



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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President's Message

REMINDERS:

2021 DUES ARE DUE.

Remember to complete the membership form on the last page.

March 4. CBRGC Meeting at Merritt Island Library. 6 pm. [Rockhounding in Florida.](#)

March 12-14. 3rd Annual SFMS Rockhound Round-up. Live Oak, Fl. See p.8. 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.

March 20-21. Spring Gem & Mineral Show. Tampa. Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center.

April 1. CBRGC Meeting at Merritt Island Library. 6 pm.

April 17 & 18. Orlando Club Show. Sanford Civic Center.

June 6-11. SFMS William Holland Workshops. p.8.

Welcome to March!

As I sit at my computer typing this out I am lost in thought over the last two weeks of my life and how things can go from 100 miles per hour to reverse in a heartbeat.

As many of you know our 2nd VP, Lucy is out due to complications from having caught the COVID-19 virus. To me it has always been a "It's not big of a deal" Situation until Lucy got sick... I miss kidding around with her in the shop, and sharing ideas/advice. I never understood how something so small could bring you to such a sudden & complete halt until last Monday, when my daughter, Jane, tested positive. I, however, have been fortunate enough to remain negative, but still went through the whole quarantine ordeal with her. Fortunately, her symptoms lasted only about a day and a half and as of now, she is back in school, with thoughts of graduation and college to occupy her. I will not take such things as the virus so lightly anymore. First a dear friend, then my daughter.... It's been quite a ride so far!!!

I hope to see everyone at the meeting Thursday, I'll be a little farther over in the corner if needed.

Until then, Stay Safe & Keep on rockin'!!

Mario Vento
2021 President



March 2021

■ Classes ■ Open Shop ■ Meetings ■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	Meeting at 6:00 pm at Library 4	5	6
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 7	8	9	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 10	11	12	13
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 14	15	16	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm St. Patricks Day 17	18	19	20
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 21	22	23	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 24	25	26	27
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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.

CREATIONS FROM THE WORKSHOP



Linda made this sterling silver bracelet in Beginning Wirewrap class with Michele,

The pendant was made by Alfred with silversmithing instructions from John.



Carousel cut color change synthetic Alexandrite by Darlene in faceting class with Billy. Her first faceted stone! Beautiful.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT—Two pieces of equipment are being offered for closed bids with the minimum for each of \$80. These are in the Cape Canaveral Workshop for inspection. See the Standing Rule below. The equipment will be listed and shown in the March and April newsletter. More details will be in the April Newsletter.



Standing rule says:
Section 8. **The Property/Workshop Committee will be responsible for declaring surplus shop equipment.** The list of equipment will be published in the newsletter for two consecutive months during the meeting year. The closed bids must be submitted to the Club President by 7:00pm at the following general membership meeting. Closed bids will be opened, read, and highest bidder declared by the Club President. (Adopted September 2007)



RAFFLE WINNERS



Left: KC Foster from Boynton Beach won the Smoky Quartz pendant and matching earrings.

Right: Ralph Barber from Brooksville won the Peruvian Pink Opal pendant.

Both of these were created by CBRGC Members.



Erleen at the Silent Auction table assisting a bidder.

On the right are rocks that were painted by CBRGC members. Many of these were painted by **Lucy C.**, one of our VPs.



On the right:

Alfred is talking to one of the visitors.



In the background is one of the **Dey** daughters at the spinning wheel

VOLUNTEERS



Alfred at work demonstrating cabbing and some of his beautiful finished cabochons.





Left: Bid winner with gem tree created by **Darlene**

Right: Young visitor in her favorite Harry Potter costume.

Below: CBRGC member **Jennifer** with her daughter conversing with a vendor.



