



NEWSLETTER
FOR CENTRAL
BREVARD
ROCK AND
GEM CLUB

Brevard Gems

Web address: www.centralbrevardgems.org

**Open Shop Hours: Sunday 1-4 PM;
Wednesday 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 1-4 PM;
Thursday 6:30-9:30 PM.**

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President's Message

REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

February 3. CBRGC Meeting at Merritt Island Public Library. 6 pm.

February 5-6. 45th Annual Symphony of Gems. Kiwanis Island. See p. 6-7.

March 3, CBRGC Meeting at Merritt Island Public Library. 6 pm.

March 19. Canaveral Gem & Mineral Society Rock Swap. See page 4.

EMAIL updates will be sent out for any special notifications or events.

Welcome to February.

This is one of the busiest months of the year for our club. This is the month of our 45th Annual Symphony of Gems. Roz and Erleen have been working tirelessly to get vendors contracts finalized. There are so many details including floor plans, tables to rent, volunteers for every station and time slot, food trucks, door prizes and tickets, etc. Lucy and Darlene have been organizing and bagging items for the silent auction. Many members have been soliciting items and gift certificates for door prizes. John, one of our instructors and shop supervisors, made one on the grand prizes.

We need volunteers. There are specific timeslots that need to be filled. Whatever you can do is appreciated. We need helpers to load equipment on Thursday for delivery and set-up at Kiwanis on Friday. We need volunteers to help breakdown tables and other equipment on Sunday afternoon to return for the shop and to Roz's house.

This show is a major fundraiser for our club. It is a community event that attracts visitors from Brevard County and surrounding communities. It is a source of needed income for our vendors. It is an opportunity to recruit new members. It is an opportunity for members of Central Brevard Rock and Gem to support our club.

There are some new vendors and some returning favorites. There will be games and displays and door prizes for the young. There will be jewelry, gem trees, equipment, supplies, and many interesting and unusual products. There is something for everyone.

**Elizabeth Bishop
2022 President**



We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.

From a fortune cookie.

February 2022

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

■ Meetings

■ Event

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

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. rokounds@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.

FROM THE WORKSHOP

John taught another excellent Silver Casting Class.

SILVER CASTING CLASS

JANUARY 20, 21, 22.

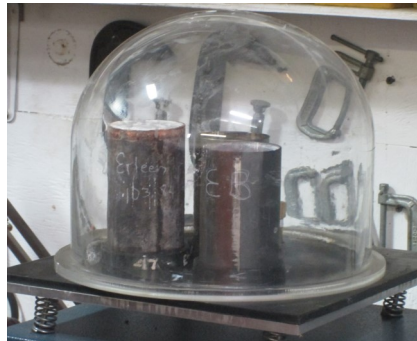


Left: Rose and Kathy are cleaning wax models.

Right: Wax models grouped and ready for casting.

Below left: John and Karin waiting.

Below: Vacuum pump removing air bubbles from the flasks.



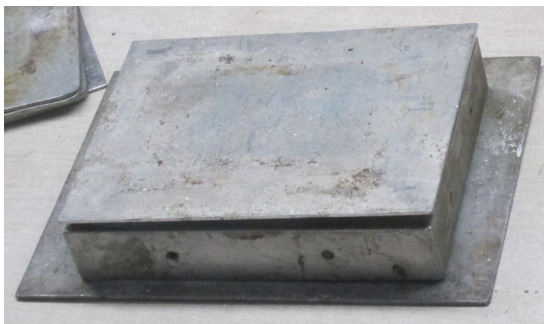
CREATING A MOLD

A specialized silicon material is molded around a solid metal object such as a ring, medallion, sculpture, etc.

The mold is covered by metal, placed and secured in the Vulcanizer and heated to a high temperature.

After the mold is finished, it is allowed to cool and the mold is opened and the object is removed.

The mold is then ready to be used to create wax molds to be used in the lost wax casting process.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

The Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club is in need of a newsletter editor. The newsletter is currently prepared using Microsoft Publisher 2016.

The Editor prepares the monthly newsletter and sends it out for review, makes corrections, and then emails it to CBRGC members.

