



NEWSLETTER
FOR CENTRAL
BREVARD
ROCK AND
GEM CLUB

Brevard Gems

Web address: www.centralbrevardgems.org

**Open Shop Hours: Sun. 1-4 PM;
Wed. 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 1-4 PM.**

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APRIL 2021

President's Message

REMINDERS:

2021 DUES ARE DUE.

Remember to complete the membership form on the last page.

April 1. CBRGC Meeting at Merritt Island Library. 6 pm. See page 4 for program. There will be fossils.

April 17 & 18. Orlando Club Show. Sanford Civic Center. See attached flyer.

May 16. Melbourne Club Picnic at Goode Park in Palm Bay. Lapidary items for sale and auction. See p. 7.

June 6-11. SFMS William Holland Workshops. p.7.

April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar, the fifth in the early Julian, the first of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the second of five months to have a length of less than 31 days.

April's birthstone is the diamond.

So, time marches on and the world continues to turn. Life continues at its own pace and all we can do is the best that we can to survive and hopefully, to thrive/prosper/flourish!

The shop is open although it is a little quieter during the first session with Darlene on her way back to Montana. Tom, Billy and I are still here though if you would like to swing by and work on stones and stuff!! Help with Faceting, cabbing, wire wrap, although Michelle is much better at it than I am, is available as well as help with anything lapidary related that we can help you with.

The Club meetings seem to be progressing very nicely and I am very happy to see new faces in both the club meetings and the open shop. I hope to see you all at the next meeting and until then...

"Keep on Rockin!!

Mario Vento
2021 President



April 2021

■ **Classes** ■ **Open Shop** ■ **Meetings** ■ **Event**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Program for April 1 Meeting "Fossils" by Aiden Rouse			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm	Meeting at 6:00 pm at Library		
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Easter Shop Closed			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm.			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm	Earth Day. Be green.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	

INSTRUCTORS

- ◆ Michele is available to teach Wire Wrap or Opal Cutting or Intarsia on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. raymich06@bellsouth.net
- ◆ Mario will continue with Cabbing on Monday evenings 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. rokhounds@gmail.com
- ◆ Tom Brown is available for Wire Wrapping and Cabbing. tbrown2045@cfl.rr.com..
- ◆ Lucy is currently unavailable for Glass Fusing.
- ◆ John Catana for Beginner Silver, Advanced Silver, Southwest, Filigree, Baskets, or Casting at jcatana58@gmail.com.
- ◆ Bill Dewey for Faceting on Wednesday mornings.
- ◆ Elizabeth (izbet@aol.com) and Roz (roz.mestre@att.net) are available to teach Kumihimo and Basic Chainmail.

- ◆ Classes are available for all CBRGC members.
- ◆ To sign up for classes, please contact Roz by email at roz.mestre@att.net or 321-431-0159 or sign up at meeting.

CREATIONS FROM THE WORKSHOP



Michelle has been teaching wirewrapping at the shop.

Left: Rachel made this beautiful wirewrap bracelet.

Right: Richard created this gold and emerald pendant.

Linda wrapped this lovely cabochon in sterling silver.



Left: These are some of Sara's creations.

The copper wire tree with green gems is finished.

The windswept tree and the bracelet are under construction .

