



NEWSLETTER  
FOR CENTRAL  
BREVARD  
ROCK AND  
GEM CLUB

### REMINDERS:

**February 1-2, 2020**,  
43rd Symphony of  
Gemstones. Kiwanis  
Island. Free for  
current CBRGC  
Members.

**February 6, 2020**,  
CBRGC Meeting at  
Merritt Island Library.  
6 pm. Phil Howard  
will do a presentation  
on meteorites. See  
page 5.

**March 5, 2020**,  
CBRGC Meeting at  
Merritt Island Library.  
6 pm.

**April 2, 2020.**

**May 7, 2020.**

**June 4, 2020.**

Know any interesting  
speakers or  
upcoming events?  
Let someone on the  
board know or send  
an email to  
[CentralBrevardRocks  
@gmail.com](mailto:CentralBrevardRocks@gmail.com).

# Brevard Gems

Web address: [www.centralbrevardgems.org](http://www.centralbrevardgems.org)

**Open Shop Hours: Sun. 1-4 PM;  
Wed. 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 1-4 PM, and 6-9 PM;  
and Thurs. 6-9 PM. (except on meeting nights)**

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## President's Message

Hey People, it's February, the second, and shortest, month of the year. The only month with less than 30 days with the 29<sup>th</sup> day being a quadrennial (leap day). February is also the only month of the calendar that, once every six years and twice every 11 years consecutively, either back into the past or forward into the future, has four full 7-day weeks.

Its birth flowers are the violet (*Viola*), the common primrose (*Primula vulgaris*), and the Iris.

Its birthstone is the amethyst. It symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.

Things are beginning to proceed as usual and by the time you read this out annual rock & gem show will be over, so I would like to thank all of the people who gave their time to make it, what I sure will be, a very successful show.

Hopefully I'll see lots of smiling faces at the next meeting, I was so overjoyed at the amount of people that were at the last meeting and I hope this trend continues.

Until then, Keep on Rockin!!

**Mario Vento**  
**2020 President**



If any club members would like their finished items displayed in our club showcase, please bring them to the show as early as possible Saturday or Sunday morning.

Thanks, Roz, show chairman

**February 2020**

■ Classes    
 ■ Open Shop    
 ■ Meetings    
 ■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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ANNUAL SHOW – KIWANIS SHOP CLOSED			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 6-9 p.m.	Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Library SHOP CLOSED		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m.			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 6-9 p.m.	Open Shop 6-9 p.m.	VALENTINE DAY	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m.			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 6-9 p.m.	Open Shop 6-9 p.m.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m.			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 6-9 p.m.	Open Shop 6-9 p.m.		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## INSTRUCTORS

- ◆ Michele is available to teach wire wrap or opal cutting 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, Cabbing, and faceting.  
tbrown2045@cfl.rr.com..
- ◆ Lucy for Glass Fusing at 321-794-0697.
- ◆ Elizabeth is available to teach beginning kumihimo and chainmail. izbet@aol.com.
  
- ◆ To sign up for classes, please contact Roz by email at roz.mestre@att.net or by cell (321-431-0159) or sign up at meeting.

**Classes are available for all members.**

**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club  
General Meeting  
January 2, 2020  
Merritt Island Library**

**Attendees: 23**

Meeting opened at 5:50 pm. We began with the pledge of allegiance.

**Membership report** provided by Michele: 61 members including 3 youth, 5 Life.

**Treasurer's report** provided by Michele: We are in the red for the month of December due to much needed parts to repair equipment and decreased attendance at the workshop. Budget committee needs a new chairman. Alys Arceneaux agreed to volunteer for this position.

**Fundraising report** provided by Dick Cunion, offered a big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the two events at the October and December Cocoa Village Art Festival. His plan for the new year will include library demos, cab competition and Cocoa Village participation again.

**Classes:** for the new year will include Silver casting with John Catana, SW silver designs with John Catana, Cabbing with Mario, Gem ID with Bill Dewey, Fused Glass with Lucy, Kumihimo with Elizabeth, Beginner Chainmaille with Elizabeth, Freeform Wire Wrap with Lucy, opal cutting , traditional wire wrap, and Lost Wax casting for opal settings with Michele.

Please contact Roz (321 431 0159) if you have any interest in any of these classes. Sign up sheets will be at each meeting. Dates for classes will be determined by consensus of each class group.

**Workshop** update provided by Mario. All machines except Genie #3 are currently working well. We will be ordering parts for Pixies to keep water pumps running smoothly. We will also order new sanding belts for Star machine to reduce wear and tear on Genies when preshaping cab pieces, especially when using any hard material.

**Holiday party** held at Olive Garden last month went very well. There were 21 members in attendance. New officers were sworn in.

**Newsletter** going out to all members regularly.

**Facebook** has been showing an increased number of hits. Pam will arrange for a boost to go out that will reach many more people. For those of you on Facebook that have received our advertisement for the show, please share with your contact list. That will greatly get the word out.

Elizabeth provided a discussion about kumihimo. We hope this will peek anyone's interest to learn a little more about this very easy and inexpensive technique.

Meeting closed at 7:50pm following refreshment.

Minutes provided by Roz Mestre.



Copper Kumihimo  
Bracelet



Beverly Morgan has this beautiful display of jewelry at the Art Gallery of Viera. Ms. Morgan is also a longtime member of Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club.



**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**

**Officers:**

President:	Mario Vento	(321)264-6332	rokhounds@gmail.com
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2nd Vice President:	Lucy Caracoglia		
Secretary:	Roz Mestre	(321)632-8281	roz.mestre@att.net
Treasurer:	Michele Huntington	(321)799-8536	raymich06@bellsouth.net

**Directors:**

Bill Felski	2019-20
Pam Felski	2019-20
Dick Cunion	2020-21
Sara Fellows	2020-21

**Shop Location:**

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



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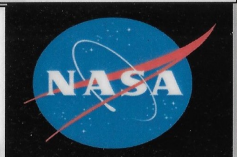
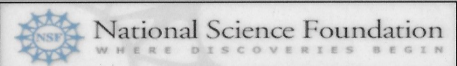
# Antarctic Meteorite Program

## *ANSMET (ANTarctic Search for METeorites)*



[www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

Philip M. Howard  
NASA  
Kennedy Space Center  
Materials Science Division





BREVARD RENAISSANCE FAIR WAS HELD AT WICKHAM PARK IN MELBOURNE FOR FOUR WEEKENDS IN JANUARY. AMAZING COLLECTION OF JEWELRY, LEATHERWORK AND CHAINMAIL. GREAT COSTUMES AND CROWNS.



THERE WERE OVER 100 VENDORS WITH NINETEEN JEWELRY AND THREE IN SWORDS AND ARMOR.



THE COSTUMES WERE AMAZING. LOTS OF GREAT DISPLAYS, EXHIBITS, MUSICIANS, AND FOOD.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS PERIOD, THIS IS A FUN FAIR.



**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club, Inc.**

2019 Membership Application

Annual Dues: Adult \$30.00 ; Junior \$10.00(under 18 w/parent)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ? New ? Renew ? Junior

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ B'Day (Month/Day): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

CBRGC Use Only	
Date: _____	
Paid: _____	? Cash
? Check # _____	
Card Issued: _____	Inits: _____
Club Function: _____	Inits: _____
Safety Briefing: _____	Inits: _____

The 2020 catalogue of classes for William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Young Harris, Georgia is available online at

[https://lapidaryschool.org/2020\\_william\\_holland\\_catalogue.pdf](https://lapidaryschool.org/2020_william_holland_catalogue.pdf)

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