



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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REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2023.**

February 2. CBRGC Meeting. Merritt Island Public Library. 6 pm.

February 4-5. 46th Annual Symphony of Gems. Kiwanis Island. See page 4.

March 2. CBRGC Meeting. Merritt Island Public Library. 6 pm.

March 4-5. Rock and Gem Show. CMS. See page 5.

March 18. Rock Swap. CMS. See page 5.

April 22-23. Gem Show. CFMGS in Sanford. See page 5.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AND ESSENTIAL..**

**Flyers and signs
available at the meeting.
Please Contact Roz or
sign up at the February
meeting.**

President's Message

Welcome to February.

This is going to be a busy month. Our Kiwanis Show is the first weekend of this month. Roz and Erleen have been working hard with all of the details, contracts, tables, etc. There is so much to planning a show like ours with 25 vendors and all their needs. The rental van has to be loaded on Thursday, setup at Kiwanis is on Friday, the Show on Saturday and Sunday, and then on Sunday after the show closes, everything has to be returned to storage or the shop until next years show.

Admission is free for CBRGC members, so please renew your membership and attend the show. Buy something unique and handmade for your Valentine. There will be supplies, slabs, gem trees, and lots of 'one of a kind' treasures.

We still need volunteers. This show is our major fundraiser and we need maximum participation.

We are looking for speakers and programs for our future meetings. I will be doing a PowerPoint presentation on Kumihimo for our February meeting and Aiden Rouse, a young paleontologist, has agreed to speak and bring specimens to our March meeting. We need your suggestions and ideas.

Happy Valentines Day.

See you at the meeting and Show.

Reminder:

All yard sale signs for show should be outside as of January 30 thru the show dates. After the show—Please return signs to the workshop or bring to the March meeting.



**Elizabeth Bishop
2023 President**

February 2023

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

■ Meetings

■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 1	Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Library 2	3	ANNUAL SHOW – KIWANIS 4
ANNUAL SHOW – KIWANIS SHOP CLOSED 5	6	7	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 8	Open Shop 6:30 – 9:30 pm 9	10	11
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 12	13	VALENTINE DAY 14	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 15	Open Shop 6:30 – 9:30 pm 16	17	18
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 19	20	21	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 22	Open Shop 6:30 – 9:30 pm 23	24	25
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 26	27	28		Call or text Mario at 321- 593-2958 to confirm for Thursday evening Shop		

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.

COLD CONNECTIONS

On January 19th, John Catana taught a Cold Connections Class. Each student finished at least three pieces. A fun class.



Above: John teaching Karen and Lucy cold connections techniques.

Left: Two stages in forming copper leaf.

Right: Finished Copper Peapod pendant. Created by John.



Left: PeaPod Pendant in copper and two copper leaves. The different colors of the leaves are from heating the copper.

Below left: Ed creating in copper.

Below Right: Lucy watching John shape copper leaf using hammer. Ed looking on in background.





John hammering a 14-gauge copper wire into a ring.



Join us for this non-profit fundraising event!

46th Year!

Show and Sale Rocks, Gems and Jewelry

February 4th and 5th, 2023

Show Hours
Saturday 10 - 5
Sunday 10 - 4

Kiwanis Island Recreation Center
951 Kiwanis Island Park
Merritt Island, FL 32952

Hourly Door Prizes, Silent Auction, children's activities,
demonstrations and Grand Prize Drawing








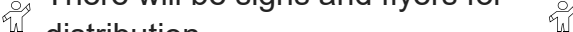











Admission: \$6.00. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

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Left: Black opal and sterling silver pendant cut and fabricated by Michele Huntington donated to club for 2023 Show grand prize.

Please come to the Thursday meeting at the library, renew your membership, and sign up to volunteer for the 46th Annual Symphony of Gems.

There will be signs and flyers for distribution.

We need your help. We are grateful for any assistance. A few hours, a day, or both days are greatly appreciated.

This is our major fundraiser for our club.

CANAVERAL MINERAL SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

On March 4 & 5 Canaveral Mineral Society will be sponsoring a Rock and Gem show at Melbourne Auditorium. This show is usually in November but Hurricane Ian damaged the auditorium.

Rock Swap on March 18 from 9 am-3 pm

Contact: Mark Heathman at 321-253-2856 or 321-474-1406

Cost: \$15/ table

Sponsored by Canaveral Mineral Society

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.