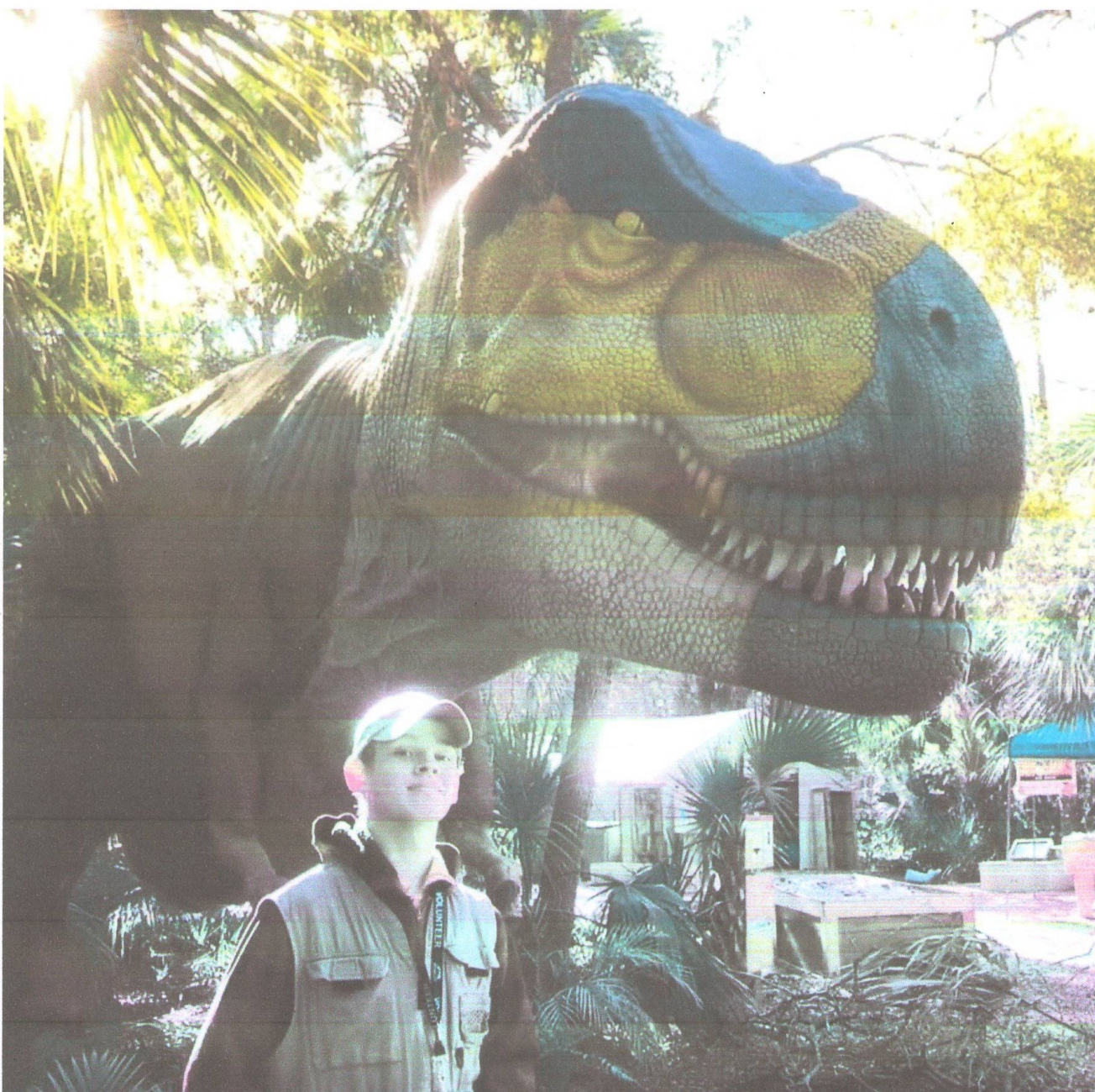
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT—Two pieces of equipment are being offered for closed bids with the minimum for each of \$80. These are in the Cape Canaveral Workshop for inspection. See the Standing Rule below. Bids must be submitted before 7 pm at the April 1st meeting at the Merritt Island Public Library



Standing rule says:
Section 8. **The Property/Workshop Committee will be responsible for declaring surplus shop equipment.** The list of equipment will be published in the newsletter for two consecutive months during the meeting year. The closed bids must be submitted to the Club President by 7:00pm at the following general membership meeting. Closed bids will be opened, read, and highest bidder declared by the Club President. (Adopted September 2007)

APRIL 1st GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Ever since his childhood, Rouse has been fascinated with all forms of prehistoric life. Throughout his career, Aiden has traveled all over the country expanding and sharing his knowledge on ancient life on earth. Currently, Aiden is an independent researcher and paleo educator with an archive of over 2,000 individual fossil specimens. He also takes part in many fossil excursions and works in conjunction with multiple paleontological facilities across the world.





BUSTING ROCKS IN THE HOT SUN. I FOUGHT THE LAW AND THE LAW WON. Not really.

