



NEWSLETTER
FOR CENTRAL
BREVARD
ROCK AND
GEM CLUB

Brevard Gems

Web address: www.centralbrevardgems.com

**Open Shop Hours: Sunday 1-4 PM;
Wednesday 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, 1-4 PM.
Thursdays are temporarily closed.**

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President's Message

REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

June 2. CBRGC Meeting
at Merritt Island Public
Library. 6 pm.

June 5-10. SFMS week
at William Holland. See
page 5.

September 1. CBRGC
Meeting at Merritt Island
Public Library. 6 pm.

*Thanks to all those who
put out signs promoting
the February Kiwanis
Gem Show. The Show
was a great success.*

***Please return the signs
to the shop or bring to
the club meeting as they
will be used next year.***

*Thanks again for your
help.*

WELCOME TO JUNE

This Thursday June 2nd will be our last meeting prior to our July-August break. Our next general membership meeting will be on September 1st. The shop will remain open all summer. If there are any changes, club members will be notified by email.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer full of rockhounding and all kinds of outdoor adventures. School is out so it is a great time to spend with the younger or older generation depending on your age group. Take lots of photos and come back in the fall and give a presentation or write an article for the newsletter. We really enjoy sharing in your activities.

I am planning a week at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Young Harris, Georgia. I am looking forward to spending a week on Silver Smithing and enjoying a decrease in temperature. We have great instructors here so I should be ahead in class regarding terminology and torches.

The website is under construction and Phil is working to make lots of changes. Instructors and shop supervisors and the board are working to provide him with the requested information. Our website is critical to our club and the Show and to recruiting members. We are excited about the future of this club.

Enjoy your summer and bring back lots of stories and photos.

Never doubt that a small group of
thoughtful, committed citizens can
change the world; indeed, it's the only
thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead



**Elizabeth Bishop
2022 President**

June 2022

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

■ Meetings

■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Library 2	3	4
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 5	6	7	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 8	Open Shop 6:30–9:30 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. 15	Open Shop 6:30–9:30 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. 22	Open Shop 6:30–9:30 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. 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 is unable to teach cabbing. Monday and Thursday classes are suspended.
- ◆ Tom Brown is available for Wire Wrapping and Cabbing. tbrown2045@cfl.rr.com..
- ◆ Lucy is available to teach Glass Fusing at 321-522-1732.
- ◆ 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.

LEN GREEN'S ESTATE SALE

Len Green's daughter will be in Florida in July preparing to sell lapidary items from Len's estate. For additional information, please contact Roz by email at Roz.Mestre19@gmail.com or telephone her at 321-431-0159.

Many items from Len Green's Estate have already been donated to the Club for use in the shop by our members. Len had great affection for our club and was an active member for many years. He always had a space at the Kiwanis show and enjoyed talking to everyone. He is greatly missed.

SHOP REPORT

George's water saw has new blade and has been rewired. Make sure water is drained below blade and that blade is dried after use as previous blade had a hole rusted through.

A new motor and a new blade were installed in "George's" oil saw by John and Pete.

Gratitude to John and Pete for maintaining and repairing our shop equipment.



JACKSONVILLE CLUB TOUR

By Michele Huntington

On May 14, Roz, Pete, and I visited the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society Rock Swap and clubhouse. It sadly was not well attended but we did purchase a few things.

The Jacksonville Club owns their own building which was formerly a day care center. We were greatly impressed with the modifications they have made. They were most fortunate to have found a museum showcase as pictured and have an amazing display of donated specimens and historical equipment. They very graciously provided us with an extended tour and answered our many questions.



FREEBIES

Rock & Gem Magazine has a free weekly newsletter available on their website. Sign up at www.rockngem.com.

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical, Inc. (SFMS) has the SFMS Lodestar Newsletter for free. Submit a request at SFMSLodestar@gmail.com. Our club is a member of the SFMS.

Search the magazine and DVD sections at our local libraries as they have a lot that is available for free with a library card.

OPAL CLASS WITH MICHELE

Michele taught another wonderful opal class at the shop. She provided opal kits that included all the major types of opal at a nominal cost to members. Participants learned about the different types of opals and preparation.



Above left: Rose and Jennifer are using the Pixies to shape and polish their opals.

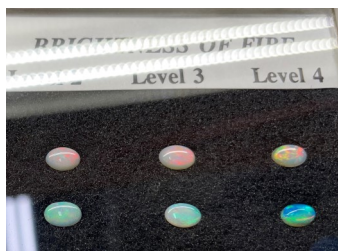


Above right: Michele is assisting Dick.