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Felski - 8th
Lucy Gonzalez - 14th
Sarah Denaburg - 18th
David Estes - 23rd
Robin Uecker - 24th

**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
January 5, 2023
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 16

Meeting opened at 6:07 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: There were no formal minutes because our December meeting was our holiday dinner. We did have a swearing in of 2023 board members: Elizabeth, President; Mario, 2nd VP; Roz, Secretary; Michele, Treasurer; and Dick Cunion, John Catana, and Sara Fellows as Board members. Erleen Estes volunteered to Replace Bill Dewey as 4th board member.

Membership report provided by Mario, We have 28 total members.

Treasurer's report from Michele indicated that our total income for the year was \$20,599.28, expenses were 19983.50. Income for December exceeded expenses. Rent for the workshop will be increasing by \$50. rental for storage unit is increasing by \$5. SFMS membership is also due.

Workshop: Workshop operational. Last week several volunteers helped to clean the workshop, John worked on the buffer, A/C filter replaced.

Classes include: John will teach cold connection class on January 19.

Newsletter going out to members regularly.

Fundraising: Dick is organizing group of volunteers to find donations for our raffles for the show.

Show and Tell: Mario brought in a tiger eye cab that he free formed and donated it to be used in silent auction.

Show: We have sold all our tables for the show. We will have some new vendors again. Slowly, volunteers are coming forward to work at admissions, silent auction, sluice/spinning wheel, as well, to assist with loading and unloading the rental van.

Motion to adjourn made by Michele, 2nd by Dick

Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

Sponsor List

- Asia Nails & Spa**, Sam Tran, yeuthuongthammai@yahoo.com. 563 Barton Blvd., Unit #3, Rockledge, FL 32955
- Auto Pros Service Center**, Gerald Negri, owner, 321-636-9021, geraldnegri@att.net. 401 S Cocoa Blvd, Ste B , Cocoa, FL 32922
- Bravado The Salon**, Bravadothesalon.com, 321-305-4956. 1240 Rockledge Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955
- Café Margaux**, Dale Jason, 321-639-8343. 220 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922
- The CB&G Store**, Wanda Ousley, www.cbglstore.com. 563 Barton Blvd, Rockledge, FL 32955., Unit 1
- Concierge Fitness**, Bo Smith, ConciergeFitnessFL@gmail.com. 321-750-5628. 563 Barton Blvd., Unit #7, Rockledge, FL 3295
- The Dinosaur Store**, Donna Cayer, donna@DinosaurStore.com. 321-783-7300. 250 W. Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
- FDJ**, Scott, owner, info@fdjtool.com. 407-629-6906. 1185 W Airport Blvd, Sanford, FL 32773
- Florida Seafood**, Helen, 321-480-6590. 480 West Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.
- Frank's Tire & Auto Services (Big Frank's)**, Frank Spotts, owner, 321-635-8473, hardtimes528@yahoo.com
805 Florida Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922
- Guaranteed Air & Repair**, Robert Wilkins, 321-633-4700. 907 Barton Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955.
- Island Breeze Crystals**, Lisa O'Harrow, islandbreezecrystals@gmail.com. 321-305-4667. 500 Barton Blvd, #5, Rockledge, FL 32955
- Island Crystal & Bead**, Ed, owner, IslandCrystalAndBead.com, 321-453-2665. 950 N. Courtenay Pkwy #20, Merritt Island, FL 32953
- Island Time Bar & Grill**, Debie Shecten, 321-458-2799. 400 W Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32941.
- Mary Kay Cosmetics**, Kerry Rowland, KerrysPinkDreams@gmail.com. 321-668-0402. 986 Sarazen Dr., Rockledge, FL 329556.
- Molly's Seafood**, Kathy Shaeffer – mgr, 321-453-1288. 1580 E. Merritt Island Cswy, Merritt Island, FL 32952.
- Mom E's Creations**, Linda D. Edgerly, owner, mom@cfl.rr.com. 321-794-5543. 987 Commerce Rd. SE, Palm Bay, FL 32909.
- Rockledge Country Club**, 321-636-3160. 1591 Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955.
- Signs of All Kinds**, Ted Newman, RiversideSigns@yahoo.com. 321-978-5092. 1050N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32922
- Space Coast PC users Group, Inc.**, Scpug.com.
- Sunrise Diner**, Demetrius, 321-783-5647. 365 W. Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
- Sunset Bar & Grill**, Jason, mgr, 321-783-8485. 500 Cocoa Beach Cswy, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
- TOrring Styl**, Theresa Orr, Tc31155@gmail.com. 2293 Camel Mesa Dr., Laughlin, NV 89029.

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: _____

DATE: _____ PAID: _____

[] CASH [] CHARGE [] CHECK # _____

[] CARD ISSUED ISSUED BY _____

CLUB FUNCTION: _____ INITS: _____

SAFETY BRIEFING: _____ INITS: _____

B'DAY MONTH/DAY: _____

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