Occasionally the club gets a rock that is just too big to be cut and it has to be broken into useable pieces.

Prez Mario and Pete volunteered to break down this large piece of quartz.



Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club depends on volunteers.

If you have some free time and would like to get involved, just ask a Board member.

You won't have to bust rocks, unless you really want to.



RESOURCES FOR ROCKHOUDING IN FLORIDA

http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/FGS/FGS_Publications/SP/SP8revLaneRocksMinerals.pdf This link will get you a free digital copy of the "Guide to Rocks and Minerals of Florida" by Ed Lane and published by the Florida Ecological Survey. Download it and print it out or keep it digital,

<https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu> Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville

Club Purpose:

The purpose of this club is to foster interest in and to promote knowledge and appreciation of minerals, gems, fossils, and the earth sciences. We also disseminate information and instruction in the lapidary arts and the utilization of precious metals in our crafts. These purposes are accomplished through regular meetings with informative programs, workshops, study groups, and field trips.



OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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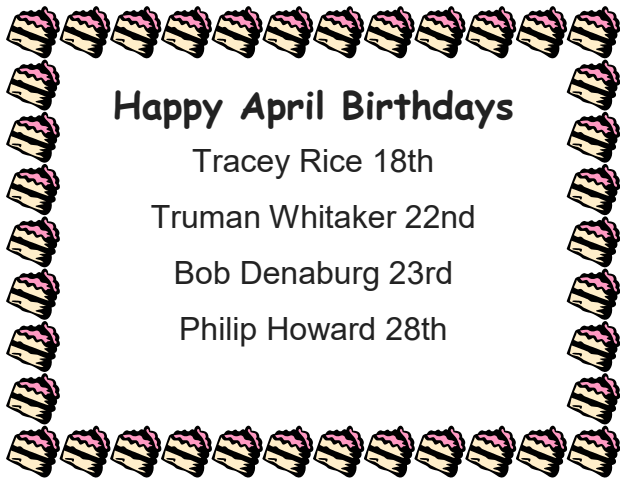
Shop Location:

407 Imperial Blvd, Unit D
Cape Canaveral, FL
(Imperial is located off A1A just south of the Port)



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Happy April Birthdays

Tracey Rice 18th
Truman Whitaker 22nd
Bob Denaburg 23rd
Philip Howard 28th



Walt's first cabochon at the shop.
Beautiful.

WISH LIST FOR THE WORKSHOP

These are some supplies we use at the workshop and since COVID has impacted our funds, these are some items that would be most appreciated. Please bring them in either at a meeting or at the workshop. Most of these can be found at a dollar store or on a BOGO or in a multipack. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

- Dawn dishwashing detergent
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- rags, towels
- Q tips
- copy paper
- kitty litter
- denture brushes (new)
- nail brushes (new)
- tooth brushes (new)
- empty shoe boxes with lids



SFMS William Holland Workshops

June 6-11, 2021

Please go to sfmsworkshops.org for class descriptions and instructor bios. Below is a list of classes

- Paul Roberts - Cab II class
- Bill Boggs - Intarsia
- Chuck Bruce - Silver III - Inlay II
- Cindy Moore - Metal Mania
- Dale Koebnick - Silver II - Cab Alt. w/Bezel Prongs & "Step Bezel" Tab Setting
- Debora Mauser - Low Tech Casting Mlcah Kirby - Electro-Etching with Silver forming
- Janet Pace - Flame Painting on Copper (almost full)
- Gene Sheridan - Wire II
- Jerri Heer - Gem Trees
- Tom Slavicek - Leather

Some of the items you can make in Cindy Moore's Metal Mania Class.

We hope you will join us for this fun and educational week.
I know we're all ready to get back to normal.

For more information contact the SFMS WH-Registrar:
Cindy Reed



Melbourne Club "Dolly's picnic"

The Melbourne club will be sponsoring a picnic that is not really a picnic, due to Covid, no food will be provided but members can bring their own food.

There will be lapidary items for sale and auction.

