



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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MAY 2021

President's Message

REMINDERS:

2021 DUES ARE DUE.

Remember to complete the membership form on the last page.

May 1. CBRGC Meeting at different location. 6 pm. See page 3 for directions.

May 16. Melbourne Club Picnic at Goode Park in Palm Bay. Lapidary items for sale and auction. See page 6.

June 3. CBRGC Meeting at Merritt Island Public Library. Auction of surplus equipment. 6 pm. See page 4.

William Holland Workshops cancelled for 2021.

As the saying goes...'April Showers bring May flowers' well... we should be about neck deep after all this rain!!!

Welcome to May, 5th month of the year and 3rd of 7 months to have 31 days.

Mays birthstone is Emerald.

Things are progressing nicely, my cabbing classes have finished up and the students were fantastic to work with. Thursday night is an interesting night to work in the shop, not sure why, but I liked it!!

Lots of news regarding things going on within the shop, keep your eyes & ears open to find out more.

We will be meeting at the clubhouse at Michelle's place, time & address below, as well as new auction items and info for the club. I hope to see everyone at the meeting, and at the shop!! Until then...

"Keep On Rockin!!"



CBRGC 2021 President Mario conversing with April speaker Aiden Rouse.

May 2021

■ **Classes** ■ **Open Shop** ■ **Meetings** ■ **Event**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	Memorial Day 31					1
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 2	3	4	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 5	Meeting at 6 p.m. at Michele's Condo Clubhouse 6	7	8
Happy Mother's Day! Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 9	10	11	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 12	13	14	15
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 16	17	18	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 19	20	21	22
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 23	24	25	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 26	27	28	29

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. rokhoums@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 crafted this beautiful gold filled wirewrap bracelet. This is her second creation in Michele's class.

Below. This beautiful pendant with a cabochon of Montana Agate and the ring with a Boulder Opal were made by Rose with instruction by John.

John will be teaching beginning and advanced silversmithing classes.

Happy May Birthdays

Rick Spechler 1st
 Catherine Vecchio 9th
 Pete Hoyos 15th
 Darlene Nardi 16th
 Delores Shawe 17th
 Lisa Dey 19th
 Sara Fellows 24th



LOCATION AND PROGRAM FOR MAY MEETING

CBRGC President Mario will do a presentation on 3-D Printers and their use in jewelry and silver casting and other uses.

The CBRGC meeting on May 6, 3617 will be at Michele's condominium clubhouse on S Banana River Blvd in Cocoa Beach. The address is 3617 South Banana River Boulevard in Cocoa Beach at the Rock Pointe Condos clubhouse. The library is renovating the room where we usually meet.

If heading east on Rt 520 take a right on S Banana River Blvd, pass through stop sign, take next right at fountain by entrance, drive back to pool, and go left to park at building adjacent to pool. If coming from north or south on A1A, turn west at light on St. Lucie Lane, at stop sign go left and take next right at fountain by entrance.

SURPLUS SHOP EQUIPMENT OPEN FOR BID

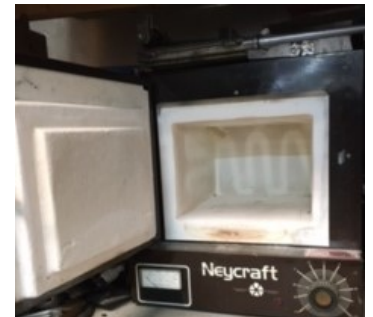


SURPLUS EQUIPMENT—Numerous pieces of equipment are being offered for auction with the minimum for each listed.

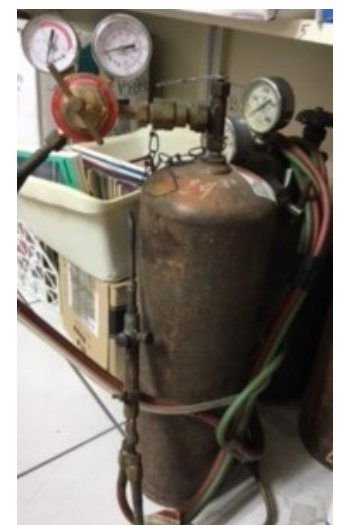
Vibrating Tumbler \$20, Double Tumbler \$45, Neycraft Kiln \$300, Large Crockpot \$10, two Used Wax Dop Pots \$10 each, two B Tanks (Acetylene with hoses and regs) \$30 each, O2 Tank \$30, Vibrating Lapidary \$50, RayTech Faceter \$300.

