



NEWSLETTER  
FOR CENTRAL  
BREVARD  
ROCK AND  
GEM CLUB

# 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

### REMINDERS:

**January 2, 2020,**  
CBRGC Meeting at  
Merritt Island Library.  
6 pm.

**January 10-12,**  
**2020,** Pinellas  
Geological Society,  
Inc. 44th Annual  
Gem, Mineral and  
Jewelry Show. P. 7.

**February 1-2, 2020,**  
43rd Symphony of  
Gemstones. Kiwanis  
Island. See p. 8.

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

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

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).

Welcome to January, the 1st month of the year. A time to look towards the future and work to make it the best it can be. January is the only month of the year that always has a "twin" - a month that both begins and ends on the same day of the week as it does. In a common year, this is October, and in a leap year, July. Our clubs stone for January is Dalmation Jasper. Now let me tell you about the great team I have working with me this year...

**Elizabeth**, as our new 1st V.P. will be taking on the challenge of club education and I can't wait to see what she has in store for the club for the upcoming year.

**Lucy**, taking over the mantle of 2nd V.P. will be ready to accept your applications / renewals at the meeting and throughout the year.

**Michelle**, has been re-elected as Treasurer and I am very thankful for her continued support of the Club.

**Roz**, also re-elected to another term, is our Secretary as I could not ask for better as she continues to help me keep my focus with items of interest to the club.

So, as you can see... the future of the CBRGC look to be very bright indeed, and all we need now is YOU!!! Without the wonderful members of this club the CBRGC would not exist and for your continued support of the club I would like to say, from the bottom of my heart ...

**THANK YOU ALL, SO VERY MUCH!!!**

I would also like to take this time to ask every member of the club to **please attend our January meeting** as it is the only meeting before our yearly rock show and we really need to get the information out to as many as we can... I really hope you can make it!!

As always, Can't wait to see you at the meeting Thursday, until then...

**KEEP ON ROCKIN'**



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

**January 2020**

■ **Classes**

■ **Open Shop**

■ **Meetings**

■ **Event**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>Board Meeting</b>		<b>Happy New Year!</b> 1	<b>Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Library</b> 2	3	4
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 5	6	7	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 6-9 pm 8	Open Shop 6-9 p.m. 9	10	11
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 12	13	14	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 6-9 p.m. <b>Gem ID Class 9:30am</b> 15	Open Shop 6-9 p.m. 16	17	18
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 19	20	21	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 6-9 p.m. 22	Open Shop 6-9 p.m. 23	24	25
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 26	27	28	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 6-9 p.m. 29	Open Shop 6-9 p.m. 30	31	

**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.**



December 5

Photos from the Holiday Party at Olive Garden. The food was delicious and most of us took some home.



It was an enjoyable evening with plenty of time for good conversation. There was a short business meeting and the oath and installation of officers.







Alys and Fran both received these beautiful Amethyst crystals on a wire stand for display.



The gift exchange was fun. Above. Michelle received this epoxy necklace.

Top Right. The gift table. Right. Beverly got this malachite necklace.



SEE YOU IN 2020



**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	rokounds@gmail.com
1st Vice President:	Elizabeth Bishop	(321)452-1579	izbet@aol.com
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)



Member of Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. - [www.amfed.org/sfms/](http://www.amfed.org/sfms/)

Affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies - [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)



2020 Board—Roz Mestre-Secretary, Sara Fellows-Director, Michelle Huntington-Treasurer, Lucy Caracoglia-2nd VP, Elizabeth Bishop-1st VP, Mario Vento-President.

## SILVER CASTING CLASS

CBRGC member John Catana will teach silver casting in January. The class will be on 2 weekday evenings from 6 to 9 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Each session will be \$12.

Participants must provide at least two ounces of silver (scrap silver or silver grain) and there will be a \$10 charge for investment. The amount of silver needed is determined by the number of wax molds used. Silver grain is available online or from FDJ in Sanford.

Please contact Roz Mestre at 321-431-0159 or attend January 2 meeting to sign up. The exact dates will be determined by attendees.

### RELATIVES AND ROCKS by Sara Fellow's

I flew into Tennessee to my cousin Mandy's in Chucky, and since I'd have to fly back I couldn't bring but a few rocks back. Then I went to my sister Suzie's in Georgia. We were going to the Hogg Amethyst mine in La Grange, but they weren't open when we could have gone. I couldn't find any gem stones, but picked up a few interesting looking rocks from Horse Creek, inside the Cherokee National Forrest. Tennessee. The water was really low. A group of people came by leading Lamas across the creek! We got to pet them.

When we crossed the Cherokee River into Alabama just to say we'd been there, I picked up a pebble. The lighter ones came from a rock pile at my sister Sibyle's house in Georgia.

Can't call it a good trip for rocks, but sure had fun!!

### GEM IDENTIFICATION CLASS

- ◆ On January 15th at 9:30 am, Tom Brown and Bill Dewey will be doing a gem identification class at the workshop.
- ◆ Class will be limited to three students.
- ◆ Sign up sheets will be at the meeting or you can call Roz at 321-431-0159.