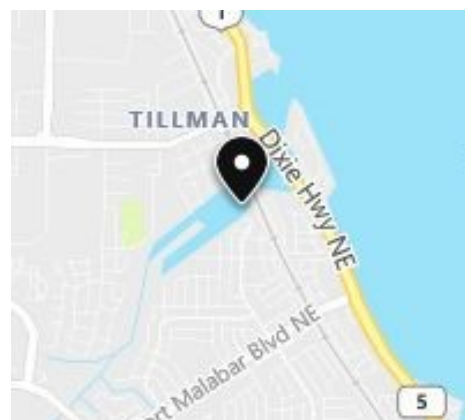
Date: May 16, Sunday

Time: to be determined

Location: Goode Park in Palm Bay

The Alex J. Goode Park boat ramp along Turkey Creek is operated by the City of Palm Bay and gives access to the Indian River Lagoon. Amenities include; single launching lane, courtesy docks, hand launching of kayaks and canoes, larger picnic pavilion, picnic tables, and restrooms. A fishing pier is on site also.

More details in next month's newsletter.



JOIN A PALEONTOLOGY DIG ON YOUR NEXT VACATION

Introducing

Ancient Odysseys

A new website dedicated to promoting paleontology fieldwork opportunities that are open to members of the public.

Ancient Odysseys.com was founded as a resource for people of all ages who have an interest in working in the field with paleontologists from museums and educational institutions.

No experience? No problem!

Each of the sites you'll find on Ancient Odysseys provides all the training and tools (and weather conditions!) for you to work right alongside the scientists.

Help scientists with their important work and have the adventure of a lifetime.

Featured Dig:

The Mammoth Site

Hot Springs, SD

May 30-June 5 | June 6-June 12

June 13-June 19 | June 20-June 26

Work alongside paleontologists to excavate mammoths and other Ice Age fauna on this one week dig in South Dakota. Space is limited to 10 participants per week.

www.ancientodysseys.com



**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
March 4, 2021
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 21

Meeting opened at 6:07pm with pledge of allegiance.

Mario spoke about his dealing with the virus affecting his daughter who fortunately had a mild case. He tested negative.

Membership: Michele gave report: 49 members including 34 renewals, 10 new, 5 life.

Treasurer: Michele reviewed bank balance, income and expenses through February 28. Show statistics presented: Admissions \$2,115.69, Silent Auction \$496.50, Grand Prizes \$361, Sluice and spinning wheel \$232, vendor fees \$6,445. We had 526 attendees. Our expenses were \$5,850 which did not leave us with much workable income for the club. We need to find ways to increase our income.

Workshop: Slab saw still waiting for parts to repair it. New 10" saw blade will be installed. Pixie parts have been ordered to repair pixie #1.

Classes: We discussed availability of classes for the month of March. Billy will continue with faceting Wednesday mornings, Mario has availability in cabbing class, John will be teaching silver casting and also has availability. Other classes offered: wirewrapping, opal cutting, glass fusing, beading, beginner and advanced silver, kumihimo, chainmaille.

Show: We all felt that the show went fairly well considering Covid restrictions. Most vendors reported they were happy with their sales. Grand prize winners received the items by mail since they were quite a distance from Brevard County. Several of our new vendors were asking to return for next year's show. We would like to hear from members regarding recommendations for the next show.

We had a short break for the silent auction.

Elizabeth presented Rockhounding in Florida that had many interesting ideas about what is allowed and where.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Roz Mestre

Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club Inc.

2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL DUES: ADULTS \$30.00, JUNIOR: \$10.00 (under 18 w/parent)

CBRGC USE ONLY

DATE: _____ NEW RENEWAL JUNIOR

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE#: _____ CELL#: _____

EMAIL: _____

B'DAY MONTH/DAY: _____

DATE: _____ PAID: _____

CASH CHARGE CHECK # _____

CARD ISSUED ISSUED BY _____

CLUB FUNCTION: _____ INITS: _____

SAFETY BRIEFING: _____ INITS: _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST;

GENERAL BEADING CABOCHONS CASTING FACETING FUSED GLASS

INLAY INTARSIA KUMIHIMO OPALS SILVER WIRE WRAP

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? FACEBOOK WEB FRIEND OTHER: _____

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