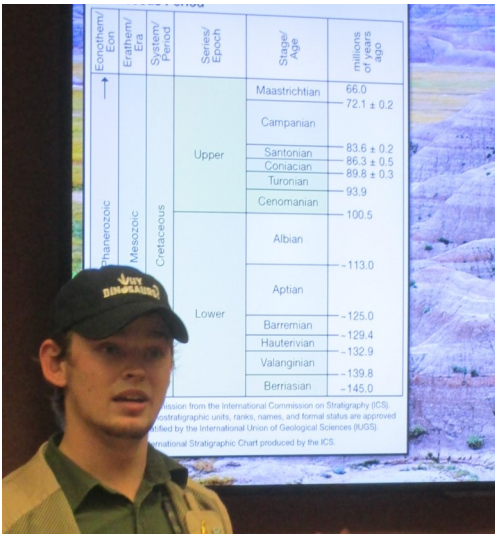


These are in the Cape Canaveral Workshop for inspection. See the Standing Rule below. Auction will be on June 3rd at the Merritt Island Public Library meeting.



Standing rule says:
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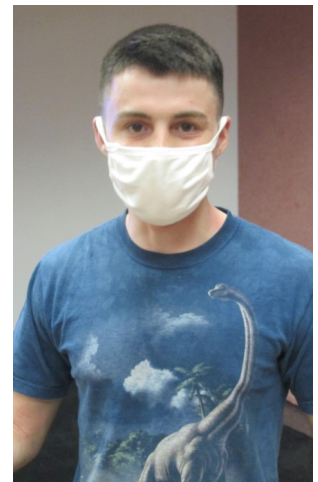




Photos from the April 1st Meeting. Aiden Rouse, a paleontological consultant and fossil enthusiast gave an interesting talk complete with slides and lots of fossils. He is a high school student who has participated in numerous digs, excavations, and research projects. He has been reading and collecting books on this subject for over a decade.



It was a fun meeting with time for Q & A. We wish Aiden the best and look forward to his accomplishments.



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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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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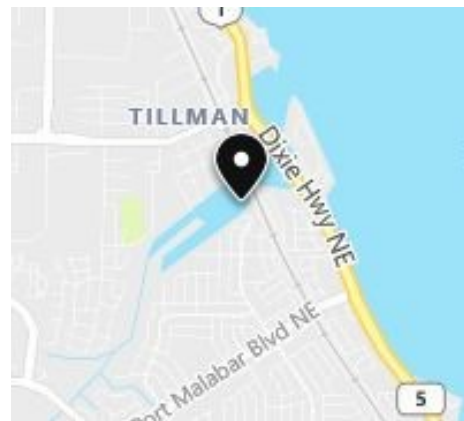
Melbourne Club "Dolly's picnic"

The Melbourne club will be sponsoring a picnic that is not really a picnic, due to Covid, no food will be provided but members can bring their own food.

There will be lapidary items for sale and auction.

Date: May 16, Sunday

Location: Goode Park in Palm Bay



The Alex J. Goode Park boat ramp along Turkey Creek is operated by the City of Palm Bay and gives access to the Indian River Lagoon. Amenities include; single launching lane, courtesy docks, hand launching of kayaks and canoes, larger picnic pavilion, picnic tables, and restrooms. A fishing pier is on site also.

**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
April 1, 2021
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 21.

Meeting opened at 6:03 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes were read and motion to accept by Elizabeth, 2nd by Erleen.

Membership report provided by Michele We have 59 members, 36 renewals, 5 life for 2021.

Treasurer's report by Michele: Expenses continue to outweigh our income. However, we are being very careful about what we are spending.

Committee Appointments: Jennifer has agreed do our audit for 2020.

Workshop: Still waiting for repairs on 18" saw. We have found a local machinist that will evaluate the saw's parts to see if he can repair them. All other machines working, genies will be evaluated for need for wheel changes. Pixie #1 has had bearings replaced and now runs very quietly. Pixie #2 will have the same upgrade as soon as 2 of it's wheels are returned from being resurfaced.

Classes include: Silver casting, and SW silver designs with John Catana, Cabbing and Freeform Wire Wrapping with Mario, Gem ID with Billy, Kumihimo and Beginner Chainmaille with Elizabeth, Traditional wire wrapping and Opal cutting with Michele, Gem tree with Jennifer, Please contact Roz @ 321-431-0159 if you have any interest in any of these 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.

We had a short break and resumed with presentation by our speaker Aiden Rouse who gave an amazing talk about paleo-faunal analysis of the Campanian of NW Montana. He had several samples of bones available. We were all in awe of his wealth of information and knowledge.

There was no interest in bidding for casting equipment or Hydraulic press. They will be offered to anyone who might be interested. A new list of items will be advertised in the next newsletter.

We have a new standing rule for disposing of surplus shop equipment.

Originally, standing rule section 8 read as follows:

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)

Proposed Standing Rule as follows:

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This was presented to the membership present. Motion made by Elizabeth, seconded by Curtis was approved by membership. New bids for additional items will be in May newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

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: _____

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

