



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 6:30-9:30 PM, call or text Mario at 321-593-2958
to confirm.**

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President's Message

Welcome to April.

Hope you are enjoying this wonderful Florida weather. Soon, school will be out and it will be vacation and travel time and time to go rock hounding. We are making plans already for our club picnic and a club event at the Cocoa Beach Library.

Long time member and 2nd Vice-President Mario Vento's mother passed away on March 17th. His address is 100 S. Holiday Lane, Titusville, FL 32796 if you would like to send a card. Mario taught many of us how to use the saws and capping machines to cut cabs.

Our next club meeting is this Thursday, April 6th. Rick and Vivian Marshall will be speaking to our club about Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (SFMS). Our club is a member of SFMS and there are many benefits which they will be discussing. There will also be time for questions.

As always, we are doing our best to serve our club. We want to have programs and events that are of interest to our members and we need your help. Let us know what you would like to see at our meetings.

I hope to see you on Thursday.

REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2023.**

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

April 22-23. Gem Show. CFMGS in Sanford. See page 8.

May 4. CBRGC Meeting.

June 1. CBRGC Meeting.

June 4-10. SFMS Workshops. William Holland. See pages 10-11.

June 24. 'Circle Up' Swap Meet. Apopka, FL. See page 9.

August 14-20. SFMS Workshops. Wildacres. See pages 10-11.

September 7. CBRGC Meeting.

October 5. CBRGC Meeting.

October 14. CBRGC Picnic.

**Elizabeth Bishop
2023 President**



Reminder:
Please return signs to the workshop or bring to the April meeting.

April 2023

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

■ Meetings

■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 2	3	4	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 5	Meeting at 6:00 pm at Library 6	7	8
Easter Sunday Shop Closed 9	10	11	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 12	Open Shop 6:30 – 9:30 pm 13	14	15
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 16	17	18	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm. 19	Open Shop 6:30 – 9:30 pm 20	21	Earth Day. Be green. 22
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 23	24	25	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 26	Open Shop 6:30 – 9:30 pm 27	28	29
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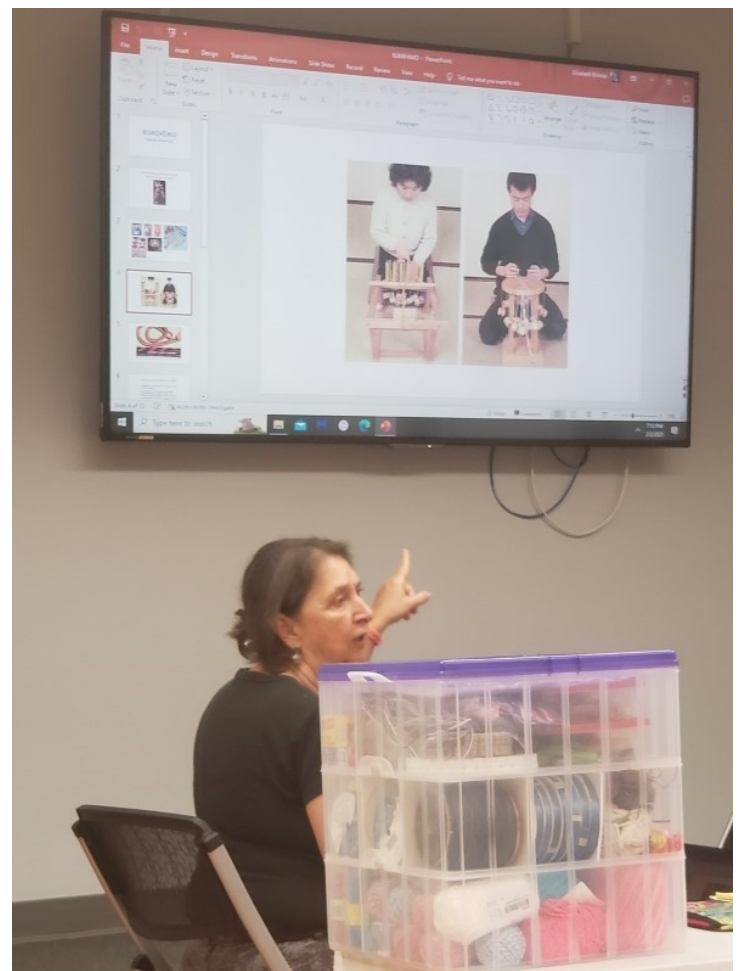
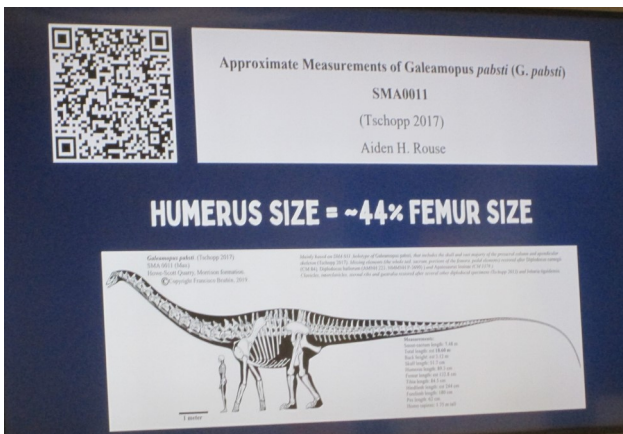
INSTRUCTORS

