

Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild



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The turnout at our first meeting at the FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE in Coral Gables was modest - but better than we expected. We later heard from some members that they had trouble finding the location, so we are putting our map/direction pages into this issue so that they may be printed and carried with you for assistance.

Everyone enjoyed the multi-media presentation as well as the live in-person display of Sapphire specimens.

The next meeting will take place at the FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE on Monday Oct 12 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 for on-street parking.

The October birthstone is Opal – feel free to bring specimens, cut stones, and jewelry for show-and-tell.

The featured presentation will be a video, THE TANZANITE STORY, which will answer all the questions you may have about Tanzanite (and then even more!) There will be meet-and-greet, announcements, a door prize, Sandy's world-famous raffle (Patrick is unavailable that evening), and refreshments.

We hope to see you there! (If you have trouble – even with the maps – finding the place, call our cell phone 786.546.3454.)

Club News –

-As many of you already know, our Fall Gem-and-Mineral Show will take place on Dec 5 & 6. We reconfigured the floor plan to create more vendor opportunities for members – and we've had huge response, *even before we announced it!* So-o-o-o, right now, all we have left is a **waiting list**. (At the April show, several vendors did NOT show up, and three people on the waiting list got last-minute tables.) To be put on the list, send an email to webguy@mmlg-inc.org – names will be added to the list in the order received. Dues-paid members only.

-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 and click on "trading post" to get started.

- 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

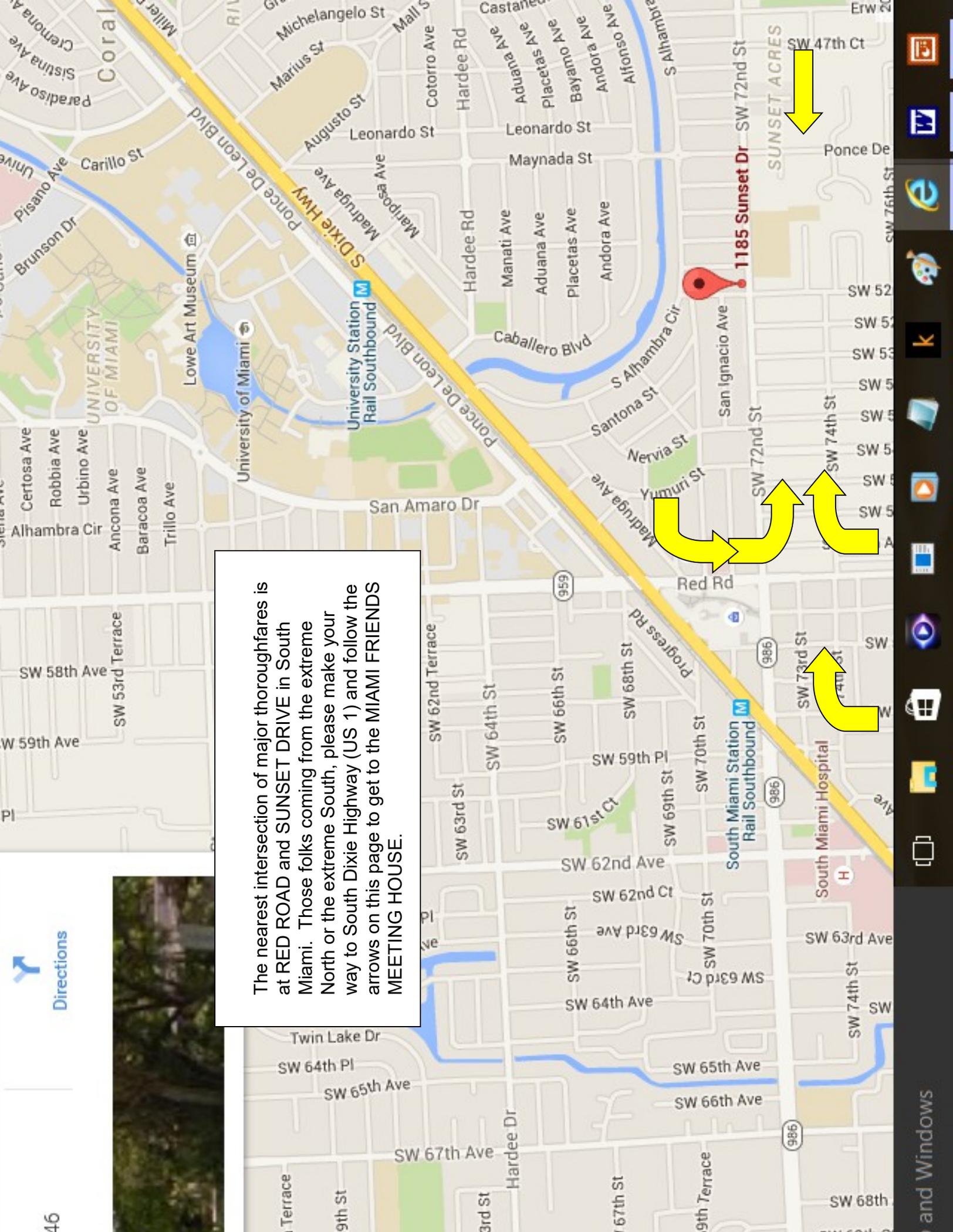
- Our newsletter accepts business and commercial advertising. The Guild charges \$35.00 per year to advertise a "business card" listing in **The Geode**. This amounts to just a few dollars per month – call us or email us to set it up. Additionally, if any hobby-related advertisers present a program (on any Guild related subject) at one of our meetings, the yearly fee of \$35.00 will be refunded!!!!

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

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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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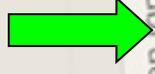
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Our monthly General Meetings are in Coral Gables directly across the street from Sunset Elementary School at the Miami Friends Meeting House. The street address is 1185 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables, FL. Coral Gables addresses are not on the Miami map 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

