



**Miami Mineralogical
and
Lapidary Guild**



Where South Florida Really Rocks!

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semi-annual
GEM & MINERAL SHOW
(We've got jewelry & fossils too!)

Gems – Minerals – Exhibits - Raffles
Artisan Jewelry – Children's Activities

**Sat & Sun
Dec 3 & 4**

Sat - 10 AM to 6 PM
Sun - 10 AM to 5 PM
at

Evelyn Greer Park

in Pinecrest - free parking
8200 SW 124 Street – one block off US1

Admission: \$6

Half price with this flyer!
(children under 12 free with paid adult)

Go to our website for complete information,
including a map and directions
www.miamigemandmineral.com



Our **December Meeting/Holiday Party**
will take place on Sunday Dec 11 from 1 to
4 PM at the **BETTER FAMILIES
THROUGH TAE KWON DO ACADEMY**

located at 6723 SW 81st St. Miami, FL 33143 just
behind **THE BIG CHEESE**, a South Dade dining
landmark.

At this special celebration, we'll forego our regular
educational presentation – and concentrate on prizes.
We will have our **regular raffle** and **multiple door
prizes** – not to mention an optional **gift exchange** for
those who choose to participate. (We encourage
inexpensive gifts related to our hobby- please do not
exceed \$15.) Oh! Did I forget to mention? There will be
door prizes – multiple door prizes!



This is a **potluck holiday food event** – with
everyone bringing something to share. The Club will
provide ham & turkey, and we ask you folks to bring
side dishes, salads, desserts, holiday specialties, and
seasonal beverages. (We'll also provide all utensils,
disposable dishware, napkins, etc – as well as coffee,
tea, soda, and water.) We hope that you will join us for
holiday cheer, great food, fabulous prizes, and really
good time!

Please **RSVP** with how many will attend ((so we can
have enough tables set up) by email at
webguy@mmlg-inc.org or on our voicemail
[305.460.2244](tel:305.460.2244).



Things for children to do at the MMLG Show

CHILDREN'S JEWELRY MAKING

The children's jewelry making activity is an MMLG sponsored activity conducted during the semi-annual shows. There is no charge and drilled stone and bead contributions come from vendors or purchasing journeys. Stretch elastic is used to make bracelets which the children design by lining up their choices (from pocketed jewelry boxes) and "stringing" them onto the elastic which is laid out horizontally in front of them on a felt pad. The MMLG sponsor helps to size the project, ties the elastic securely, and cuts the ends so that the child can wear it right away.

CHILDREN'S SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY

There are many visible features about stones that children can observe. The scavenger hunt activity for children is about minerals, stones, or rocks with a themed plan. For instance, there could be banded stones, stones in their particular environments (state stone choices), stones with their crystal systems, stones that have "ite" names, etc. The hunt for the December 2022 show is about patterned or picture stones. Vendors who participate will have a real sample stone to show the child. The vendor will have information about relevant features. The child has a paper with various stone pictures on it and 10 to 12 lines in order to record the name of the stones as they visit the vendors. the lines are numbered to match the vendors' numbered areas. When the paper is completed, a sponsor checks it and the child receives a little bag of stones as a reward.



Our Lapidary Workshop has been and continues to be available to our members (on an appointment basis) at no cost to members. The Workshop boasts two cabbing machines, a trim saw, and a Dremel tool station. (And we're periodically receiving new equipment from the estates of former members who are no longer with us.) Club members who would like to use any of our equipment or just use bench space for their own lapidary projects should call our club voicemail at 305.460.2244. We'll see that the right person gets back to you.

Our Beading Workshop (limited to 3 or 4 participants at a time) has met continuously on a twice-a-month basis – producing an array of beautiful creations



WE'RE TRYING NOT TO SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD... (Ah, sadly – most of you younger folks have little acquaintance with the unique characteristics of **vinyl** audio!)

The life blood of any non-profit organization is its cadre of volunteers.



Our club (MMLG) has fewer and fewer members handling the same undiminished work load of responsibilities. Some of our member volunteers are serving in double, triple, even quadruple capacities – and **we need your help to share the work load**. Most roles don't require special skills or major time commitment – helping to set up for meetings, bringing refreshments, selling raffle tickets, helping with the shows, distributing event flyers. Other roles will need unique attributes – editing a newsletter, managing a website, monitoring the club's voicemail messages, creating educational presentations. Others involve the sensitivities and responsibilities of organizational skills. If you are at all able to respond to the club's needs, please email us at webguy@mmlg-inc.org. Additionally, we're resuming our annual election of Officers and Trustees at our November meeting, and we encourage the participation of all folks with a desire to serve in addressing our Club's challenges.

2022 MMLG Officers and Board of Trustees

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