



## **Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild**



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### ***Tri-county Picnic This Sunday***

The next tri-county picnic will be at TY Park in Broward County on Sunday April 28 - 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!

This month, there is no General Meeting at United Way – historically, May through August meetings have such low turnout that we wind up not having them. This doesn't mean that nothing is happening. We'll still send you THE GEODE monthly – and we'll notify you about other events such as the Tri-county picnic above

We're still working on the opportunity to hold an expanded monthly meeting in Dr. Garcia's "outdoor classroom" at the Carver Middle School in Coconut Grove – only now we hope to arrange the event on a teacher planning day in September or October.

We've identified volunteers for the more technical activities, but we're still looking for VOLUNTEERS for the following:

- Supervising "gem mining" at the sluice
- Identifying "mined" gems and minerals
- Answering mineral questions
- Setting up/taking down exhibit cases

To volunteer, please email us at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org). Thanks

### ***Yes, it's really happening...***

The new lapidary workshop is up and running - for our dues-paid members. Our first session is May 4 tutoring a newbie to use the "cabbing" machine. Initially, all sessions will be by appointment only - and only on weekends. Once we get the logistical kinks ironed out of the process, we'll slowly expand to evenings. (This is due to the fact that we don't have exclusive use of the facility – we're guests here.)

Even long time experienced members will need to go through an initial refresher program to insure all safety protocols are being followed. Eventually, we hope to set up a calendar schedule system for tutoring as well as for open workshop sessions. If you're interested in using the workshop, email us at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org).

The membership year started 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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