turn right onto SW 32 Road. Make left turn at last driveway (parking garage entrance - free covered parking). Exit garage on foot and cross SW 32 Road to main entrance to UNITED WAY on Coral Way.

From VIZCAYA METRORAIL STATION (on foot) – exit station parking lot to SW 32 Road and walk 3 blocks to Coral Way. Cross Coral Way (carefully) and walk to UNITED WAY main entrance.

The membership year starts every January 1. Single membership is \$15.00 per year; Family membership is \$20.00 per year. Dues are payable to the Treasurer and may be mailed to the address on our website. **WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF BECOMING A MEMBER?** While any member of the community may "sit-in" at 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

If you have questions, complaints, or need more information about our Club and it's activities, please email us at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org) or leave us a voicemail message at 305.460.2244

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