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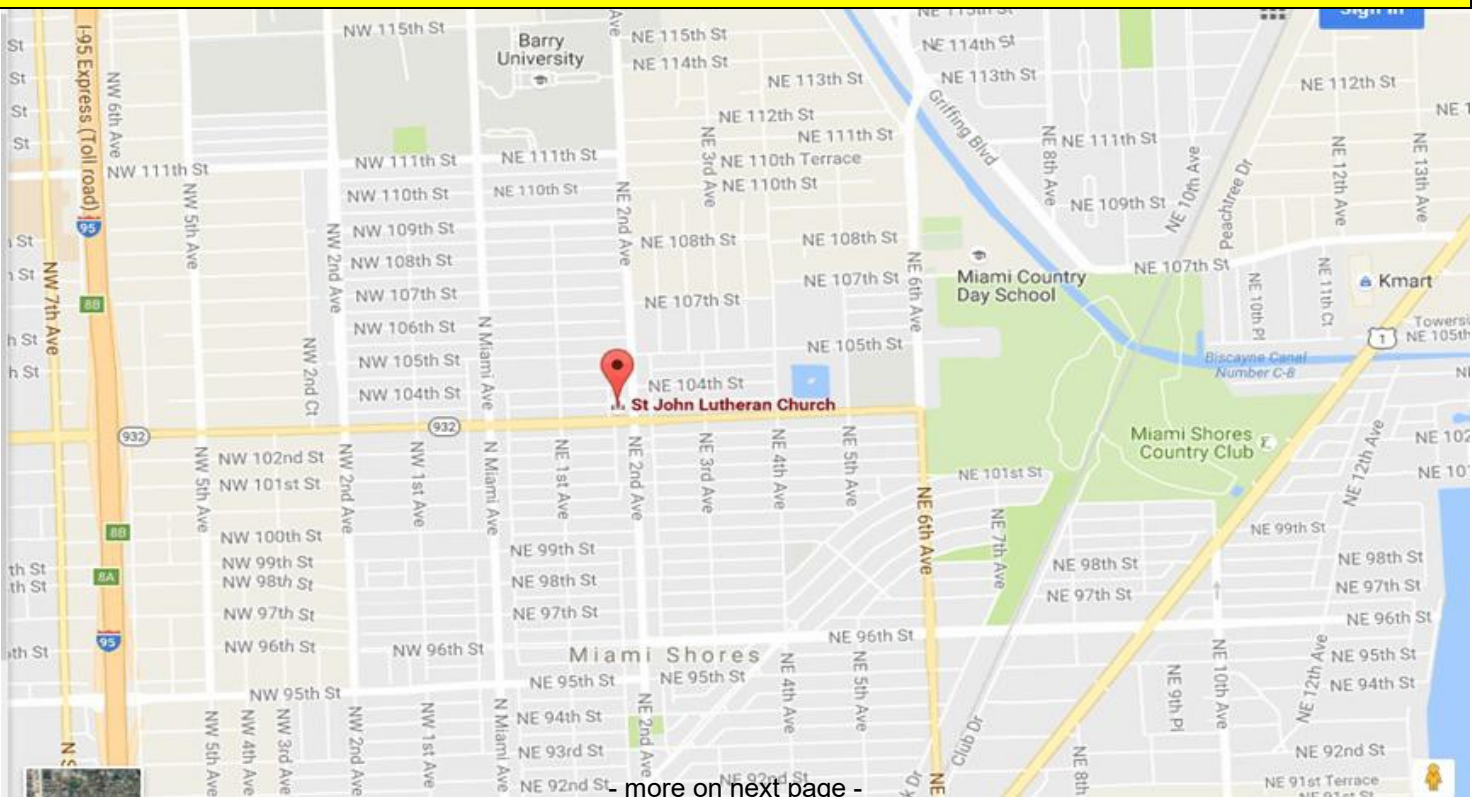
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The MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD (MMLG) presents its November *Rock-Mineral-Fossil Open House Event* on Saturday Nov 12 from 1 PM to 4 PM in Fellowship Hall at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10390 NE 2 Avenue in Miami Shores, with plenty of free parking. Families and individuals of all ages are welcome to this free community event.

