



## **Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild**



***Where South Florida Really Rocks!***

**The Geode – The MMLG Monthly Newsletter**

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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 May 9) 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 a presentation on FINDING EMERALDS IN AMERICA.**

**We also will present raffle prizes (from our SpringShow) to those winners who were not present at the drawing when the Show ended.**

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

### **Club News –**

- Our Spring Show (just past) was a phenomenal success!!! In addition to exhibiting some spectacular specimens in our Club's collection, we featured a sale and auction of specimens and equipment that were extremely successful – all the equipment sold, and 80% of the specimens were purchased by visitors. Some folks went home with incredible bargains. A Diamond Pacific Genie 6-wheel unit sold for \$250. A Graves CabMate in working condition sold for \$50. A Foredom flex-shaft went for \$10. Polished Agate slabs @ \$1 sold out quickly. Double-terminated Herkimers-in-matrix flew out the door!

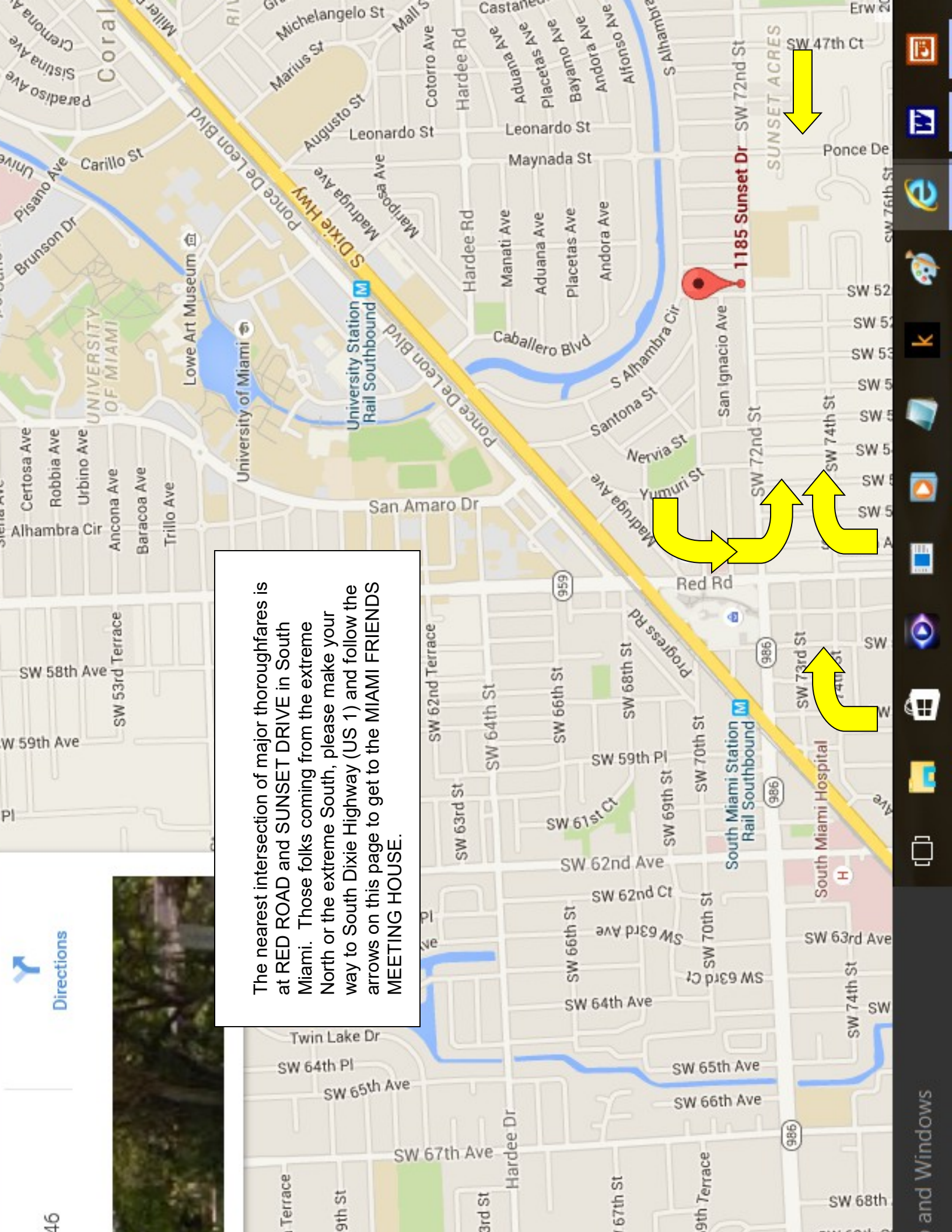
If any of you have photos or video of the recent show, please email us at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org). Once we have copies of all the video/photos that are available, we'll post them on our web site.

- The next tri-county club picnic will take place at TY Park in Hollywood on May 22 in Pavilion 9 – food, friends, fun! It's our last picnic until the Fall – be there for all the fun and good times! Bring a dish to share – the chow line starts up before Noon. Rocks, gems, and jewelry for swap or sale – raffle and bingo!

- We're sorry to share some sad news about a past associate: Sean Duran has passed away. Sean was Vice President of Exhibition and Design at the Frost Science Museum (where we were co-located for 60+ years). One of his roles was to serve as the Museum's liaison with our Club. We always appreciated his insights and suggestions. Sean's family has asked that (in lieu of flowers) donations be made to the Bridget Duran Scholarship Fund. The MMLG is sending a check for \$100.

-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.



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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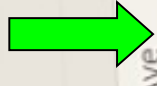
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Our monthly General Meetings are in Coral Gables directly across the street from Sunset Elementary School at the Miami Friends Meeting House. The street address is 1185 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables, FL. Coral Gables addresses are not on the Miami map grid. The Meeting house is on the corner of SW 52 Avenue (Trionfo Street) and 72 Street (Sunset Drive). There is plenty of on-street angle parking on the other side of Trionfo Street, as well as on San Ignacio (see green arrows). Please don't park where there are NO PARKING signs. There is also a driveway (orange arrow) into the onsite parking, but that area becomes very muddy when it rains. Please enter by walking through the main door by following the paved driveway.

Miami Friends Meeting

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