



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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MARCH 2022

President's Message

REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

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

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

April 1-3. The North
Brevard Art League. 57th
Annual Art Show and
Competition. Titusville.
Page 8.

April 7. CBRGC Meeting
at Merritt Island Public
Library. 6 pm.

May 5. CBRGC Meeting
at Merritt Island Public
Library. 6 pm.

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

Welcome to March.

The 45th Annual Symphony of Gems was a great success. Roz and Erleen will provide a report at the March meeting. This is a major fundraiser for the club. Shop and class fees do not cover the cost of rent, utilities, and maintaining the equipment at the shop. This show provides much needed funds to our club and to our vendors.

Gratitude to all of the volunteers and donors and sponsors. Thanks to those who provided the three grand prizes. Thanks to all of the volunteers who collected admissions and sold raffle tickets and stood at the silent auction table, spinning wheel, sluice, in the kitchen, or where needed. Thanks to those who decorated the delightful googly-eyed rocks and donated jewelry, fused glass, gem trees, specimens, and slabs. Gratitude to those who asked businesses for donations for the raffle baskets. Thanks to those who set-up and tore down and cleaned up. Thanks to you all.

It is time to get to work. There is much to be done. Inventory of shop equipment, planning programs, and planning the Auction and Picnic in the fall. There are classes to be scheduled.

This month I will be sending a survey out to all members. We need information. What are preferred days and times for classes or for open shop? What classes would members like? What programs would you like? Are you willing to volunteer? We need to know so we can make better decisions.

Thank you for your membership and for your participation in this club. We need you. We welcome your input and your ideas.

**Elizabeth Bishop
2022 President**



*I should say that happiness is being where one is
and not wanting to be anywhere else.*

- Michael Frayn

March 2022

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

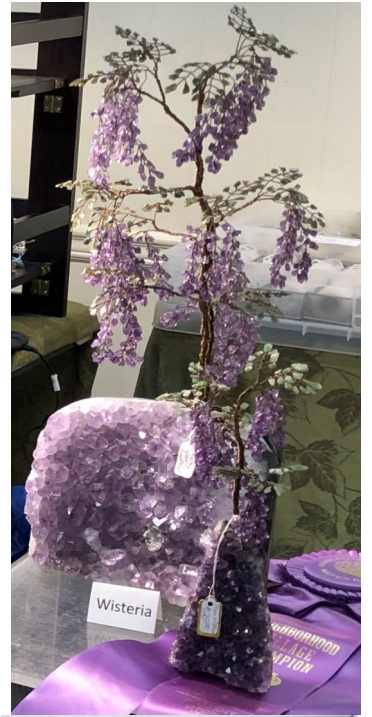
■ Meetings

■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 2	Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Library 3	4	5
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 6	7	8	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 9	Open Shop 6:30 – 9:30 pm 10	11	12
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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.



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Cafe' Margaux Restaurant 220 Brevard Ave. Cocoa Village, Florida 32922	Sunset Waterfront Bar & Grill 500 W. Cocoa Beach Cswy Cocoa Beach, FL 32931	Space Coast PC User Group Merritt Island Library 1195 N Courtenay Pkwy Merritt Island, FL 32953



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS



The beautiful sterling silver turtle with the Petosky stone was created by CBRGC members John Catana, Mario Vento, and Roz Mestre. The turquoise pendant was created and donated by Ann Fillmore. This delightful and colorful diamond painting was created and donated by Robin Uecker. Tremendous gratitude to the artisans and to all those who purchased raffle tickets.

Thank you to all the volunteers at the show and to all the donors.

Thanks to show volunteers and donors Elizabeth Bishop, Tony Braswell, Karen Buckley, Lucy Caracoglia, Dick and Masako Cunnion, Jennifer Davison, Erleen Estes, Sara Fellows, Lucy Gonzalez, Phil and Julie Howard, Michele Huntington, Boston Longhi, Roz Mestre, Rose Murdock, Darlene Nardi, Linda Newsom, Fred O'Brien, Karin Paradise, Nick Patellis, Brenda Stacy, Glenn and Robin Uecker, Mario Vento, and Kathy Wendel.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Charles Maginnis 3rd
Roz Mestre 19th
Emily Holston 23rd
Linda Badger 25th

PLEASE COME TO THE MARCH 3RD MEETING AND HEAR ABOUT THE SHOW AND OUR CLUB'S PLANS AND GOALS.

WE NEED ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE.

Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.
Auguste Rodin

THE ROAD TO TUCSON

By Karin Paradise

On Saturday, after volunteering and shopping at our own wonderful hometown show, I rushed off to finish packing and preparing for our first trip to Tucson, Arizona. Tucson has dozens of rock shows running in January and February. This year the last shows were ending on February 13th so we had to hurry before they were over! Bright and early Sunday morning my husband, daughter, and I drove off in our motorhome (which was towing my car on a trailer). The trip went as expected until we pulled into a rest area just past San Antonio, Texas. Suddenly, there was loud grinding, beeping, and then smoke pouring out from under the hood of the motorhome. I rushed around grabbing essential items, preparing to 'abandon ship' with my daughter before the whole thing burst into flames! Meanwhile, my husband opened the hood and determined we just had a power steering hose blow out. After field repairs failed, we proceeded to try to find a towing service that could tow a 34-foot motorhome with a car sized trailer attached (car now removed). Many calls and several hours later we found a towing service and a repair shop that could make a new hose for us. After a half-day setback, we continued on our way.



We made it to a small town outside of Tucson on Wednesday and decided to stay there for the duration of our visit since all accommodations in Tucson were booked up due to the rock and gem shows.

The first show we attended was the Tucson Gem and Mineral Club show on Thursday. This show is the original and longest running Tucson show. It's been running since 1955. It was large and full of beautiful things to see! This show seemed to be about half full of museum type (meaning gorgeous and crazy expensive) display specimens but there were plenty of more affordable items to purchase as well. I was ecstatic to be at my first Tucson rock show!

On Friday and Saturday, we went to a number of the hotel shows along the I-10 frontage road in Tucson. The prices here were generally better and the variety of dealers was huge! Many of the dealers were from South America and other areas outside of the United States. We saw everything from giant sized geodes and quartz crystals to faceted gems, jewelry, cabochons, beads, and everything in-between. The number of dealers and the tons (literally) of material they brought with them was astonishing! I found some great deals on some must-have display specimens. Unfortunately, parking wasn't very close so my husband got some exercise hauling my heavy purchases back to the car. A wagon or cart of some sort would have been very helpful. We only brought a backpack which wasn't much help with the large specimens or the 30 pounds of rough agate I just had to buy.



On Sunday (the last day of all the Tucson shows), we went to the miner's co-op show on the north side of Tucson. This show had a lot of slabs (something I didn't see much of at the other shows), rough rock, and also some display specimens and jewelry. The dealers here seemed to be from all regions of the United States. I found

some great slabs and some interesting, new (to me) rough rock. Our very last stop was the Kino Show which we attended on Sunday afternoon. Here I finally scored one of the last items on my wish list: a large (30 inch high) amethyst cathedral geode. Unfortunately, we didn't get to see much of this show. It was getting late, dealers were packing up, and we were exhausted.

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ROAD TO TUCSON (continued)



All in all, it was a very successful and educational trip. We spent four days exploring the rock shows of Tucson. I, personally, could have spent weeks exploring, ogling, and buying. It was a rock lover's dream. I know we didn't even see a hundredth of the rocks, minerals, and gems that were in Tucson for the January-February rock shows. It was lucky for my family that we arrived near the end of the shows. Otherwise, they may never have gotten me to leave. I am already dreaming of the next time I can get to Tucson...



THANK YOU KARIN FOR SHARING YOUR TRIP WITH OUR CLUB.

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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.



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Bill Dewey	2021-22
John Catana	2021-22
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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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The North Brevard Art League presents our
**57th Annual Art Show
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April 1, 2, & 3, 2022

Friday 5 to 8 pm with reception and awards at 6pm;
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The North Brevard Art League is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization
as defined by the IRS. For more information contact us at
northbrevardartleague@gmail.com



Original artwork provided by Kathie Benson

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.

Sponsor List

Mom E's Creations, Linda D. Edgerly, owner, mom@cfl.rr.com, 321-794-5543

987 Commerce Rd. SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909.

2022 Show Donation – Necklace \$25, Bracelet \$45 = Total \$70 value

Auto Pros Service Center, Gerald Negri, owner, 321-636-9021, geraldnegri@att.net

401 S Cocoa Blvd, Ste B (Rt.1), Cocoa, FL 32922

2022 Show Donation – check for \$50 plus \$10 off business cards = Total value \$50+

Frank's Tire & Auto Services (Big Frank's), Frank Spotts, owner, 321-635-8473, hardtimes528@yahoo.com