There will be exhibits, displays, educational presentations, raffles, and club members 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 – and every child receives a free mini mineral collection! Stay for just a few minutes – or stay for the whole time. There will be plenty to keep your attention!

The Show & Tell - Swap & Sell, the children's activities, and the exhibits will take place continuously during the session. We're also presenting a video presentation, *WHERE DO DIAMONDS COME FROM?* (featuring an on-screen appearance by diamond geology expert, FIU's own Professor Stephen Haggerty) - with showings starting at 1:15 PM, 2:15 PM and 3:15 PM. We'll also have our very popular *LUCKY 7 CHINESE RAFFLE* of minerals and lapidary items taking place at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM.

The parking lot entrance on NE 103 Street is only 2 minutes from the I-95 on- and off-ramps. The site is 8 blocks south of Barry University - 4 blocks west of Miami Shores Country Club - and 2 blocks north of Miami Shores Village Hall.



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**Club News –**

-We are now part of AmazonSmile, a way to financially support the Guild through purchases at Amazon.com. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to MMLG. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

The link below will take people directly to the special *smile.amazon.com* web page that supports the MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD INC. You may also want to bookmark the page in your computer to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-0998992>

- A number of members responded to last month’s announcement about vendor opportunities at our upcoming December Show. We still have one table available. If you’re interested, email us at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org).

- Just as reminder: Our upcoming membership year starts January 1, 2017. 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

- Don’t forget that our club website is your website. If you have news to announce, photos to share, stuff to sell or trade, contact us at [webguy@mmlg-inc.org](mailto:webguy@mmlg-inc.org) so that we can put it on the appropriate page at our website. Also, to make it easier for our members to share our website with friends, we have secured a much-easier-to-remember alternate domain name: [www.miamigemandmineral.com](http://www.miamigemandmineral.com).

- 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!!!!

- Any member wishing to serve on a committee and/or present a program should contact John Speier, at 954.648.1874.

-The GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY OF THE PALM BEACHES is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Nov 19 & 20 with its *Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Bead, and Jewelry Show* at the South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center – more than 80 dealers from all over the country will offer a wide range of merchandise—fine jewelry, southwestern Indian jewelry, bead jewelry, loose beads, rocks and minerals for specimen collecting and cutting, loose precious and semi-precious gemstones, settings and findings, fossils, meteorites, tools, books, and much, much more. This year’s golden 50th anniversary will feature a Geologist from the Smithsonian Institution presenting an educational session as well as displaying a showcase of recent specimen acquisitions for the museum! The show also offers a wide range of additional educational activities and exhibits plus a demonstration area where society members will be showcasing skills learned in club classes, including faceting, cabochon making, chain making, and bead stringing. Hourly door prizes awarded both days, a show Grand Prize and other drawings will be held. Also invited are several local education-based clubs to display as well as the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium. Adults/Seniors: 1 day \$9.00 or 2 day pass \$12.00 - Children under 12 are FREE. More info and discount coupon at [gemandmineralsociety.org](http://gemandmineralsociety.org).

- The next tri-county club picnic will take place at TY Park in Hollywood on Sunday January 22nd 2017 in Pavilion 9 – food, friends, fun! Mark it on your calendar – bring a side dish (the Clubs provide turkey, ham, and sloppy Joes). Brunching & Munching starts around 11 AM, and there’s a lot of Show-and-Tell plus Swap-and-Sell of minerals, gems, jewelry, supplies – all followed by a raffle and bingo. Take Sheridan Street west off I-95

The MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD (MMLG) is celebrating its **63rd anniversary** by holding a Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show on Dec 10 & 11 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 \$4 – 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..



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