



NEWSLETTER  
FOR CENTRAL  
BREVARD  
ROCK AND  
GEM CLUB

# Brevard Gems

Web address: [www.centralbrevardgems.com](http://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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MAY 2023

## REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
FOR 2023.**

**May 4.** CBRGC Meeting.  
Merritt Island Public  
Library. 6 pm.

**June 1.** CBRGC Meeting.

**June 4-10.** SFMS  
Workshops. William  
Holland. See pages 7-8.

**June 24.** 'Circle Up'  
Swap Meet. Apopka, FL.  
See page 6.

**August 14-20.** SFMS  
Workshops. Wildacres.  
See pages 7-8.

**September 7.** CBRGC  
Meeting.

**September 23.** Cocoa  
Beach Library. 10 am-4  
pm.

**October 5.** CBRGC  
Meeting.

**October 14.** CBRGC  
Picnic.

## President's Message

Welcome to May.

We are getting some wonderful much needed rain which has also given us some nice cool weather. Hope you are enjoying it as much as the plants. Just saw my first soon to be ripe fruit hanging from my Mango tree.

We just had a fun class on Cold Connections taught by John. We will have some pieces at this Thursday nights meeting during 'Show and Tell.' Roz wants to schedule more classes, but we need to hear from our members.

One of our members has a DVD series from The Great Courses on 'The World's Greatest Geological Wonders.' We are going to show the session on the Grand Canyon at the Thursday night meeting. The other sessions include The Himalayas, The Ganges Delta, The Amazon Basin, Iguazu Falls, Mammoth Cave, and others.

We had our Board/Shop Supervisor Meeting on Monday. In September, there will be a club event at the Cocoa Library for members. We will have our Club picnic in October at Rotary Park on Merritt Island. There will be more details in future newsletters. We will need participants and volunteers. There are so many opportunities to contribute.

Hope to see you all at Thursday night's meeting.



**Elizabeth Bishop  
2023 President**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

May 2023

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

■ Meetings

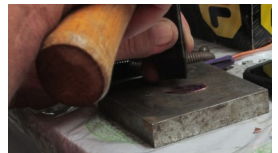
■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 3	Meeting at 6:00 pm at Library 4	5	6
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 7	8	9	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 10	11	12	13
Happy Mother's Day! Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 14	15	16	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 17	18	19	20
Open Shop 1 – 4 p.m. 21	22	23	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 24	25	26	27
Shop Closed 28	Memorial Day 29	30	Open Shop 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 1-4 p.m. 31			

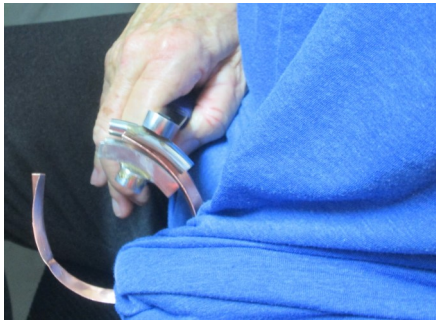
## INSTRUCTORS

- ◆ Michele is available to teach Wire Wrap or Opal Cutting or Intarsia on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. [raymich06@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jcatana58@gmail.com).
- ◆ Elizabeth ([izbet@aol.com](mailto:izbet@aol.com)) and Roz ([roz.mestre@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:roz.mestre@att.net) or 321-431-0159 or sign up at meeting.

**COLD CONNECTIONS APRIL 12TH AT THE SHOP.** John Catana taught a Cold Connections class to four CBRGC members. We worked with sheet copper to create peapod bracelets, earrings, and leaves. We cut, stamped, and shaped copper. It was a really fun class and everyone created at least two pieces.



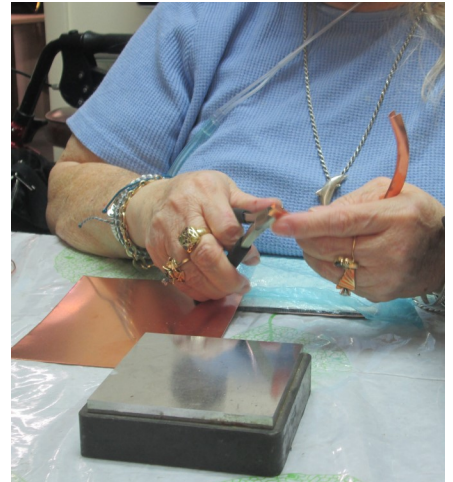
Above: Tools of the trade. Snipers, hammers, shapers, and a steel plate.  
Below: Karin (in green top) uses a rawhide hammer to shape copper and a sharp edge to stamp copper to resemble a leaf.



Left: Jes shapes a piece of copper into an open tube to create a peapod bracelet.



Right: Lucy is working with a dapping block and a flat steel plate to shape copper.  
Below right: Lucy making a bracelet.







Left: Two peapod bracelets. Copper earrings made by Karin. These earrings were created in less than ten minutes. Karin cut, stamped, and shaped the copper into leaves. She made the ear wires from copper wire.



Above and Below. Two stamped and polished copper leaves.



Beautiful copper jewelry. The leaf below right had a longer stem that was looped to create a unique bale ready for a copper chain or satin cord.



