



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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FEBRUARY 2021

President's Message

REMINDERS:

2021 DUES ARE DUE.

Pay by mail, at the shop, or at the February 4th meeting. Remember to complete the membership form on the last page.

February 4. CBRGC

Meeting at Merritt Island Library. 6 pm. See p. 2.

February 6-7. 44th

Annual Symphony of Gems at Kiwanis Island. See page 6. Volunteers are needed. See sign-up list at the meeting.

February 27. Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Lakeland, FL. www.bonevalley.net

March 12-14. 3rd Annual SFMS Rockhound Round-up. Live Oak, FL. www.musicliveshere.com

March 20. Melbourne Club Rock swap at Wickham Park, \$15/table. Contact Mark Heathman at 321-253-2856 or xmasman1@aol.com.

April 17 & 18, 2021.

Orlando Club Show.
Sanford Civic Center.

Welcome to February!!!

February is the second month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. The month has 28 days in common years or 29 in leap years, with the 29th day being called the leap day. That's all you need to know about February, unless you have a Birthday or Anniversary and that's on you, except for this one thing.....

IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL CLUB SHOW!!!!

I hope you all can attend the show either as a volunteer, which we always need!! hint, hint!!

or as a patron to this wonderful event.... tons of great rock at some truly amazing prices, good times and good people....

we got it all !!

Hope to see you all at the meeting, then at the SHOW!!!

as always... keep on rockin!!



Mario Vento
2021 President

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN GEMSTONES

Bill Dewey will be speaking at the Thursday, February 4th meeting. He will be talking on Gemstones and their history. He will show us how to tell the difference between natural and lab created gemstones and what to look for in gemstones.

Bill Dewey is one of the founders of the Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club and serves on the Board. He has served as president and show chairman at our club and the Melbourne club. He has taught silver casting and cabochons, but currently teaches faceting on Wednesday mornings and plans on teaching on Gem Identification.

Bill served in the U. S. Army for four years as a Weapons Testing Specialist and was a reservist for two years. For 34 years, Bill worked at Patrick AFB managing the visiting aircraft of VIPs and astronauts.

He has a M.S. from the Geologic Institute of America and a graduate gem cutter degree. He has worked in archaeology, gemology, and Anthropology and he is one of us.

**PLEASE PUT OUT YOUR SHOW SIGNS
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

**GEM • JEWELRY • MINERAL
SHOW AND SALE**

• SAT • SUN

KIWANIS ISLAND

HWY 520

February 2020

■ Classes ■ Open Shop ■ Meetings ■ Event

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

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BILL DEWEY

At the January 7th meeting, the club celebrated the birthday of Bill Dewey, one of our founding members.

Bill Dewey said "Thank you to all the members for the cake and birthday card. It was a great surprise."



Above. Secretary Roz with Birthday cake and Bill Dewey.



Left. Club President Mario enjoying a piece of cake.

Below. These beautiful pendants were made by John Catana who teaches many of our silver classes.



CBRGC member Alfred made his first sterling silver ring. The cabochon was made in the shop after Alfred completed Mario's Monday night Cabochon class. The silver ring was made in John Catana's Silver class. The setting was created specifically to hold this stone.

All of the classes taught at the shop are available for CBRGC members who are current with dues.

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)593-2958	rokhounds@gmail.com
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2nd Vice President:	Lucy Caracoglia		
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Treasurer:	Michele Huntington	(321)799-8536	raymich06@bellsouth.net

Directors:

Bill Dewey	2021-22
John Catana	2021-22
Dick Cunion	2020-21
Sara Fellows	2020-21

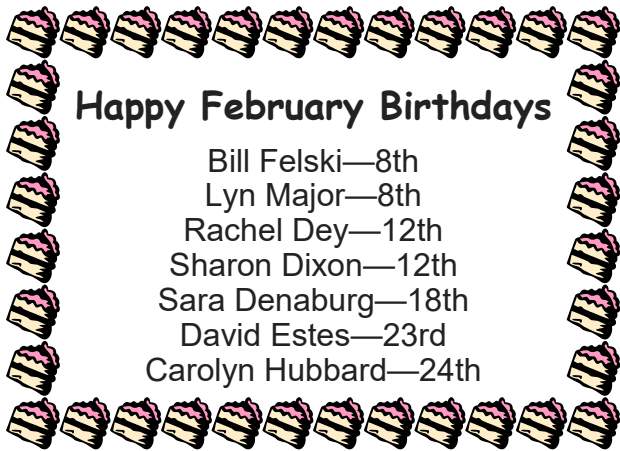
Shop Location:

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



Member of Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. - www.amfed.org/sfms/

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Happy February Birthdays

Bill Felski—8th
Lyn Major—8th
Rachel Dey—12th
Sharon Dixon—12th
Sara Denaburg—18th
David Estes—23rd
Carolyn Hubbard—24th

DIGGING UP COOKIE MONSTER

California geologist, Mike Bowers, was exploring in Brazil when he found this geode. Inside was Cookie Monster. Bowers has been offered \$10,000 for the geode.

Keep digging and rock hounding. Unexpected treasures await.



44TH ANNUAL SYMPHONY OF GEMS

Enclosed are flyers for Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club's Annual Show on February 6th-7th, 2021. We will have sign-up sheets at the February meeting as we still need volunteers. Entrance is free with CBRGC 2021 paid membership.

Please make copies of the flyers and distribute to anyone or any business or group that would be interested. Look forward to seeing you there.



Rocks, Gems and Jewelry Show and Sale

February 6 and 7, 2021

**Show Hours
Saturday 10-5
Sunday 10-4**

**Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
951 Kiwanis Is Park Rd
Merritt Island, FL 32952**

**Hourly Door Prizes
Silent Auction
Grand Prize Drawing**

ADMISSION: \$ 4.00

**Children under 12 free when
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**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
January 7, 2021
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 19

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance at 6:10pm.

Mario offered a greeting to all membership asking for continued participation allowing club to move forward despite current situation dealing with the COVID-19 virus as best as we can.

Minutes of last meeting waived due to holiday dinner, where members present voted to suspend actual meeting. Elections did take place with Mario as president, Elizabeth as 1st VP, Lucy as 2nd VP, Roz as secretary, Michele as Treasurer. Board members are now Sara, Dick, John, and Billy.

Membership report given by Michele due to Lucy's absence. We have 68 members at end of 2020, with 15 renewals for 2021.

Treasurer's report given by Michele. We did well in December mostly due to vendor monies for the show. Annual expenses continue to be greater than our income due to low attendance at the workshop and limited classes. Members are reminded that dues (\$30) are due by the end of January. With membership card, admission to the show is free.

Budget : Darlene presented current budget to members. She stated that it was a difficult task to do, since it could not be balanced. Due to our current situation with COVID-19, it is very difficult to plan ahead. So, we are being very frugal with our expenditures and hope the show does well.

Workshop report given by Michele and John. Workshop maintenance performed during Xmas week when workshop was closed. All genies, saws, buffer, furnace, A/C were serviced. John recommended that all supervisors continue to monitor use of saws, especially 18" saw.

Classes: Silver casting, beginner and advanced silver classes, kumihimo, chainmaille, opal cutting and wire wrapping continue to be offered. One on one instruction can be arranged for any class except casting by speaking to instructors.

Show report given by Roz. Most vendor tables were sold, food truck will be Don's Barbecue from MI. It was discussed that besides, coffee and tea, prepackaged muffins, cheese, crackers, and some fruit will be available to the vendors and volunteers Saturday and Sunday mornings of the show. We continue to need more volunteers both days of the show. Michele is the contact person for this. We will have 9 new vendors this year.

Newsletters have been going out by email and regular mail. Elizabeth asked for members to email her photos or articles that might be interesting to share.

Facebook: Roz will be monitoring our Facebook page. A boost was sent out to advertise our reach to more potential visitors.

Following the meeting, members participated in silent auction.

We resumed with Michele's photo presentation of her trip to Tucson last year. There were wonderful photos of many rocks and specimens.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm
Minutes submitted by Roz Mestre

This Dop Stick Holder was donated to the shop by club secretary Roz. She found it at a garage sale.



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#: _____ B'DAY MONTH/DAY: _____

EMAIL: _____

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: _____

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PLACE
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