### Fossil Beach in the York River State Park By Richard Cunion

During the Thanksgiving holiday we visited our son and his family in Norfolk, Virginia and took a short trip to the York River State Park which includes their Fossil Beach. Although we only found one fossilized clam we found lots of large clam shells, barnacles, coral, snails and oyster shells. It was a fun trip and is a good side trip if you are in that part of Virginia.



The photos are of our grandson skipping a shell on the river and our hike through the park to Fossil Beach.



### CBRGC DISPLAY AT MERRITT ISLAND LIBRARY

CBRGC will be having a display of finished jewelry by club members in the lobby of the Merritt Island Library for the month of January.

Please bring any items that you are willing to display to the January meeting. The display will be set up during the day but we can add to it during the meeting.

Thank you for participating. Roz

### Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.

Presents the:

### 44th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show & Sale

Join Us at the  
Central Park Performing Arts Center

105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL

Jan. 10—12, 2020

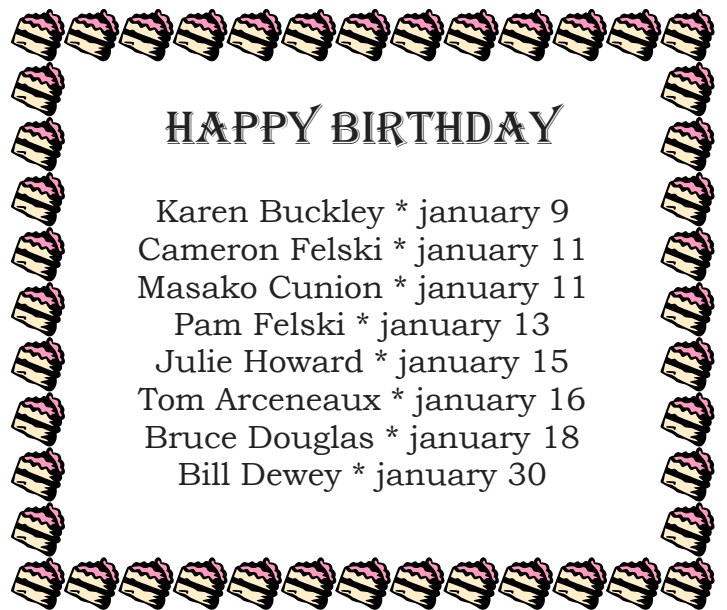
Fri. & Sat. ~ 10 a.m. -to- 5 p.m.

Sunday ~ 12 Noon -to- 5 p.m.

**FREE ADMISSION**

DONATION \$2.00 FOR DRAWING

**Fun for All Ages**



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Karen Buckley \* january 9
- Cameron Felski \* january 11
- Masako Cunion \* january 11
- Pam Felski \* january 13
- Julie Howard \* january 15
- Tom Arceneaux \* january 16
- Bruce Douglas \* january 18
- Bill Dewey \* january 30

## 43rd SYMPHONY OF GEMSTONES FEBRUARY 1-2, 2020

Our major fundraising event needs everyone to help. The Symphony of Gemstones sponsored by Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club every year is our major fundraising event that helps support the workshop, purchase equipment, and other club activities. All members are encouraged to participate in some way.

These are:

1. Donate jewelry materials, finished items, tools, books, or other lapidary related items to be sold at the Silent Auction. A collection box is at the Shop or call Roz Mestre 321-431-0159.
2. Sign up at the January meeting to assist at the Admission Desk to sell tickets and receive admissions monies or help at Silent auction, demonstrating lapidary skills (a capping machine will be available). We already have several volunteers but we do need back-up in the event someone is sick or injured and cannot make it. If members are attending the show, please check with admissions, silent auction and sluice tables to see if extra help is needed. Also, vendors sometimes need help to man their tables in order for them to take breaks. Please offer assistance in this area as well.
3. Provide finished items for display purposes only in the club showcase to show what club members are able to make at the workshop or elsewhere. These items will be returned, please attach tags with your names and take a photo if possible.
4. Distribute flyers and post signs. It would be best to pick up flyers, posters and road signs at the January meeting. However, they will be available at the shop. Road signs should be set up one week prior to show date. Free newspaper advertising has been reduced so extra exposure through our flyers and signs is essential. *Please help.* Inform Roz Mestre, 321-431-0159, if you know of free advertising sources. Locations that will accept flyers are local restaurants (not big chains), hair stylists, hotels, timeshares, RV parks, and any business that you may frequent. Always ask first, do not just leave flyers.
5. Help set up and tear down. Set up will be at 9 am, Friday, January 31, at the Kiwanis Island gym and is mostly taping down wiring and mats to the floor. Tear down will be Sunday, February 2, at 5 pm, where we will have members help vendors bring their merchandise to their vehicles. We are responsible for pulling up wiring and floor mats, and returning show items to the workshop. Pick-ups or vans are needed.

All other questions may be directed to Roz Mestre, Show Chairman, at 321-431-0159



Gourmet Chocolate  
Rocks and  
the Spinning Wheel.  
Something for  
Everyone.  
Please sign up.  
We need volunteers.





**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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