



**Miami Mineralogical
and
Lapidary Guild**



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THE GEODE – The MMLG Monthly Newsletter

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Our January club meeting will take place SUNDAY
January 25 1PM at the BETTER FAMILIES
THROUGH TAE KWON DO located at 6723 SW
81st St. Miami, FL 33143 just behind THE BIG
CHEESE, a South Dade dining landmark.
*Besides our meeting and educational
presentation there will be raffles, refreshments,
and door prizes.*

"Fossilized Lightning and Other
Mineraloids."

By Adam Lawrence

He will be bringing
samples to share in
the raffle



The meeting will be livestreamed

Join Zoom Meeting

Time: January 25, 2026 01:00 PM EST

Link through the website <https://rocknerdclub.com/>

or use link <https://ave.zoom.us/j/98289157445>

Meeting ID: 982 8915 7445

It is time to RENEW your membership!



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New Member Information Form

Please print all information clearly. Seriously, we mean it – we've had members sign up and then never hear from us again because we couldn't read what they wrote down.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Mailing Address (Optional): _____

Area(s) of Interest – please check all that apply:

Minerals Gemstones Jewelry Making Lapidary Crafts
 Fossils Rockhounding Geology Commercial Gem/Jewelry
 Other _____

Annual Dues are payable on January 1st of each year. Please submit payment (to MMLG) with this form.

Individual - \$20.00

Family - \$25.00

Junior (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

Annual dues payments should be mailed to:

Dianne Mielke, Treasurer
MMLG
2434 Swanson Avenue
Miami, FL 33133

Please make check payable to **MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD** - the bank will not accept checks made out to MMLG. Thank you.

Member Benefits

- Up to date information
- Monthly newsletter
- Early access to fossils digs, fieldtrips
- Sample of Stone of the Month
- Access to training and usage of cabbing workshop
- Access to training for beading jewelry classes
- Free presentations to school groups, organization on a variety of geology topics and STEAM activities
- NEW- free give-aways/ Share-a-Thon



NEW member event: Every current member will be able to chose cabbing slabs. There are LOTS of wonderful specimens. We had a wonderful donation and want to share with members. Hope to See You!

Stone of the Month

By Diane Mielke

We would like members to bring their example of the Stone of the Month to share with others.

PANTONE'S COLOR OF 2026 - CLOUD DANCER WHITE

The Pantone Color of the Year for 2026 is Cloud Dancer (PANTONE 11-4201), a lofty, billowy off-white chosen to symbolize calm, quiet reflection, and new beginnings in a fast paced world, marking the first time Pantone has selected a shade of white as its Color of the Year. This neutral, serene color serves as a blank canvas, inviting focus and creativity by offering a sense of peace and a fresh start.

Key Characteristics:

Color: A soft, airy, balanced white with a tranquil, serene feel, rather than a stark, sterile white.

Symbolism: Represents a desire for quiet reflection, new beginnings, mental clarity, and a counterbalance to overstimulation.

Theme: Acts as a "soft reset," allowing for mindful living, creative release, and a fresh perspective.

Why it was chosen: • In response to a noisy, overconnected world, Cloud Dancer offers a moment of calm and a space to breathe and focus. It signifies a desire for simplicity, inner tranquility, and a clean slate for ideas and vision.

STONES: agate, cacholong, milky quartz, moonstone, scolecite, ulexite, rock crystal, white coral, white selenite, white jade, • White Topaz, white pearl, white sapphire, white quartz

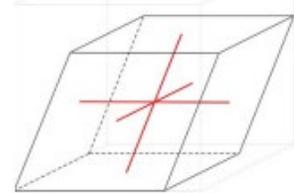
Snow Quartz is another name for MILKY QUARTZ which is known for its cloudy, opaque or ethereal look from trapped gas/ water bubbles that occur during crystal formation.

Beliefs: Milky quartz is believed by some to promote harmony, balance, and clarity with a sense of calm to help a person connect with inner peace. Sometimes the growth stages are seen and thought to symbolize personal transformations.

History: This stone was used in prehistoric toolmaking in the Paleolithic era, for weapons and fire-starting, during the Greco-Roman period for wound cauterization with the help of sunlight. The Mayans used it to douse for water. In Ancient Egypt it was valued for beads, vessels, and sculptures.

Locations: the Alps of Switzerland and Italy, Madagascar, India, China, Brazil, the U.S. in Arkansas, North Carolina, and Colorado.

Crystal System: Trigonal with hexagonal prisms with



Milky Quartz



White Moonstone



White Agate

Join us at Coral Castle



Field Trip Adventure

Join us for exploration!

January 18

10am



Experience the
wonders of Coral
Castle

Connect with fellow
guild members and
enthusiasts



Admission

\$25

Location

28655 S
Dixie Hwy



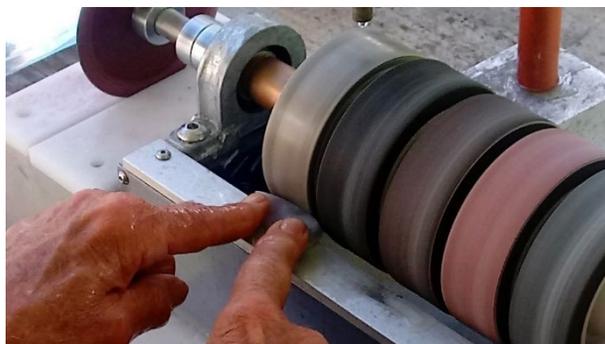
Don't miss this
unique experience!

MINERALS, CRYSTALS, & GEMS



If you want to know more about crystal, their shapes and information. The club has a poster you can buy. \$12.00

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 capping 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.



We are in need of members who would like to be more involved in the club activities. We are looking for board members and/or committees.



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