



**Miami Mineralogical
and
Lapidary Guild**



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Another month to go – our annual Spring Show!

The MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD (MMLG) is holding its Spring Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show on April 6 & 7 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 \$6 – children under 12 admitted free (with paid adult admission).

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. Starting in March, our website (www.miamigemandmineral.com) will offer discount admission coupons, a map, and travel directions.

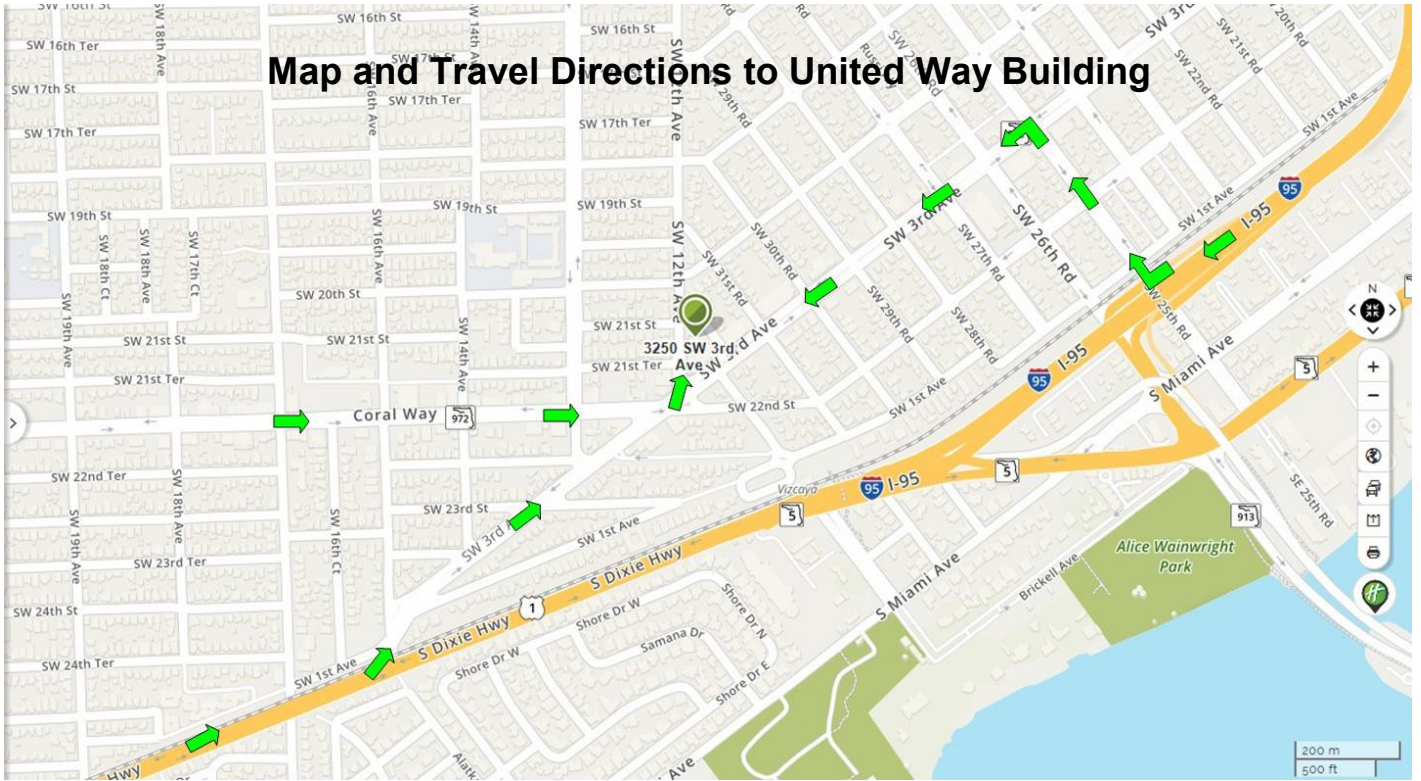
In next month's GEODE, we'll include a discount coupon good for HALF-PRICE ADMISSION!

This month, our regular monthly meeting is on Saturday March 9 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, then an educational presentation by our President John Speier on ROCKHOOUNDING IN THE SOUTHEAST (Everything you need to know to find your own gem and mineral treasures). Then we'll have our usual Q & A, door prizes, and light refreshments.