Below left: Opals are typically mounted on nails and have to be removed using a heat source such as an alcohol lamp. The stone is wrapped in a wet paper towel to keep the stone from overheating.

Below center: A brightness chart for assessing opals for brightness and fire.

Below right: Tools of the Trade. Opals are dipped by gluing the nail to the opal.



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

Many of our instructors received training at William Holland.

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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Bill Dewey	2021-22
John Catana	2021-22
Dick Cunion	2022-23
Sara Fellows	2022-23

Shop Location:

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



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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.

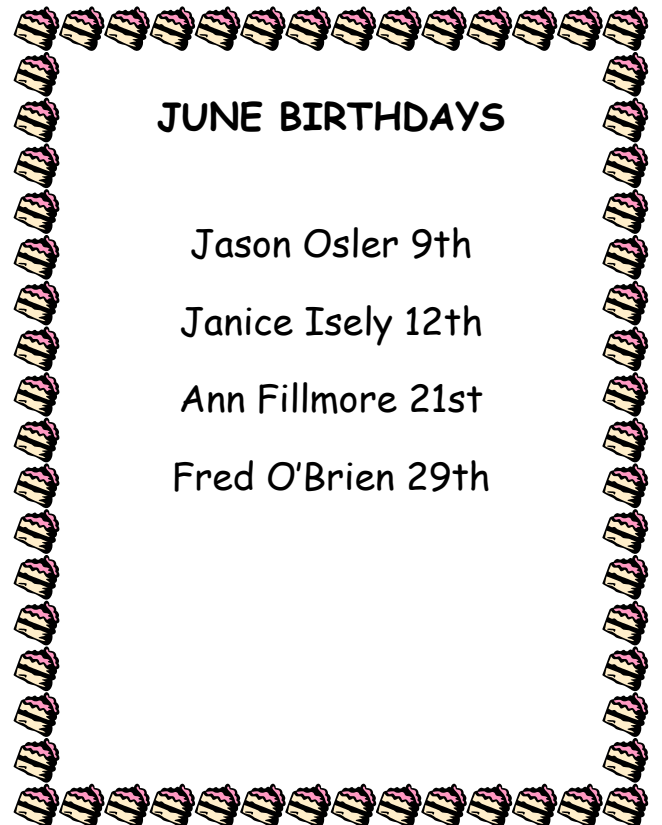
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jason Osler 9th

Janice Isely 12th

Ann Fillmore 21st

Fred O'Brien 29th



**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
May7, 2022
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 12

Meeting opened at 6:04 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance.

Membership report provided by Michele. We now have 61 total members.

Treasurer's report from Michele indicated that our balance was ahead for this last quarter.

Workshop: 10" saw under repair, water saws needing blade replacement.

Classes include: Sign up sheets provided. Faceting class will continue with Billy, opals with Michele, John will resume 1:1 silver classes Wednesday and Sunday afternoons.

Newsletter going out to members regularly.

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

Fundraising: Dick Cunion attended orchid society and was impressed with the organization of the raffle tables.

Show & Tell: Curtis brought in 1 pendant of blue goldstone set in silver and another of picture jasper also set in silver. Very well done.

Break for refreshment and purchase of slabs.

Elizabeth presented talk about Tagua nuts using her laptop and short videos. It was very informative. She brought samples of different finished pieces.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm
Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre



Above: Beautiful and intricate beaded bracelet created by Lucy C.

Right: Sterling Silver pendants created by Curt. Highly polished Blue Goldstone and lovely Picture Jasper. Curt shaped and polished the stones.



Sponsor List

- Asia Nails & Spa**, Sam Tran, yeuthuongthammai@yahoo.com. 563 Barton Blvd., Unit #3, Rockledge, FL 32955
- Auto Pros Service Center**, Gerald Negri, owner, 321-636-9021, geraldnegri@att.net. 401 S Cocoa Blvd, Ste B , Cocoa, FL 32922
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- Rockledge Country Club**, 321-636-3160. 1591 Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955.
- Signs of All Kinds**, Ted Newman, RiversideSigns@yahoo.com, 321-978-5092. 1050N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32922
- Space Coast PC users Group, Inc.**, Scpug.com.
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2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

CBRGC USE ONLY

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CLUB FUNCTION: _____ INITS: _____

SAFETY BRIEFING: _____ INITS: _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST;

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[] INLAY [] INTARSIA [] KUMIHIMO [] OPALS [] SILVER [] WIRE WRAP

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

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