805 Florida Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922

2022 Show Donation – Two \$30 L.O.F. oil changes = Total value \$60

Island Crystal & Bead, Ed, owner, IslandCrystalAndBead.com, 321-453-2665

950 N. Courtenay Pkwy #20, Merritt Island, FL 32953

2022 Show Donation - \$50 cash = Total value \$50

The Dinosaur Store, Donna Cayer, donna@DinosaurStore.com, 321-783-7300

250 W. Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

2022 Show Donation – Two gift certificates: = Total value up to \$160

FDJ, Scott, owner, info@fdjtool.com, 407-629-6906

1185 W Airport Blvd, Sanford, FL 32773

2022 Show Donation - Ultrasonic Cleaner, Value: \$219

Guaranteed Air & Repair, Robert Wilkins, 321-633-4700

907 Barton Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955

2022 Show Donation – Four \$25 gift certificates = Total Value \$100

Island Breeze Crystals, Lisa O'Harrow, islandbreezecrystals@gmail.com, 321-305-4667

500 Barton Blvd, Suite #5, Rockledge, FL 32955

2022 Show Donation – Two \$50 gift certificates = Total Value \$100

Signs of All Kinds, Ted Newman, RiversideSigns@yahoo.com, 321-978-5092

1050N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32922

2022 Show Donation: Sign discount = \$120

Café Margaux, Dale Jason, 321-639-8343

220 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922

2022 Show Donation - Gift certificate = \$50

Island Time Bar & Grill, Debie Shecten, 321-458-2799

400 W Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32941

2022 Show Donation – 2 gift certificates = \$50

Molly's Seafood, Kathy Shaeffer – mgr, 321-453-1288

1580 E. Merritt Island Cswy, Merritt Island, FL 32952

2022 Show Donation – gift certificates = \$25

Florida Seafood, Helen, 321-480-6590

480 West Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

2022 Show Donation – gift certificates = \$25

Sunset Bar & Grill, Jason, mgr, 321-783-8485

500 Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

2022 Show Donation – gift certificates = \$25

Sunrise Diner, Demetrius, 321-783-5647

365 W. Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

2022 Show Donation – 2 gift certificates = \$20

TOring Styl, Theresa Orr, Tc31155@gmail.com

2293 Camel Mesa Dr., Laughlin, NV 89029

2022 Show Donation – jewelry set = \$40

Mary Kay Cosmetics, Kerry Rowland, KerrysPinkDreams@gmail.com, 321-668-0402

986 Sarazen Dr., Rockledge, FL 32956

2022 Show Donation – gift bag = \$40

Concierge Fitness, Bo Smith, ConciergeFitnessFL@gmail.com, 321-750-5628

563 Barton Blvd., Unit #7, Rockledge, FL 3295

2022 Show Donation – 2 training classes = \$90

Asia Nails & Spa, Sam Tran, yeuthuongthammai@yahoo.com

563 Barton Blvd., Unit #3, Rockledge, FL 32955

2022 Show Donation – gift certificate = \$30

The CB&G Store, Wanda Ousley, www.cbqflstore.com

563 Barton Blvd, Rockledge, FL 32955., Unit 1

2022 Show Donation – gift bag = \$30

Space Coast PC users Group, Inc., Scpug.com

2022 Show Donation – free membership = \$25

Bravado The Salon, Bravadothesalon.com, 321-305-4956

1240 Rockledge Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955

2022 Show Donation – hair cut & blow dry = \$50

Rockledge Country Club, 321-636-3160

1591 Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955-2514

2022 Show Donation – Two certificates for golf (\$140 each for two rounds = \$280)

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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.

**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
February 3, 2022
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 16

Meeting opened at 6:02 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance. Minutes were read by Roz and approved by Michele and 2nd by Glen.

Membership report provided by Michele. We have 35 total members with 8 new, 3 Life.

Treasurer's report from Michele indicated that our overage of expenses were higher than normal due to payouts to facility, security, advertising, and supplies for the show.

Workshop: All machines in order except Genie 1 which needs two wheels replaced and the water pump repaired. John will take care of these issues as soon as he can.

Classes include: This month we will have cab classes with Mario. Beginner silver with John has been postponed to March due to his wife's impending surgery. 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. We may contact local colleges and high schools to see if anyone may be interested.

Facebook:: Continues to be monitored for both the club and public pages. We have added additional exposure on Facebook that created nearly 3,000 hits.

Show: To date, 24 vendors have paid for their spaces. We have had quite an ordeal having to find replacement vendors due to others canceling for various reasons. Our table order was incorrect from the vendor and Kiwanis requiring us to pay a local Church \$100 for 10 tables and borrow 4 tables from Michele's condo. We have volunteers lined up to help with loading and unloading, as well as covering admissions, grand prize and membership, silent auction, raffles, sluice, and spinning wheel.

Fundraising: We have 23 sponsors that donated 35 gifts of in kind or cash. There were six members responsible for obtaining these donations.

We had a short break for members to have a snack and chat.

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)

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