- ◆ Michele is available to teach Wire Wrap or Opal Cutting or Intarsia on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. raymich06@bellsouth.net
 - ◆ Mario is available to teach cabbing on Monday and Thursday. Call or text 321-593-2958.
 - ◆ 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.
 - ◆ 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.

AIDEN ROUSE WAS OUR MARCH SPEAKER

One of our favorite presenters, Aiden Rouse, was our speaker at the March meeting.

He gave a power point presentation on his current research. He also brought numerous specimens.



Elizabeth gave a presentation on Kumihimo at the February meeting. She brought in examples of different patterns and materials that can be used to create unique designs.

There was a demonstration and kumihimo kits given to attendees .

VOLUNTEERS



Erleen and Darleen setting up the Silent Auction table.

At the spinning wheel.



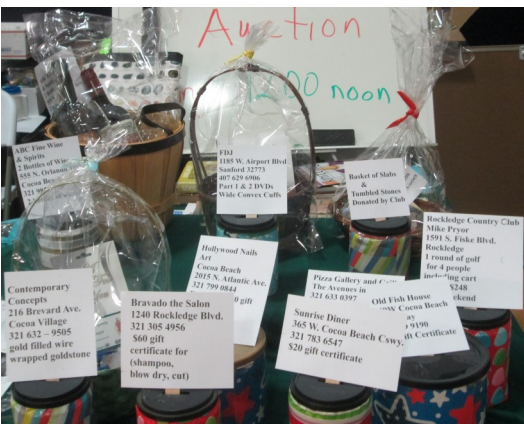
Above left: Pete at the sluice where the young and the adult can practice screening for gems.



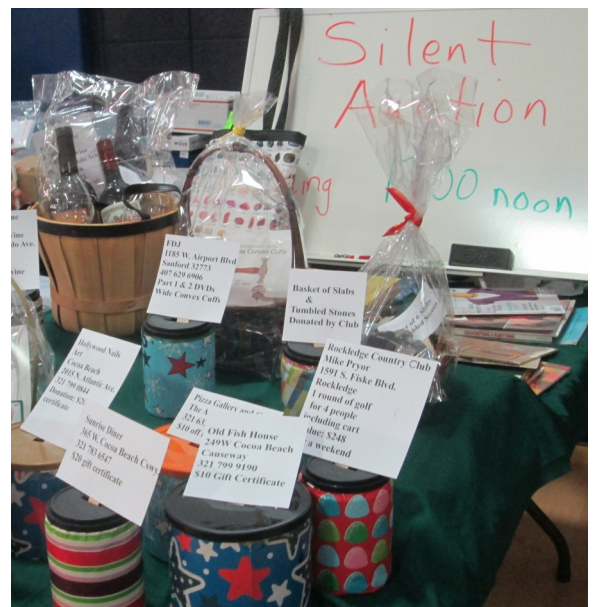
Above right: Painted rocks .