Chain-Maille' Jewelry

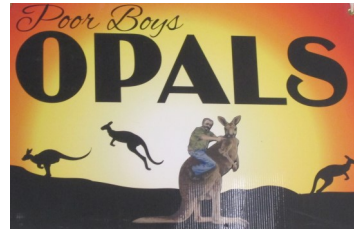
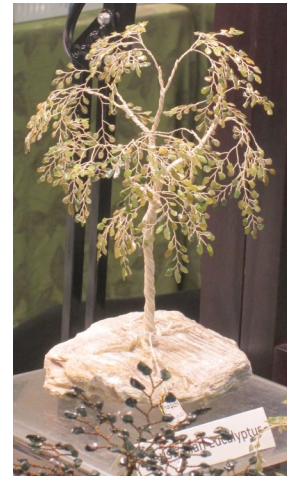


The sluice is one of the favorites for future prospectors. Pete constructed this exhibit and enjoys assisting our guests.





Gerri with some of her creations in the Annex Building. Gerri will be teaching at William Holland.



Poor Boys Opals from down under is new to our show. They had some beautiful finished jewelry and raw stones.



RARE EARTH MINERALS Lake Mary, Florida



Above: CBRGC member **Richard** selling Emeralds and **Eivor** assisting one of our vendors.

Left and below: Member **John** and his creations, **John** will be teaching silver classes including casting, Southwest, Cold connections, and Baskets.



Right: CBRGC member **Janice** with her many beautiful designs.

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:

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John Catana	2021-22
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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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Above: CBRGC member and presenter **Bill** demonstrating how the UV light can be used to separate natural gems from synthetic. We all learned a lot.

Left: **Roz** and **John** during the break.



SFMS William Holland Workshops

June 6-11, 2021

Please go to sfmsworkshops.org for class descriptions and instructor bios. Below is a list of classes

- Paul Roberts - Cab II class
- Bill Boggs - Intarsia
- Chuck Bruce - Silver III - Inlay II
- Cindy Moore - Metal Mania
- Dale Koebnick - Silver II - Cab Alt. w/Bezel Prongs & "Step Bezel" Tab Setting
- Debora Mauser - Low Tech Casting Mlcah Kirby - Electro-Etching with Silver forming
- Janet Pace - Flame Painting on Copper (almost full)
- Gene Sheridan - Wire II
- Jerri Heer - Gem Trees
- Tom Slavicek - Leather

Some of the items you can make in Cindy Moore's Metal Mania Class.



We hope you will join us for this fun and educational week. I know we're all ready to get back to normal.

For more information contact the SFMS WH-Registrar:
Cindy Reed

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Rockhound Roundup!

Join us again at the
Suwannee River Music Park,
3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060
March 12-14, 2021 10am to 5pm
Contact through SFMS Facebook page
for more info.



YouTube video of a stunning amethyst geode being cracked open.

<https://youtu.be/Ncu-RGpFfcl>



**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
February 4, 2021
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 20

Meeting opened at 6:08 pm with pledge of allegiance.

Mario welcomed new visitors.

Mario introduced executive officers, board members, supervisors and instructors.

Minutes of last meeting were read by Roz, Michele approved minutes as read, second by Tom.

Membership: Michele gave report: 68 2020 members, 27 renewals, 2 new.

Treasurer: Michele reviewed bank balance, income and expenses through January 31, 2021.

Newsletter: Elizabeth received compliment on her compiling of the newsletter for all members, especially during the trying times we are all going through due to the virus.

Workshop: All machines running well except the 18" saw will be needing a new carriage which will cost us about \$500. Mario spoke to Lortone representative who asked for him to send photos of our machine and he will let us know if he has what we need. A/C in the workshop needs a new thermostat, Kabran will be contacted.

Classes: Roz presented all classes available in the coming months. Sign up sheets were made available and there seemed to be several people interested in cabbing, silver, and casting. Classes will be scheduled after the show.

Show: Vendors continue to be a challenge, with last minute cancellations and new vendors contacted. We will have a food truck by Don's barbecue. Wearing of masks, and keeping social distances will be maintained. Yard signs should be placed outside and returned at the next meeting or the workshop.

After the break with silent auction available, Billy presented talk about gems and gem identification. He had several on display.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Roz Mestre



Future gemologist and his dad talking to Bill after the presentation. Bill gave a most informative talk and brought specimens and identification equipment.



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#: _____

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: _____

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