



## Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild



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**The Geode – The MMLG Monthly Newsletter**

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Our next meeting will take place at the MIAMI FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE on Monday Nov 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. Please follow the directions on the MAP .pdf below for on-street parking.

The November meeting is always different from our regular monthly meetings - it functions as our annual Membership Business Meeting. Dues-paid members vote on club business matters as well as in our annual election of officers and trustees. We don't have an educational program or raffle at this meeting. Instead, we feature a silent auction (by and for our members and friends) as an inducement to attend. *There are serious bargains to be found at these auctions!!!*

So, bring your specimens and jewelry pieces to sell - and bring cash to buy! We're looking forward to a good turnout.

We hope to see you there!

### Club News –

- As many of you already know, our Fall Gem-and-Mineral Show will take place on Dec 5 & 6. We have a larger roster of vendors – as well as a waiting list, should any drop out. We'll have the UM GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT there as well as a Children's Activity Table – plus Exhibit Showcases. If any member wishes to present a mineral or lapidary exhibit, please contact John Speier 954.648.1874. There will be raffles, door prizes, and a CLUB TABLE featuring seriously-discounted items for sale.

- Also, we need member volunteers to help out at the show – a morning shift from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and an afternoon shift from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – each day. If you are able to contribute a three-hour block of time during the Show, please call Sandy Mielke at 786.546.3454.

- Our Holiday Party will take place at 7:00 PM on Monday Dec 14 at the MIAMI FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE. We'll send you notice the week before. The Club provides turkey and ham, and the rest is "pot luck" with you members providing the side dishes. There will be a gift exchange (for those who wish to participate) as well as door prizes and BINGO prizes.

- 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? Dues-paid members are entitled to a number of benefits:

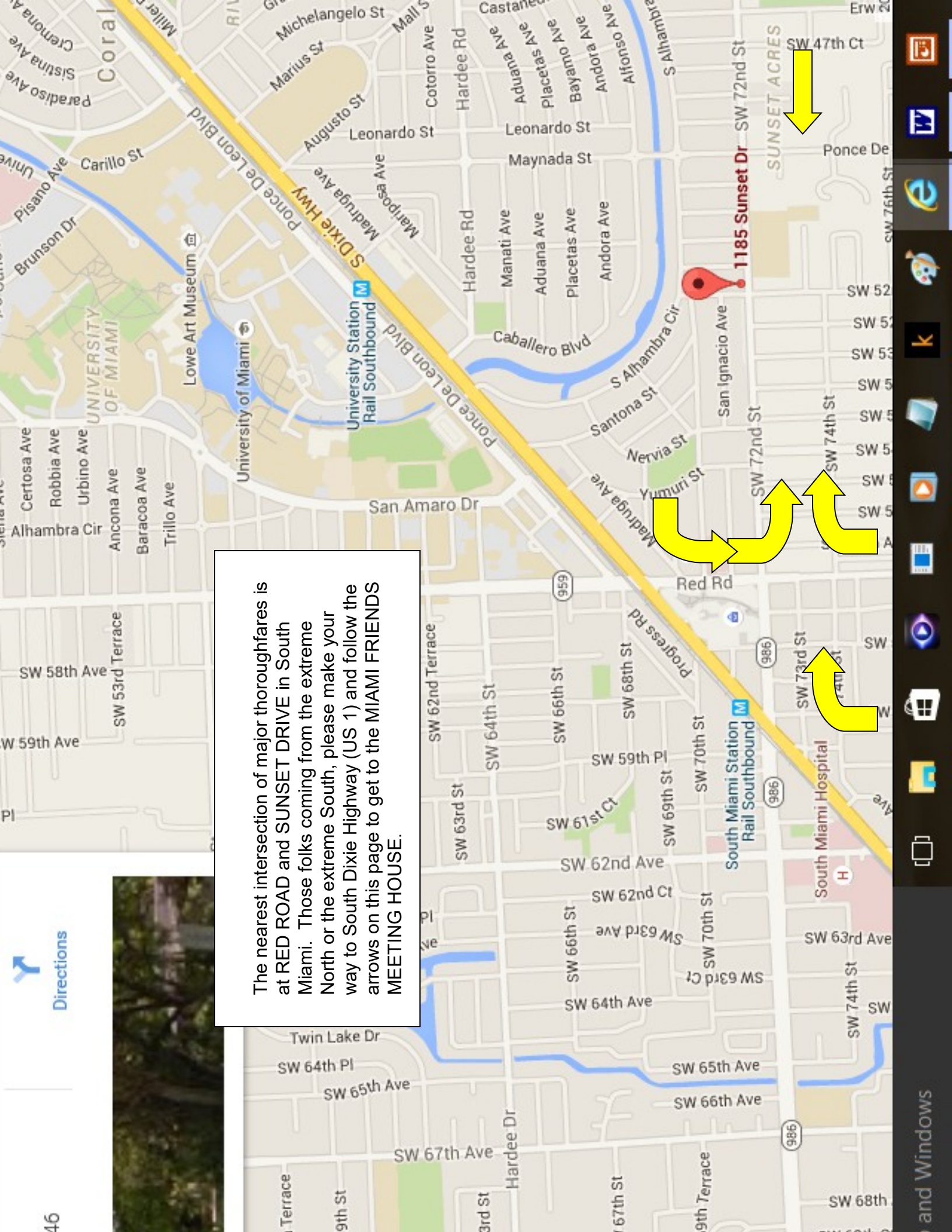
- participation at all club activities
- discounts on publications and outside educational activities
- access to club library, displays, and collections
- accidental injury insurance on field trips and at club activities
- discount access to club sponsored classes and workshops
- special interest groups 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!!!!

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Directions

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.

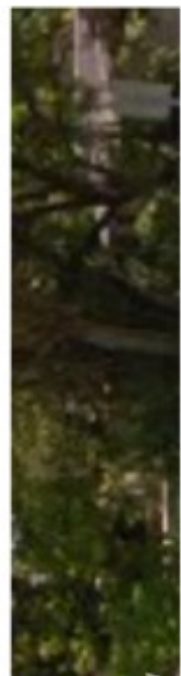


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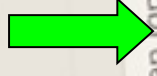
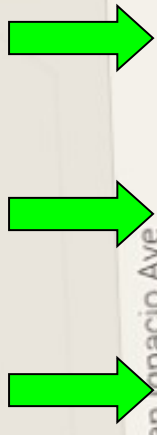
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Our monthly General Meetings are in Coral Gables directly across the street from Sunset Elementary School at the Miami Friends Meeting House. The street address is 1185 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables, FL. Coral Gables addresses are not on the Miami map 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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Our club is an affiliate of the *Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies (EFMLS)*. One of the benefits of that affiliation is the opportunity to sharpen our skills and deepen our appreciation for our unique common interest in special workshops conducted at *Wildacres*, a Western North Carolina conference center dedicated to the betterment of human relations. The facilities are used by educational and cultural groups such as music, art, mineral & lapidary classes, and religious, interfaith, civic, and science seminars. More than 80 diverse groups participate in a typical Wildacres season.

EFMLS sponsors Spring and Fall Workshops there that some of our fellow MMLG members have attended. (Some of our long-time members have even been instructors there!) This your opportunity to indulge your passion for minerals, gems, jewelry, and craft. There are entry- and intermediate-level short classes and fabulous programs from their great Speakers-in-Residence. Form new friendships and deepen old ones.

Do it all at *Wildacres*, a beautiful retreat center atop the Blue Ridge Mountains.

For complete details, contact [info@efmls-wildacres.org](mailto:info@efmls-wildacres.org)