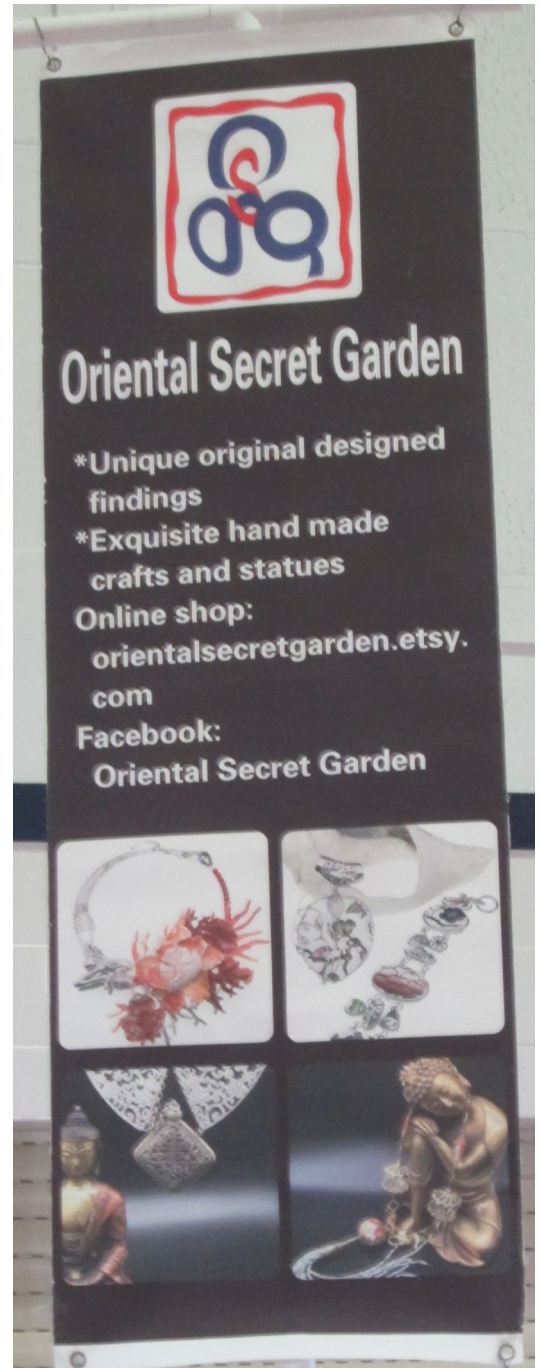
Above: Michele and the winner of the grand prize opal necklace



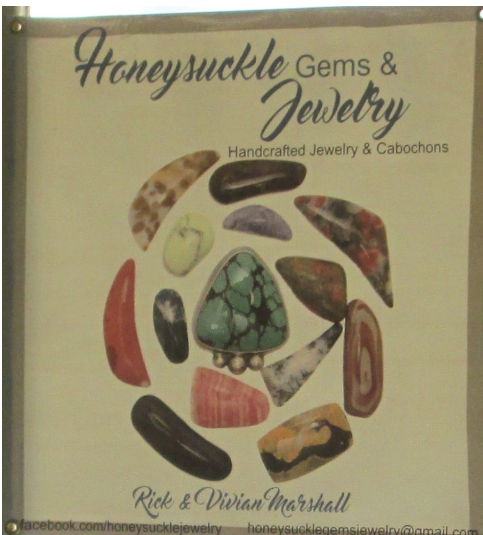
Raffle baskets. There were some great things to buy tickets for a chance to win. There was wine, dining, gift certificates, and many other gifts.



VENDORS



MORE OF OUR SHOW VENDORS



EVEN MORE OF OUR VENDORS AND GUESTS AND DISPLAYS



CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY SHOW

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc., a non-profit 501(C)3 educational organization, is hosting a Rock, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show on April 22nd and 23rd, 2023 at the City of Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd., Sanford, FL 32771.

Show time: Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm.

