



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: Call or text Mario at 321-593-2958 to confirm.**

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OCTOBER 2023

President's Message

REMINDERS:

October 5. CBRGC Meeting.

October 21. CBRGC Picnic at Rotary Park on Merritt Island.

November 2. CBRGC Meeting.

December 14. CBRGC Christmas and Holiday Dinner. Olive Garden on Merritt Island.

January . CBRGC Meeting.

February . CBRGC Meeting.

February 5. Kiwanis Island Show.

Welcome to October.

The weather is starting to cool so we should have pleasant weather for the October 21st picnic. There is plenty of time to sign-up. Chef Mario will be grilling hotdogs. If you decide to come to the picnic at the last minute and you have not signed up, just bring a dish to share and come. Children and guests are welcome. No deserts. Last year we had an abundance of last-minute deserts. Bring a side.

We have lots of business to get done before the end of the year. We need to get the budget approved, get nominees for next years officers, and just tie up some loose ends. Our membership is growing and we would like to offer more classes. We just need to know what our members are interested in learning.

We have a fully equipped shop. Much of our equipment is older, but John keeps it in good working condition. The Shop Supervisors are there to answer questions and help you get the most benefit from the shop.

Sorry for the late newsletter. I prefer to get it out before the monthly meeting. I hope to see you at the meeting and wish you a cool, pleasant Florida fall.

**Elizabeth Bishop
2023 President**



**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
September 7, 2023
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 15

Meeting opened at 6:15 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance. Elizabeth welcomed two new visitors to our meeting.

Minutes were read. Erleen made a motion to accept all minutes of 2023 and this was seconded by John. (We finally have a quorum)

Treasurer's report from Michele indicated that our expenses for July & August were less than our income.

Membership: Sixty-six members including 1 youth

Workshop: Genie 1 & 2 had 280G wheels replaced. Pixie 1 may need a new shaft and 280G wheels replaced. Refrigerator replaced. 18" saw has new motor and switch and running well. It will be cleaned out this week.

Classes: Silver 1 and silver casting class will be scheduled.

Newsletter going out to members regularly.

Fundraising: Our Rock & Gem Expo is scheduled for September 23 from 10-4 @ Cocoa Beach library. We have several club members who will be vendors and will inform patrons of what we are all about as a club.

Show & Tell: Richard Prickett brought in his collection of faceted stones he completed with Bill Dewey as his instructor. Roz brought in her silver filigree ring completed during filigree class.

Presentation: Aaron & Ford presented their trip out West using photos he took along the way of Grand Canyon and other parks. They collected many rocks that he may bring in next meeting for us all to help him identify them.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm
Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre



John and Myrriah melting silver using the acetylene torch.

October 2023

■ Classes
 ■ Open Shop
 ■ Meetings
 ■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 1	2	3	Open Shop 9:30 am.- 12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 4	Meeting at 6:00 pm 5	6	7
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 8	Columbus Day 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 am- 12:30 pm 1-4 pm 18	19	20	CBRGC CLUB PICNIC 21
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 22	23	24	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 25	26	27	28
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 29	30	Halloween 31		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 Chainmaille.
- ◆ 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.

SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

At our September 7th meeting, Aaron Reninger and his son, Ford shared their family rockhounding trip through the western states. The presentation included numerous photos and maps.

The Reningers also discussed how they plan their family vacation. Every year they visit a different area of the U.S.A. Last year they toured the northeastern part of the U.S.

At another meeting they will bring in some of their specimens.

It was a fun meeting. We are enjoying our young families and their talented children. Ford is a very intelligent and articulate young man and we look forward to hearing about their future adventures..



BILLY DEWEY ESTATE SALE

Long-time CBRGC club member Billy Dewey passed away on November 25, 2022. Billy taught faceting and many other classes. He served as President and he was a Board member for many years.

His family has been settling his estate and they have contacted the club regarding the sale of some of his lapidary supplies. There are faceting machines, rock saws, kilns, tumblers, and other equipment. Specimens include cut stones and rough stones.

The sale will be on Wednesday and Thursday, October 11th and 12th from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, October 13th from 9 a.m. to noon. The address is 2175 Heron Drive on Merritt Island.

For additional information, contact David by telephone at 407-579-5354 or by email at cdmmdewey@aol.com.

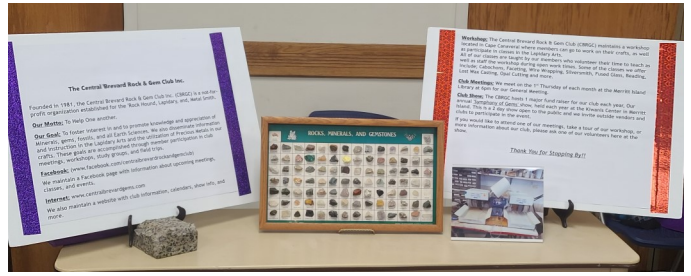


2023 ROCK AND GEM EXPO

The 2023 Rock and Gem Expo at the Cocoa Beach Library was a first for our club.