Photos and articles are often provided by members. The editor also takes photos of the meetings, the shop, and other club activities. Most of the newsletter preparation involves cropping photos and reviewing articles and making it all fit and look good.

It's a fun creative job and a great way to contribute to the club and to meet and encourage members.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Felski 8th

Rachel Dey 12th

Lucy Gonzalez 14th

Sara Denaburg 18th

David Estes 23rd

MELBOURNE CLUB ROCK SWAP

A Rock Swap sponsored by the Canaveral Gem & Mineral Society will be held Saturday, March 19th from 9am - 3pm at Wickham Park in Melbourne. Each table or tail gate spot will cost \$15.

Contact Mark Heathman at 321-253-2856 for reservation or for any other specific information.

20-Inch Rock Saw for Sale

Jennifer attended the DeLand Show and met a man who has to move and is looking to sell his nearly brand new 20" rock saw. It has one small thing that needs to be fixed, but Jennifer didn't catch what it was. It has new blades and is a good brand. He's looking for \$3500 for it. New it's over \$5k.

His name is Jim Bryan and his number is 816-807-7777.

Thanks to Jennifer



Karin made this beautiful sterling silver ring with a gallery wire bezel in John's silver class.

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:	Elizabeth Bishop	(321)452-1579	izbet@aol.com
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Directors:

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

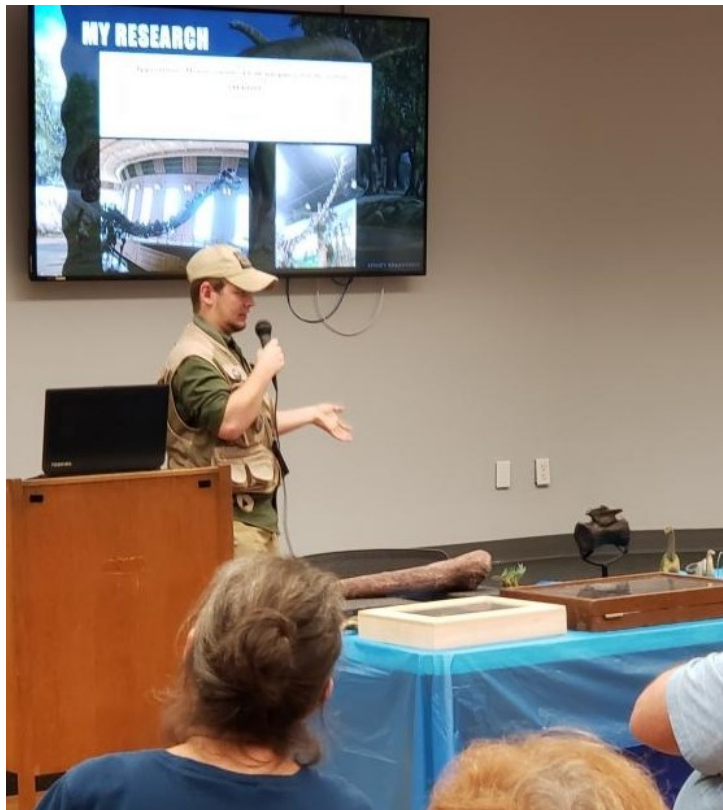
Shop Location:

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



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January's Program featured Aiden Rouse, a knowledgeable and interesting young paleontologist.

This was the second time that Aiden has spoken to our club and we hope to have him speak to us again and to be one of our annual presenters.

The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts 2022 Class Catalog is available for download from their Website at lapidaryschool.org.

Many of our instructors received training at William Holland.



February 5th and 6th, 2022

Show Hours
Saturday 10-5
Sunday 10-4

Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
951 Kiwanis Island Park
Merritt Island, FL 32952

Hourly Door Prizes, Silent Auction, children's activities,
demonstrations and Grand Prize Drawing

Admission: \$6.00. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

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Thanks to the CBRGC members who have given donations for the show.