Vendors offering rocks, minerals, gemstones, fossils, beads, jewelry, artifacts, metaphysical stones, handcrafted cabochons, etc.

Silent auction, door prizes, demonstrations and family activities.

Admission fee: Adults \$5, Kids \$2 and Scouts in uniform free.

Website: <http://www.cfmgs.org>.

Contact: President Salvatore Sansone 321-278-9294 or e-mail: ssfossilhunter@aol.com

SUPPLIES FOR SALE

Brenda Stacy is clearing out her shop and has some things to sell.

1. 76E Handler, dust handler and motor. includes new buffing wheels and asst. polishing compounds. excellent condition asking \$250.
2. Metal Clay books, magazines, tools, clay and qik-sil, 2-part rubber molding clay. asking \$45.
3. Shoe box plus size copper sheet, wire and scrap (7 pounds). \$30 or make offer.
4. Wooden bracelet mandrel, wood chain polisher (never used), 2 ring mandrels. \$40.
5. Scrimshaw tools and book. \$25
6. Resin book, tools, molds and bezels and 2 part epoxy resin. \$50

She also have a lot of tools for sale.

Contact Brenda at 321-794-9180 or glassngrey@gmail.com.





“CIRCLE UP” SWAP MEET

June 24, 2023, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
1937 Lakeville Road, Apopka, FL

Sponsored by Wekiva Gem & Mineral Society

Rock Clubs and Individuals are invited to set up and buy, sell, and swap anything that is LAPIDARY related! Everything from slabs, rough, specimens, polished stones, finished cabochons, handmade jewelry, to tools and lapidary equipment can be swapped or sold!

- Limited to 40 spaces. Outdoors, in the circle under the trees.
- \$25 per 10' x 20' space.
- You bring your tables, tent, and chairs. No electricity provided.
- Rain or shine event!

For more information, contact Rick Marshall, 407-949-1416.

To reserve your space, complete the section below & mail with a \$5.00 deposit (check payable to “WG&MS”). Balance due day of Swap Meet.

Wekiva Gem & Mineral Society, 586 Honeysuckle Ct., Apopka, FL 32712

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

2023 SFMS Workshops

Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor
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William Holland 6/4-10/23			
Sood Beaded Cabs	Jerri Heer	Silver I+	Jason Hamilton
Cabs I	Rick Marshal	Silver II—Panel Bracelet	Debora Mauser
Cab II—Turbo	Jack King	Silver III—Channel Inlay	David Wayment
Casting	Bill Harr	Weave - Tap - Drop	Cindy Moore
Soft Solder	Becky Patellis	Wire II—Bracelets	Gene Sheridan
Flame Painting	Bob Hohn	Workbench Construction	Danny Griffin
Faceting	Tom Mitchell		

Wildacres I 8/14-20/2023		Wildacres II 9/11-17/2023	
Hydraulic Press/ Rolling Mill	Cindy Moore	Weave—Tap— Drop	Cindy Moore
Stained Glass	Stephanie Danz	Chain Maille	Marilou Hillenbrand
Special Projects	Jeff Sheer	Acid Etching & Enameling	Kristi Ross & Stephanie Savic Polk
Silver I+	Jason Hamilton	Silver II - Inlay Knife	Chuck Bruce
Wire /Wire Wwaving	Vicki Hodges	Polymer Clay	Stacy Stinton
Casting	Bill Harr	Wire /Wire Wwaving	Vicki Hodges
Fused Chain	Nancy Brickner	Silver with Leather Inlay	Wayne Parker
Scrimshaw	Sandy Brady	Metal Clay	Susan Brooks

It's time to start thinking about the SFMS Workshop offerings for 2023. We still have openings in all the classes (although, WH—Silver 1+ is almost full), so contact us quick to get your name on the list. The website is <https://www.sfmworkshops.org>. You can sign up and pay your deposit directly online. If you prefer, use the attached registration page and send it with a check.

WH Registrar: Cindy Reed, 863-255-5256, wh-registrar@southeastfed.org
 WH Registrar: Marly Sharpe, 757-724-8043, registrarwildacres@gmail.com

2023 SFMS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

William Holland: <input type="checkbox"/> June 04 – 10	Wildacres: <input type="checkbox"/> August 14-20	Wildacres <input type="checkbox"/> September 11-17
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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. DO NOT USE ABBREVIATIONS.

