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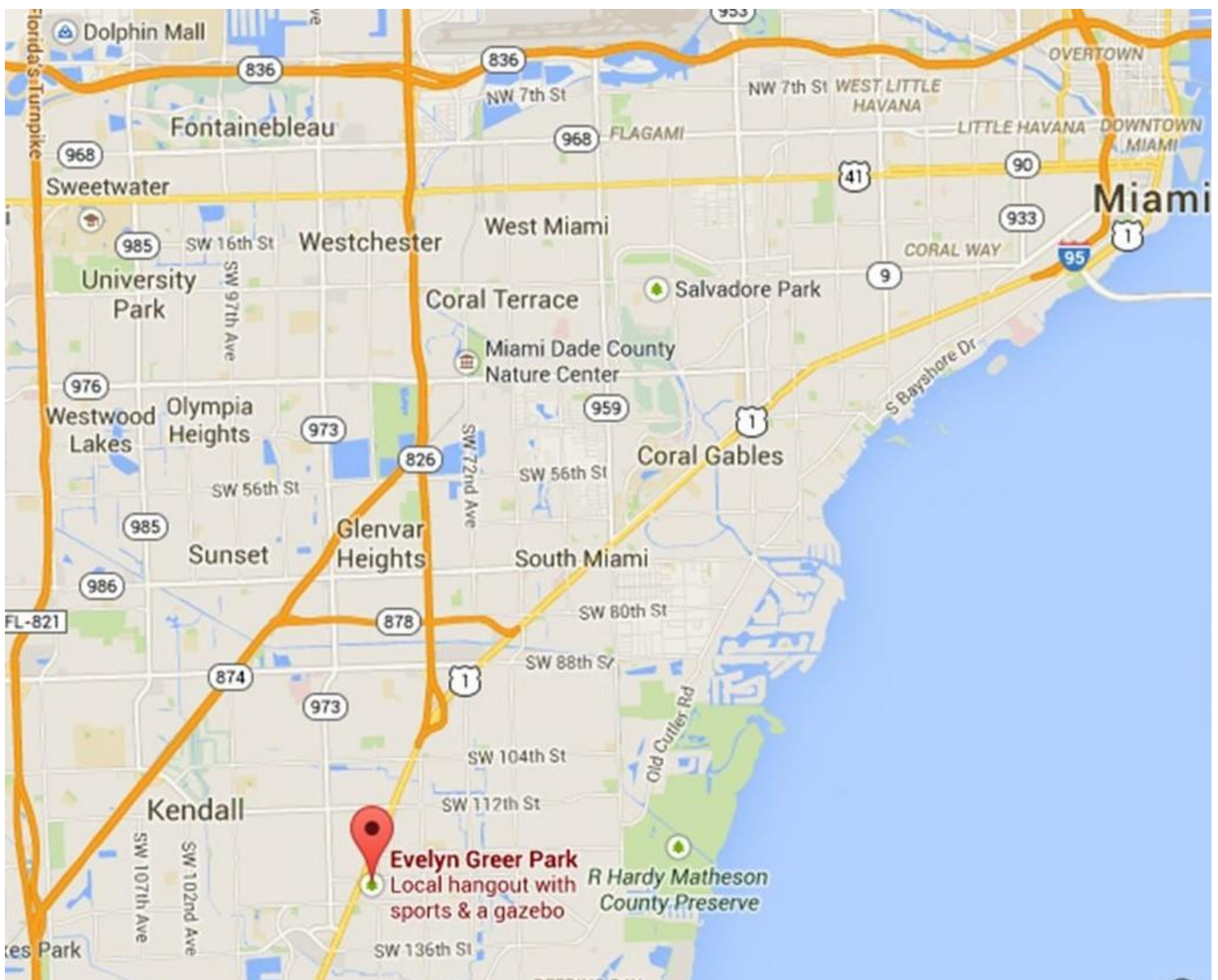
THE GEODE – The MMLG Monthly Newsletter

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May 2022 Spring Show

The MIAMI MINERALOGICAL AND LAPIDARY GUILD (MMLG) is holding a Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, and Fossil Show on Saturday and Sunday May 21 & 22 at EVELYN GREER PARK, 8200 SW 124 Street in the Village of Pinecrest (just south of Miami, FL) – one block off US 1 with plenty of free parking. Saturday hours are 10 to 6, and Sunday from 10 to 5. Admission is \$6 – children under 12 admitted free (with paid adult admission). There will be exhibits, displays, demonstrations, raffles, and vendors showcasing mineral & fossil specimens, gemstones, fine jewelry, and artisan-crafted collectibles. Children's activities include jewelry-making sessions, surprise grab-bags, and scavenger hunts. Admission discount coupons on next page – print and cut on dotted lines.



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What are Agates?



"Agate is the banded form of the mineral chalcedony, which is a microcrystalline variety of quartz. Agate is the most varied and popular type of chalcedony, having many varieties on its own," according to minerals.net.

Beyond the formal definitions, agates are fun! They are common and abundant and can be collected almost anywhere. No matter where you live, there is probably an agate field within easy reach for a day trip.

Their abundance makes most agates inexpensive at rock shops and gem shows. Plus, they can be enjoyed "as is" or cut, crafted, and tumble polished into lapidary wonders.

What are agates? The perfect stones for the beginning collector!

How are Agates Formed?

The best thing about agates is the variety they show in colors and patterns. An agate may grow as an undifferentiated mass. It may be all one color, or it may have inclusions or colorful concentric bands.

Agates are most commonly found as nodules within the cavities of volcanic rocks. These cavities are formed from the gases trapped within the liquid volcanic material forming vesicles.[8] Cavities are then filled in with silica-rich fluids from the volcanic[8] material, layers are deposited on the walls of the cavity slowly working their way inwards.

Agates are primarily formed within volcanic and metamorphic rocks. The ornamental use of agate dates back to Ancient Greece in assorted jewelry and in the seal stones of Greek warriors.[3] Use of beads necklaces with pierced and polished agate goes further back to the 3rd millennium BCE in the Indus Valley Civilisation.

The decorative arts use it to make ornaments such as pins, brooches or other types of jewelry, paper knives, inkstands, marbles and seals. Agate is also still used today for decorative displays, cabochons, beads, carvings and Intarsia art as well as face-polished and tumble-polished specimens of varying size and origin.



Something New at This Show...

We're going to do something different at this show: we're going to have a FREE DOORPRIZE RAFFLE, featuring a significant mineral specimen. We're all familiar with affluent collectors acquiring AMETHYST CATHEDRALS...yeah, well, this is NOT that. Our raffle prize is more of an AMETHYST CHAPEL!

It's a deep purple GEODE section of URUGUAYAN Amethyst measuring 4-1/4" tall, 3-1/2" wide, and 3" deep. It has a retail value of more than \$60.

No purchase or fee necessary – every show attendee is entitled to one entry. (Yes, we will screen all entries for duplicates prior to the actual drawing.)

Winner will be notified by email.



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We hope that you enjoy a safe MOTHER'S DAY!