Really Fun Class. Thank You John







**WINNER OF ONE OF THE GRAND PRIZES FROM THE KIWANIS SHOW IN FEBRUARY.**

**The prize included a 3-D printed dragon and the textured egg that opened.**

**CONGRATULATIONS.**

**Thanks to Mario for creating this unique prize.**

This beautiful Jade stone vase is being raffled. Tickets are available at the club meeting. The winning ticket will be drawn at the December Holiday Party. You do not need to be present to win.



### 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](mailto: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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2023 SFMS Workshops

Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor
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<b>William Holland 6/4-10/23</b>			
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		

<b>Wildacres I 8/14-20/2023</b>		<b>Wildacres II 9/11-17/2023</b>	
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 Weaving	Vicki Hodges	Polymer Clay	Stacy Stinton
Casting	Bill Harr	Wire /Wire Weaving	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](mailto:wh-registrar@southeastfed.org)  
 WH Registrar: Marly Sharpe, 757-724-8043, [registrarwildacres@gmail.com](mailto: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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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dietary considerations or allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Choice	Taken Before	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Choice	Taken Before
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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.

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



Affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies - [www.amfed.org](http://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.



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Rick Spechler—1st

Taylor Culmore—14th

Pete Hoyos—15th

Darlene Nardi—16th

Sara Fellows—24th

## UPCOMING CLASSES JUST WAITING TO BE SCHEDULED.

- FILIGREE. This is a three-session class.
- SOUTHWEST JEWELRY. This is a three-session class

Both classes have a prerequisite of beginning silver. The required supplies are listed on our club's website or in the binder in the shop. John Catana teaches these classes. If interested, please contact Roz to get on the list.

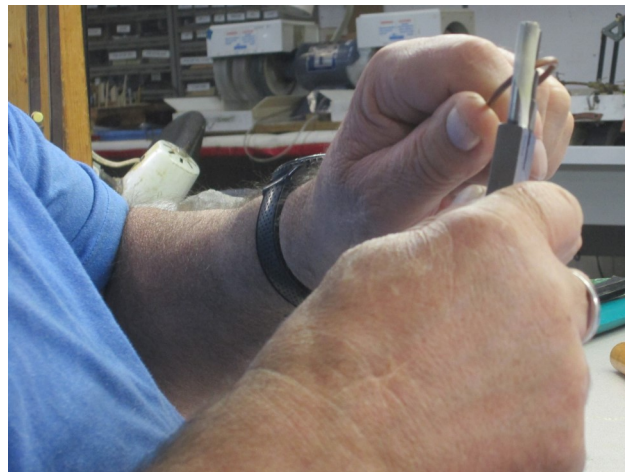


Rick Marshall spoke at the April meeting regarding all the benefits of our club membership in the Southeast Federation. He and his wife Vivian are founders of the Wekiva Gem & Mineral Society Inc. They will be sponsoring a "Circle Up" Swap Meet on June 24th. See page 6.

3-D printed Dragon created by Mario. Similar to the one that was a Grand Prize at the Kiwanis Show.



Below. John C. helping a student during open shop. Using tools to bend and shape copper. The Shop Supervisors are in in open shop to assist CBRGC members. If you need instruction, just ask.





**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club  
General Meeting  
April 6, 2023  
Merritt Island Library**

**Attendees:** 9

**Visitors:** Vicki Scotti, John Gramling

We opened the meeting at 6:10 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Elizabeth welcomed the two visitors.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michele reported that our expenses were higher than our income for the month of March. Our budget still needs to be passed by club members when we have a quorum of attendees.

**Workshop Report:** John reported that Genie 1 is waiting for parts, as well as Pixie 1.

**Classes:** Michele will be completing her opal classes, John will be teaching cold connections on April 12. We are still trying to organize a filigree class that will work for everyone who is interested.

**Fundraising:** Dick talked about doing a day of demonstrations and sale at the Cocoa Beach Library on September 23. Vendors who are club members and require one table will be permitted to attend to sell items. We will also be doing demonstrations which means we will need volunteers to assist doing beading, chainmaille, gem trees, kumihimo, use of hand tools, and preparation of cabs. We will not have any machines. There will be more discussion as to how this will be handled during the summer. The whole purpose of doing this will be to promote our club and increase membership.

**Show:** Erleen and Roz have been exploring the possibility of having a small club show during the summer. The Grace Methodist church in Merritt Island is available for \$250 including use of maintenance person to set up and break down tables and chairs. We would be able to accommodate 10 vendors needing 1-3 tables. Erleen is checking to see how many vendors would be interested. No date has been assigned yet.

**Picnic:** Club picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, October 14th at Rotary Park, soccer pavilion, in Merritt Island from 12-4. Further details will be forthcoming.

**Speakers:** Rick & Vivian Marshall attended our meeting to talk about the Southeast Federation and what they have to offer our club. The website has a lot of information regarding location of other clubs and their respective meeting schedules, DVD's and other library materials available to borrow for free, location of club shows and events, William Holland and Wild Acres summer class schedule, and other Federation activities. Rick and Vivian are founders of the Wekiva Gem & Mineral Society Inc. They will be sponsoring a "Circle Up" Swap Meet on June 24th from 9am to 4pm at 1937 Lakeville Rd. Apopka, Fl. For more info contact Rick at (407) 949- 1416.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre, secretary.

## **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

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INLAY  INTARSIA  KUMIHIMO  OPALS  SILVER  WIRE WRAP

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