STUDENT #1

Name: _____ M F

Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone (Primary): _____ Alternate: _____

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS LISTED BELOW. It is necessary for selecting a room location that meets your physical needs. Please be aware there are a limited number of handicap/easy access rooms available for assignment.

Walk up a flight of stairs? - Y - N Use a walker/cane? - Y - N Wheelchair/Scooter - Y - N

Need handicap room? - Y - N Age: ≤70 >70 Smoke? - Y - N

Early riser? - Y - N Night Owl? - Y - N

Dietary considerations or allergies: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone (Primary): _____ Alternate: _____

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STUDENT #2

Name: _____ M F

Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone (Primary): _____ Alternate: _____

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS LISTED BELOW. It is necessary for selecting a room location that meets your physical needs. Please be aware there are a limited number of handicap/easy access rooms available for assignment.

Walk up a flight of stairs? - Y - N Use a walker/cane? - Y - N Wheelchair/Scooter - Y - N

Need handicap room? - Y - N Age: ≤70 >70 Smoke? - Y - N

Early riser? - Y - N Night Owl? - Y - N

Dietary considerations or allergies: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone (Primary): _____ Alternate: _____

	1 st Class Choice	Taken Before	2 nd Class Choice	Taken Before
Student #1		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Student #2		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

Double (requested roommate): _____

Private (will accommodate if possible) Day student Campground (William Holland only)

Early Arrival add \$20 per person (William Holland only)

William Holland Tuition: \$575 – Double Occupancy | \$735 – Private Room | \$275 – Day Student
 Campground*: \$350 (1 student, 1 guest), \$700 (2 students) *Contact William Holland Registrar for details

Wildacres Tuition: \$575 – Double Occupancy | \$735 – Private Room | \$275 – Day Student

Mail separate application(s) and tuition fee(s) or \$50 deposit(s) for each location to the applicable Registrar listed below. All class fees include a \$50 **non-refundable** deposit.

<p>William Holland Registrar Cindy Reed 5740 Hebron Lane, Lakeland, FL 33812-3207 (863) 255-5256 wh-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org</p>	<p>Wildacres Registrar Marty Sharpe 3109 Verne Avenue, Portsmouth, VA 23703-4733 (757) 724-8043 registrarwildacres@gmail.com</p>
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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.



OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

President:	Elizabeth Bishop	(321)452-1579	izbet@aol.com
1st Vice President:			
2nd Vice President:	Mario Vento	(321)593-2958	rokhounds@gmail.com
Secretary:	Roz Mestre	(321)632-8281	roz.mestre@att.net
Treasurer:	Michele Huntington	(321)799-8536	raymich06@bellsouth.net

Directors:

	2023-24
John Catana	2023-24
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)



Member of Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. - www.amfed.org/sfms/

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



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.

**BIRTHDAYS
MARCH**

- Roz Mestre—19th
- Emily Holston—23rd
- Linda Badger—25th

APRIL

- Dick Cunnion—12th
- Truman Whitaker—22nd
- Bob Denaberg—23rd
- Philip Howard—28th
- Gary Wendel—30th



**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
February 2, 2023
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 12

Meeting opened at 6:17 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance. Elizabeth welcomed new visitor Lance to our meeting.

Treasurer's report from Michele indicated that we are waiting for lease renewal for the workshop. Non-profit report filed with the state. SEF membership paid. At the workshop, we will no longer take fees paid in advance for shop use and there will be no IOUs. However, fees for classes can be paid in advance.

Workshop: Everything working. New cab machine is ready and supervisors and all members who do cabbing will be instructed in it's use.

Classes: Cold connections class was scheduled for January and ran very well. Next class is opal cutting begins February 9th for 3 weeks.

Newsletter going out to members regularly.

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

Facebook: Continues to be monitored for both the club and public pages. We have used Facebook Boost to advertise our show.

