



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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NOVEMBER 2020

President's Message

REMINDERS:

November 5, 2020,
CBRGC Meeting at
Merritt Island Library.
6 pm. See page 2 for
the proposed slate of
officers for 2021.

**November 14-15,
2020.** Canaveral
Mineral Society show
at Melbourne
Auditorium.

December 3, 2020.
Christmas and
Holiday Dinner at
Olive Garden on
Merritt Island. 6 pm.
See page 3.

January 7, 2021.
February 4, 2021.
CBRGC Meeting at
Merritt Island Library.
6 pm

February 6-7, 2021.
44th Annual
Symphony of Gems
at Kiwanis Island.
See page 5.

Well, it's November!!!

November is election month for both the United States and for the CBRGC!
However, we have been having issues with a lack of attendance and the ensuing lack of a quorum needed to hold said election or even conduct business.

And to correct this **WE NEED YOU!**

We have a standing rule change to be approved and a slate of officers to be voted on.

We will also be taking nominations from the floor for any position. (All positions are open this election including 2 of the 4 board positions! Dick & Sara, have another year on their board positions)

Our quorum is 15 members and our best since starting meetings back is 13.

We need you to come to the meeting, the club cannot easily continue without you and we want you to know what is going on in the club. To do this you need to attend and take part in the meetings. I do not want the club to take away the power of the members to vote and voice opinion of what goes on within the club and the only way to prevent that from happening is to show up at the meetings so we can continue to vote on any and all matters pertaining to the club

Masks and hand sanitizer is always available for those who want to use it.
Everything seems to be going smoothly with only one thing missing....

YOU!!!

Please try to attend the November meeting.
Until then, KEEP ON ROCKIN'!!

**Mario Vento
2020 President**



November 2020

■ Classes
 ■ Open Shop
 ■ Meetings
 ■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 1	2	3	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 4	Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	6	7
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 8	9	10	 Open Shop 9:30 am- 12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 11	12	13	14
Open Shop 1-4 pm 15	16	17	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 18	19	20	21
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 22	23	24	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 25	Happy Thanksgiving 26	27	28
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 29	30					

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 and Beginning Silver at 321-794-0697.
- ◆ John Catana for Advanced Silver at jcatana58@gmail.com.
- ◆ 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.

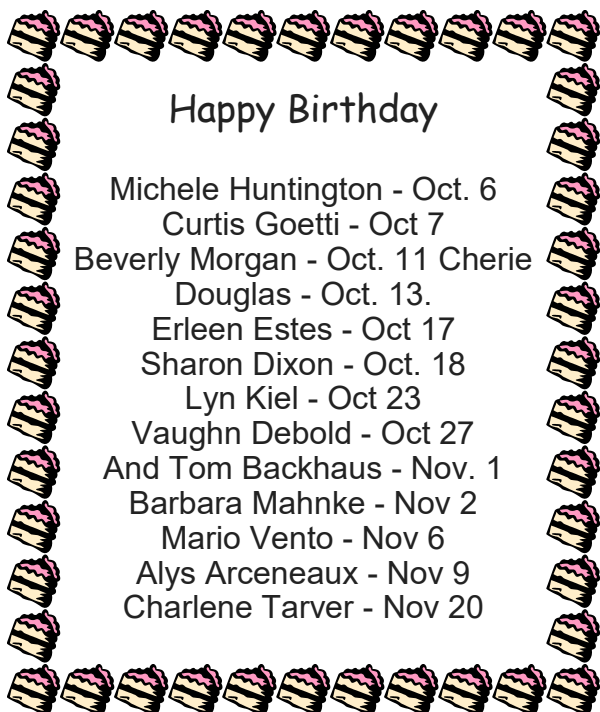
CHRISTMAS—HOLIDAY DINNER

The CBRGC Christmas—Holiday Party will be at Olive Garden on Merritt Island on December 3rd. No prepayment, but please contact Roz at roz.mestre@att.net so we can give Olive Garden the number of attendees as the need to set up the room.

Orders will be from the menu.

ETSY OR EBAY

- ◆ The CBRGC needs a volunteer who is familiar with selling on Ebay or Etsy.
- ◆ The club is interested in selling some of our slabs, specimen pieces, rings, necklaces, kumihimo, and chainmaille. If you would like to set this up for the club, please contact a board member.
- ◆ We are interested in fundraising activities and greatly appreciate any assistance.
- ◆ All suggestions are welcome.



Happy Birthday

- Michele Huntington - Oct. 6
- Curtis Goetti - Oct 7
- Beverly Morgan - Oct. 11
- Cherie Douglas - Oct. 13.
- Erleen Estes - Oct 17
- Sharon Dixon - Oct. 18
- Lyn Kiel - Oct 23
- Vaughn Debold - Oct 27
- And Tom Backhaus - Nov. 1
- Barbara Mahnke - Nov 2
- Mario Vento - Nov 6
- Alys Arceneaux - Nov 9
- Charlene Tarver - Nov 20



CBRGC Club member **Jennifer Davison** at the rock saw using one of the rock clamps that she ordered on ebay from Sellstuff61. She recommends them and says they work great.

see https://www.ebay.com/sch/sellstuff61/m.html?_nkw=&_armrs=1&_jpg=&_frpm=

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH SILVER?

JOHN CATANA is available to teach Silversmithing, Casting, Southwest Jewelry, Baskets (for holding stones or gems), Filigree, Mothers Pendants, and other silver jewelry.