It was mainly an opportunity to interact with the public and share about our club and the many benefits we offer to our members.

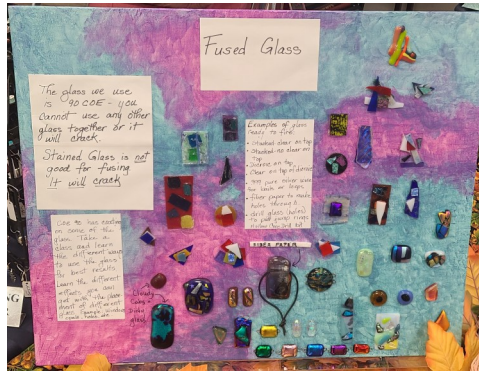
We met and spoke with many who are looking for a hobby.



Above: Information on our club.

Below left: Mario's table.

Below: John and his silver creations.



Above: Fused Glass information.

Above Right: Lucy with fused glass and other crafts.

Right: Dean and Janice. Dean with her intricate beaded creations and she will teach beading. Contact Roz for more information. Janice with her handmade jewelry.





Above: Roz and Michele .



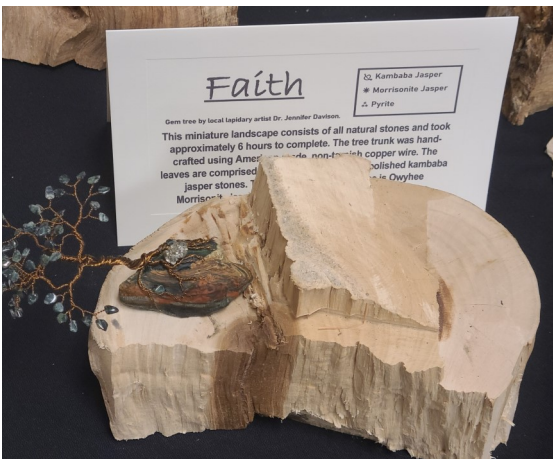
Above Right: Karin with her many silver and stone creations. Karin travels far to take classes with CBRGC.



Right: Cheryl with her gems and minerals. Cheryl gave a presentation on the healing properties of different gems. She had books and charts on her table.



Left: Erleen with her jewelry that employs many different techniques including chainmaille, enameling, silversmithing, etc.



Below: Jennifer with her gem trees. She included detailed information on each tree. She teaches a class at the shop.

CASTING

On September 28, 29, and 30th, John Catana taught a Silver Casting Class .



Above Left: Flasks in vacuum to remove bubbles.
Above Right: Erleen cleaning silver.

Far left: Wax molds for casting.

Left: John pouring investment.



Far Left: John cooling flask in bucket.

Left: John and Erleen cleaning silver.

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Left: Rick cleaning Investment from silver.

Left Center: Myrriah checking stones in setting.

Right Center: Cleaning investment from pieces with a wire brush.

Far Right: Myrriah and her cast pieces.



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:

Erleen Estes	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)



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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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Curtis Goettl—7
- Claudine Griffis—13
- Erleen Estes—17
- Glenn Uecker.—21
- LeAnn Smithson.—23
- Lyn Kiel—23
- Vaughn DeBold—27
- Rob Hollander—30
- Emily Lee Ngar Fei—31



CENTRAL BREVARD ROCK AND GEM CLUB OCTOBER 21 ANNUAL PICNIC, 11:30am-3pm



Our annual club picnic will be held at Rotary Park on Merritt Island on the Tropical Trail side. We have reserved the Soccer Pavilion which is equipped with a kitchen, refrigerator, and electric outlets.

Sweet and unsweet iced tea, sodas, bottled water, and ice will be provided.

Club members are being asked to RSVP by talk or text to Roz at 321-431-0159. Please provide name, number in party, and covered or side dish or dessert you will be bringing. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting.

This will be our second picnic at this location and we really would like to see you all there.

**The Club will provide hotdogs, buns, and condiments
Chef Mario will do the grilling.**

The site is on South Tropical Trail, 2.4 miles south of 520. It is handicap accessible, and it has everything we need.

The pavilion has plenty of tables and seating.

The men's and women's restroom facilities are on the east side of the building.

The parking area is close to the pavilion and handicapped accessible.

All we really need is your attendance.



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

Demetri, Owner. 2365 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

249 W. Cocoa Beach Causeway. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. White Rose Shopping Center. 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.

2024 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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EMAIL: _____

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SAFETY BRIEFING: _____ INITS: _____

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST;

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[] INLAY [] INTARSIA [] KUMIHIMO [] OPALS [] SILVER [] WIRE WRAP

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? [] FACEBOOK [] WEB [] FRIEND [] OTHER: _____

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