Show: We are at full capacity with 25 vendors. Tables rented from the church and borrowed from Michele's condo have been picked up and delivered to Kiwanis by club members. Our large banner has been set up at entrance to Kiwanis. Pizza will be available for the weekend sponsored by volunteers for project graduation for Merritt Island High School.

Fundraising: Dick indicated that we have several sponsors with quite a few donations for gift certificates and gift items.

Show & Tell: Members who attended the cold connection class brought in several examples of their work.

Program: Elizabeth gave a power point presentation on Kumihimo and brought in disks to practice on and keep.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm
Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

Rick Spechler donated this beautiful carved serpentine jade stone vase from China for a club raffle. Tickets will be \$2 each, 6 for \$10, sold at club meetings with drawing at Holiday dinner in December.



**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
March 2, 2023
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 12

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

Elizabeth welcomed new visitor Bob to our meeting who donated several slabs and rocks to our club.

Treasurer's report from Michele indicated our income for the month of February was higher than our expenses. Our workshop lease has increased by \$50 to \$750/month for the next 3 years. SE Fed liability insurance has been paid.

Membership: Mario reported we now have 56 new members, 16 new, 38 renewals, 2 life.

Workshop: Everything working.

Classes: Michele is finishing her opal class next week. John has started a silver advanced technique class with 2 new members who are driving down from Palm Coast.

Website is still a work in progress.

Show & Tell: Karen brought several opals she has been working on during the opal class with Michele.

Show: Show report presented by Roz. Our show was a huge success, the best ever since 2007. More than 800 people attended our show. Our total income after expenses is so far \$8,349.54. We are still waiting for Florida Today bill. All vendors would like to return next year.

Short break to purchase slabs and raffle tickets for remaining gift certificate from the show.

Aiden Rouse spoke to our club members about dinosaur fossils that his partner purchased recently. He brought with him several pieces of vertebrae and humeral bones. He has been working on tracing the origins of these pieces and described how he arrived at his conclusions. In addition, slide presentation was very informative.

Raffle winner was Karen Buckley a \$10 gift certificate for Pizza Gallery in Viera.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

The CBRGC recently purchased a cabbing machine from a member who is no longer interested in doing cabs at home. Please ask a shop supervisor for instructions prior to using this machine as it is a little different from the Genies.



Sponsors for 2023 Show

Auto Pro's Service Center

Jerry Negri, owner. 401 S Cocoa Blvd, STE B (US1). 321-636-9021.

Island Crystal & Beads

Christian, owner. 950 N. Courtenay Pkwy #20. Merritt Island, FL 32953. 321-453-2665.

Bravado The Salon

Employee: Dennis. 1240 Rockledge Blvd. Rockledge, FL 32955. 321-305-4956.

ABC Fine Wine & Spirits

Store leader, Carrie Piper. 555 N. Orlando Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. 321-985-7772.

Hollywood Nails Art

2015 N. Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. 321-799-0844.

Super Cuts

2003 N. Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. Supercuts.com. 321-783-7166.

Sunrise Diner

Employee: Demetrius. 365 W. Cocoa Beach Cswy. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. 321-783-5647.

Anatolian Design

Employee: Irfan Ekinci. 212 Brevard Ave. Cocoa, FL 32922. 952 737 7215.

Contemporary Concepts

216 Brevard Ave. Cocoa, FL 32922. 321-632-9505.

Old Fish House

5185 US Hwy 1 South (ICW Marker 35). Grant-Valkaria, FL 32949. 321-727-7007.

Asian Nails & Spa 2

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

Lucille Jane Salon

10 Oleander St.. Cocoa, FL 32922. 321-806-4749.

Pizza Gallery & Grill

2250 Town Center Ave., Suite 113 (The Avenues). Viera, FL 32940. 321-633-0397.

Café Margaux

Dale/Alex. 220 Brevard Ave. Cocoa, FL 32922. 321-639-8343.

Rockledge Country Club

1591 Fiske Blvd. Rockledge, FL 32955-2514. 321-636-3160.

FDJ

Scott, owner. 1185 W Airport Blvd. Sanford, FL 32773. 407-629-6906.

Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club Inc.

2023 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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