

MAP TO CLUBHOUSE



MOBILE ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date _____

Applicant's
Name _____

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Telephone Home (____) _____ - _____

Work # (____) _____ - _____

Cell # (____) _____ - _____

E-mail _____

I (we) am (are) applying for:

____ Husband & Wife Membership \$25.00 per year
(Jan. 1–Dec. 31) includes MRGS *Cabber Gabber*
Gabber newsletter

____ Individual Adult Membership \$15.00 per year
(Jan. 1–Dec. 31) includes MRGS *Cabber Gabber*
Newsletter

____ Family Membership (Husband & Wife) \$25.00
each Junior \$3.00 includes MRGS *Cabber Gabber*
newsletter

____ Junior Membership (ages 9-17) \$5.00 per year
(Jan. 1–Dec. 31) no MRGS *Cabber Gabber*
newsletter

Applicant's
Signature _____

Birth month _____

Spouse's Signature

Birth month _____

Mail to: Treasurer
Mobile Rock and Gem Society
1324 Forest Dell Road
Mobile, AL 36618-1726

MOBILE ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY



The Mobile Rock and Gem Society is a 501(c) (3) tax exempt organization. Membership is open to anyone age seven or older with an interest in lapidary, mineralogy, petrology, paleontology, geology, and other related earth sciences. We meet at 7:00 PM, on the second Tuesday of each month, at our clubhouse at 1324 Forest Dell Road Mobile, Ala. 36618-1726. The location of the society's clubhouse is depicted on the map on the last page of this brochure, along with a membership application.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

OBJECTIVE OF THE SOCIETY

Sponsor an educational program to increase the knowledge of members and the general public regarding the properties, identification and evaluation of rocks, minerals, fossils and other related subjects by holding monthly meetings with lectures by qualified experts or lapidary-related demonstrations.

- Sponsor field trips to collect and study various kinds of rocks, fossils, and minerals.
- Publish a monthly bulletin containing educational material pertaining to lapidary arts, mineralogy, petrology, paleontology, geology, and other related fields.
- Maintain a library of reference materials on lapidary arts, mineralogy, petrology, paleontology, geology, and other related fields.
- Display gems, fossils, mineral and lapidary specimens at the Mobile Museum of Art, Greater Gulf States Fair, area universities and other venues when invited.
- Conduct an annual show for the general public at a nominal fee where members and nonmembers demonstrate lapidary techniques and display collections of gems, fossils, and minerals.
- Conduct an annual Gem-O-Rama where members and nonmembers may swap, trade sell, purchase or observe gem, fossil, and mineral specimens and other related material.

NEWSLETTER

The *Cabber Gabber*, the official bulletin of the Society, is published monthly with each member receiving a copy via email or postal service. It contains valuable society information, announcements, and educational material of interest to members. It also lists the officers of the society and other key personnel along with a calendar of upcoming events.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are sponsored for members to collect specimens and lapidary material. At least one trip is scheduled each month. Because of insurance requirements, only members of the society are allowed to attend field trips.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

The society's well-equipped *lapidary workshop* has saws, grinding wheels, and other equipment necessary to cut and polish lapidary material. It is supervised by qualified instructors and is normally opened the Friday night and Saturday morning following the monthly meeting. The society also offers monthly training in *faceting*, *wire working* and other areas of interest to members.

WEBSITE

Our website, <http://mobilerockandgem.com>, contains an abundance of information about the society. Please visit it frequently for the latest news regarding the Mobile Rock and Gem Society.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Junior members of the society are seven through seventeen years of age. They meet once a month for an enjoyable hands-on learning experience to study the various aspects of the society's interest. With these activities, juniors can earn badges (patches) through the *American Federation of Mineralogical Societies* and *Diamond Dan Productions*. Members over twelve are allowed to use the society's lapidary equipment under adult supervision.