John is a shop supervisor and always has a table at the annual Symphony of Gems at Kiwanis.

If you are interested in taking one of John's classes, contact Roz at (321)632-8281 or at roz.mestre@att.net

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	rokhounds@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/

Affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies - www.amfed.org



PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

All officer positions are up for election and two board positions are up for election - those board positions are currently being held by Bill and Pam Felski.

The other two board positions are currently being held by Dick Cunion and Sara Fellows. Their positions will be up for election next year, and they are both willing to continue their current position for the rest of their term.

The officially proposed slate is as follows.

President	Mario Vento
1st VP	Elizabeth Bishop
2nd VP	Lucy Caracoglia
Secretary:	Roz Mestre
Treasurer:	Michele Huntington

Board: Bill Dewey
John Catana

Presented by Jennifer Davison.

Recipe for Holy Cow

white cerium oxide ½ cup
aluminum oxide ½ cup
tin oxide 1/8 cup

Holy Cow is a great polishing material that can be made using these materials.

44TH ANNUAL SYMPHONY OF GEMS

Enclosed are flyers for Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club's Annual Show on February 6th-7th, 2021. It will be a great opportunity to see vendors and get ideas and see friends.

This a major fundraiser for our club and we need to start getting the dates out.

Please make copies and distribute to anyone or any business or group that would be interested.



Rocks, Gems and Jewelry Show and Sale

February 6 and 7, 2021

**Show Hours
Saturday 10-5
Sunday 10-4**

**Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
951 Kiwanis Is Park Rd
Merritt Island, FL 32952**

**Hourly Door Prizes
Silent Auction
Grand Prize Drawing**

ADMISSION: \$ 4.00

**Children under 12 free when
accompanied by adult.**

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**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
September 3, 2020
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 12

Meeting opened with pledge of allegiance at 6:10 pm.

Minutes waived.

Treasurer's report given by Michele. Our expenses were higher than our income due to the effect of the pandemic.

Membership report given by Lucy. We have 64 members, 3 youth, 5 life.

Workshop has been open since May although with limited days....Sunday afternoons from 1-4pm, Wednesdays from 9:30-12:30 and 1-4pm. Classes have been limited to 1:1 instruction in the classroom and number of club members attending have been limited to 6 plus 2 supervisors. John and Pete have checked all machines and they are all in working order. John was able to set up an intarsia machine as well.

Classes: At this time, we are ready to increase class size to 3 members and utilize Tuesday evenings for silversmith (beginner and advanced), silversmith beginner either Wednesday or Sunday afternoons, cabbing Monday evenings, kumihimo or chainmaille Sunday or Wednesday afternoons.

Show report given by Roz. We may or may not have issues in using Kiwanis island gymnasium as our usual location. Apparently, new regulations for a public venue per Brevard county will not be known until December. If we cannot use the gym, we could use the outdoor pavilion. Security is available, 9 vendors so far have agreed to attend and more are being sought. We will have issues with moving picnic tables to create individual booths and we will have to follow 6' apart, and the use of masks. Erleen and I are still investigating. To do this, we will need several able-bodied members to assist.

Newsletter has been going out by email and regular mail.

Inventory will be redone by Mario.

Following the meeting, members participated in silent auction.

We are looking for a person to help create an Ebay account to help sell off some of our surplus slabs, donated jewelry and finished items to help keep add to our funds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Roz Mestre



**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
October 1, 2020
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 12

Meeting opened at 6:15 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance.

This is the 2nd meeting in a row that attendance has been very low. We need at least 15 people to attend in order to vote on any issues requiring voting by membership. Please keep this in mind for our next meeting November 5th because we will have to accept or decline new slate of officers for 2021. In the event, we do not have a quorum there will be no elections and the current slate of officers will continue until we are able to have enough members in attendance.

We are looking into alternate ways of communicating with members, for example zoom or other types of computer or cell phone use. In order to have any voting, members have to be seen to voice their opinions and make voting valid.

Membership report provided by Lucy: 69 members including 3 youth, 5 Life.

Treasurer's report by Michele: Unfortunately, our expenses continue to outweigh income due to minimal attendance at the workshop and absence of vendor deposits.

Classes for the new year will include Silver Casting , Advanced Silver with Contemporary Designs, Southwest Silver Designs, Baskets for Premade Stones, Cold Connections, Filigree with John Catana, Cabbing with Mario, Fused Glass with Lucy, Kumihimo and Beginner Chainmaille with Elizabeth, Wire Wrapping and Opal Cutting with Michele.

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 each class group.

Workshop update provided by Michele. Pete and John continue to keep shop running. 3 wheels replaced on Genies. Slab saw and George's saw were cleaned out and new oil replaced. A/C filter replaced and thermostat reset.

Show: We very recently received the approval from Kiwanis Parks Department allowing us to have our show in the gymnasium and annex like we usually do. We still have to observe social distancing and masks may be required. Contracts are in the process of going out to vendors who attended last year. We will need more volunteers, especially those who are able bodied to help with moving items needed to be brought to the show and returned to the workshop, as well as, setting up the electrical wire for the center vendors. Donations of any items are always welcome to be used for silent auction. They can be dropped off at the workshop or brought to the meetings.

Meeting followed by member participation in silent auction.

Adjourned 7:50pm

Minutes provided by Roz Mestre

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: _____

PLEASE PLACE STAMP HERE