Thanks to Elizabeth, Michele, Lucy, Roz, Darlene, Rick Spechler, Glen and Robin Uecker, Dick Cunnion, Ann Fillmore, John Catana, Sara Robin Braswell, Rose Murdoch, Cynthia Hartman, and Brenda Stacey.

These donations will be used as door prizes and in the silent auction.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 45th ANNUAL KIWANIS SHOW

1. Help is needed for the packing of the rental van on Thursday in the late afternoon and the van will be emptied at Kiwanis about 9 am Friday.
2. Sunday afternoon right after show closes at 4 pm, we need volunteers to start breaking down each area and loading the van. Once that is completed we go to the workshop to unload shop equipment. Roz drives the van to her house and needs help unloading the items that are stored at her house. At least 3 able-bodied people are needed to lift all items and step in and out of the van without difficulty.
3. We also need 2 people to assist with taping down electrical cable Friday morning @ 9 am. Again able-bodied people who can crawl around the floor. This tape will also have to be removed Sunday at end of show.
4. Main areas where volunteers will be needed are: Admissions, Grand prize, silent auction, sluice, spinning wheel, membership, runner to announce ticket numbers for door prizes in the annex.
5. We also need people to ask vendors who are alone if they need coverage for bathroom breaks and to generally walk thru the aisles checking for any trip hazards, wet areas if people spill drinks, and to watch for anyone coming thru side doors opposite the annex who have not paid the admission fee.
6. Yard signs and flyers will be available at the January and February meetings.
7. There will be sign-up sheets at the January and February meetings with time slots for volunteers to select.

THE 45TH ANNUAL SHOW ON KIWANIS ISLAND, FEBRUARY 5TH AND 6TH, 2022

This is a major fundraiser for the Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club and it is a great opportunity to purchase products from numerous vendors.

Please make copies of the coupons and distribute to friends, businesses, clubs, gyms, etc.

Thank you for your assistance.



The Grand prize for the 2022 show was designed and made by John Catana. This beautiful unique piece has a Petosky stone cabochon mounted in a sterling silver pendant.

Second grand prize is the beautiful vibrant artwork on the left created and donated by Robin Uecker.



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Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
Jan 6, 2022
Merritt Island Library

Attendees: 25

Meeting opened at 6 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance.

Elizabeth welcomed new visitor Nick to our meeting.

There were no minutes of last meeting due to Holiday party December 2, 2021, when new officers were installed.

Membership report provided by Michele. We have 74 members, 3 life members, 13 renewals for 2022. Members were reminded to renew their membership no later than January 31.

Treasurer's report from Michele indicated that our overage of expenses were the best they have been for the year 2021.

Workshop: During the Christmas week, all Genies were serviced and several wheels were replaced. Pixie 1 had new water pump installed. A/C filter changed, buffer cleaned out. We have sent out four 280G wheels to be resurfaced. There will be a need soon to replace 100G & 220G Genie wheels as well as 280G & 600G pixie wheels.

Classes : This month we will have cab classes with Mario, silver casting with John. Please contact Roz @ 321-431-0159 if you have any interest in any classes. Sign up sheets will be at each meeting. Dates for classes will be determined by consensus of attendees.

Newsletter going out to members regularly.

Website is still a work in progress and basic information can now be found on www.centralbrevardgems.com.

Facebook:: Continues to be monitored for both the club and public pages.

Show: To date, 23 vendors have paid for their spaces. We are only taking vendor info for waiting list in the event a vendor cancels. We are having issues with ordering tables since regular vendor is no longer in business. Kiwanis has a certain number of tables available, but we will still need 30 additional 8' tables. We are working on finding another vendor. Kiwanis will be getting a new sound system but it may not be available for the show. However, they are working on a backup plan. Yard signs are available to take and display a week before the show. Flyers also available, we need help to correct the website address on each flyer and poster.

Fundraising: Dick discussed the community sponsorship program we have initiated for the show. We have commitments from several sponsors already.

Show & Tell: Karen presented her 1st silver ring. What a lovely job she did.

We had a short break for refreshments followed by a fascinating presentation by Aiden Rouse, paleontologist. He had several displays and specimens as well as a great slide presentation.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club Inc.

2022 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
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HERE