Yes, it's really happening...

After our Spring Show (April 6 & 7), we're going to start workshop activities for our dues-paid members. We'll start tutoring sessions for newbies wishing to learn to use the "cabbing" machine, and even long time experienced members will need to go through a refresher program to insure all safety protocols are being followed. Watch next month's GEODE for appointment procedures.

Map and Travel Directions to United Way Building

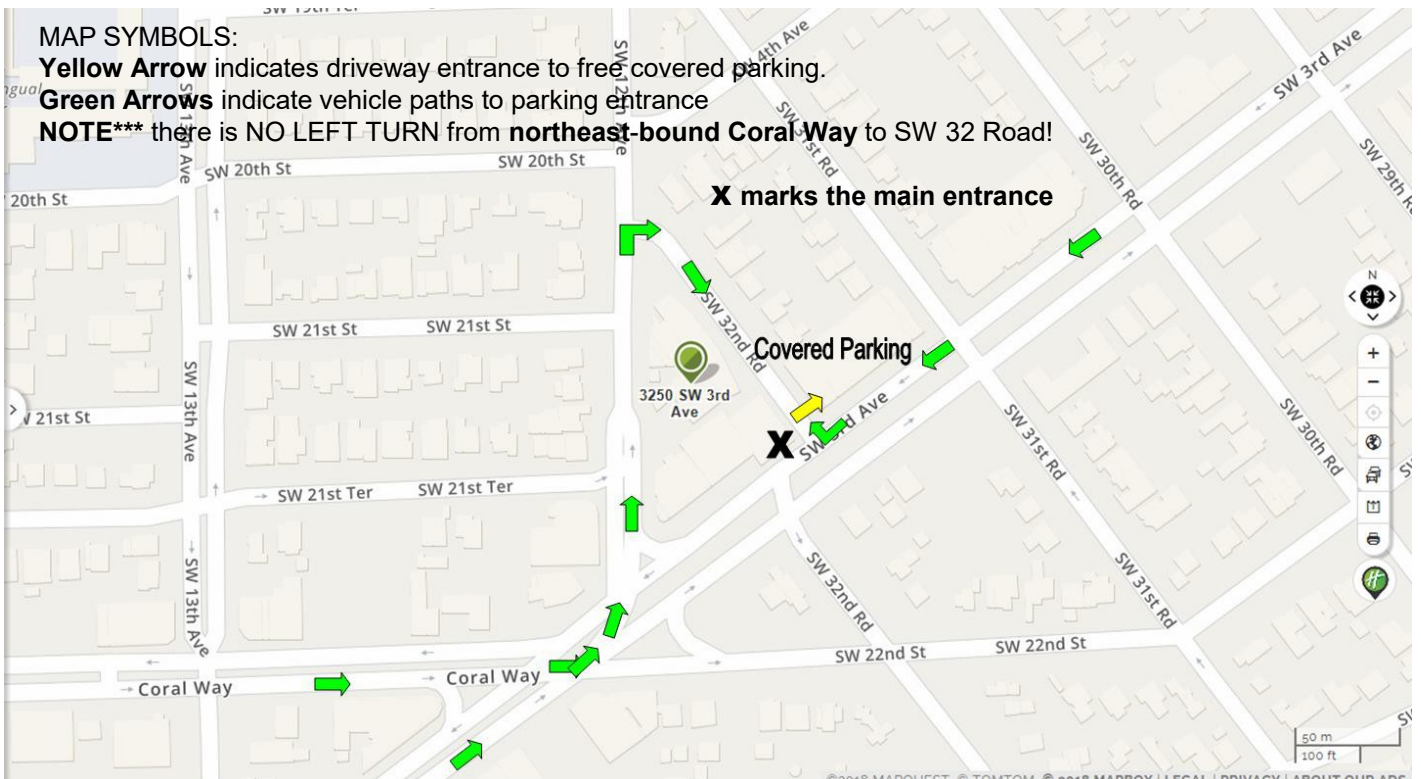


MAP SYMBOLS:

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 or leave us a voicemail message at 305.460.2244

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