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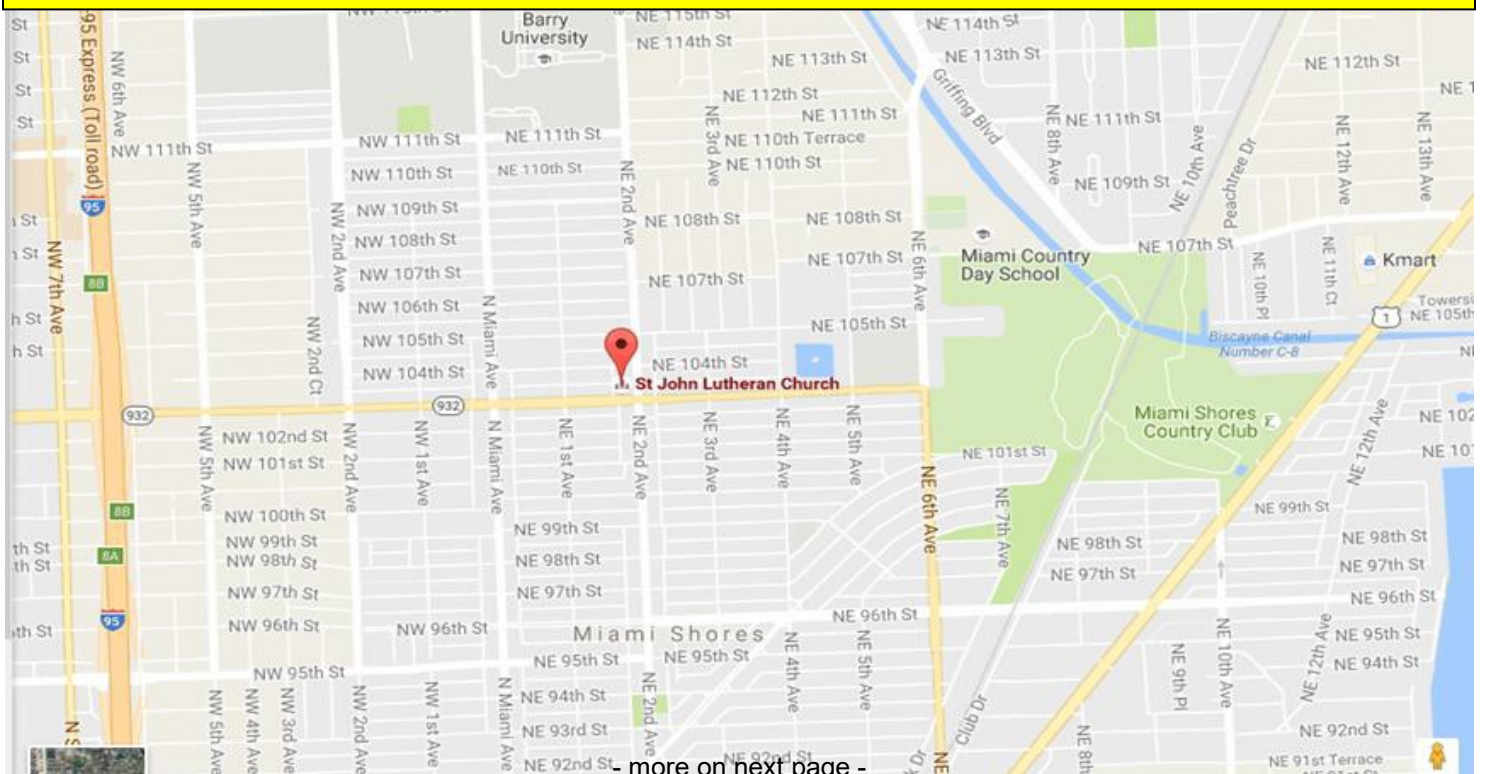
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The MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD (MMLG) presents its October *Rock-Mineral-Fossil Open House Event* on Saturday Oct 8 from 1 PM to 4 PM in Fellowship Hall at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 10390 NE 2 Avenue in Miami Shores, with plenty 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, RHODOCHROSITE: Red Treasure of the Rockies - with showings starting at 1:00 PM and 2:30 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 a few tables 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.

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