



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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President's Message

Welcome to September.

Hope you all had a great summer. The shop was open all summer and we had a couple of great classes – filigree and faceting. See the photos in the newsletter.

Club member Sam Reninger will be giving our meeting presentation complete with a slides. He has a lot of experience in cabbng and silversmithing.

On September 23rd, we will be having a club event at the Cocoa Beach Library. See the flyer on page 10. We still need volunteers and there are tables available. Contact Roz for more information.

October 14th is our club picnic at Merritt Island Rotary Park on South Tropical Trail. See the flyer on page 11. Last year's picnic was a lot of fun and there was plenty of good food. Hope to see you all there. dinner

In December we will be having our holiday Christmas Dinner at Olive Garden.

We hope to see you all at the shop and at our meetings.

REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2023.**

September 7. CBRGC Meeting.

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

October 5. CBRGC Meeting.

October 14. CBRGC Picnic.

November 9. CBRGC Meeting.

December 14. CBRGC Christmas and Holiday Dinner.



**Elizabeth Bishop
2023 President**

**Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
General Meeting
June 1, 2023
Merritt Island Library**

Attendees: 12

Meeting opened at 6:11 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes read by Roz.

Treasurer's report from Michele indicated that our bank balance is still in the black. Our income for the month of May was much lower than our expenses due to low shop attendance. Budget continues to need membership approval due to lack of quorum.

Membership: Mario reported we now have 59 members. He will be contacting old members to see if there is any interest in renewing their membership.

Classes: John will be teaching silver filigree class Tuesdays, June 13, 20, and 27 from 1-4pm. We may have a faceting class with Tom Mitchell as our guest instructor in July. An email blast will be sent out to all members to see if there is any interest. If there is not enough response we will try again end of October.

Fundraising: Dick reviewed the set up for the event at the Cocoa Beach Library on September 23rd. We will need a couple of extra tables (bridge tables or folding sturdy 6' tables). Volunteers will also be needed to help with demos.

Short break to purchase slabs and refreshment.

Presentation: DVD The Great Courses... Mammoth Cave

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm
Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

John Catana sharing with our youngest and very gifted member, Ford Reninger. His father, Aaron, will be giving the presentation at our September meeting.



September 2023

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

■ Meetings

■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Call or text Mario at 321-593-2958 to confirm for Thursday evening Shop		
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Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 3	Happy Labor Day! 4	5	Open Shop 9:30 am – 12:30 pm 1-4 pm 6	CBRGC Meeting 6 pm 7	8	9
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Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 24	25	26	Open Shop 9:30 am – 12:30 pm 1-4 pm 27	28	29	30

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.

THREE DAYS OF FILIGREE

On June 13th, 20th, and 27th, John Catana taught Silver Filigree. CBRGC members Erleen, Karin, Michelle, Roz, and Elizabeth had the opportunity to learn this beautiful and artistic craft using silver. Each attendee left with at least two pieces of jewelry. It was a fun class and a great opportunity to learn from our gifted instructor John.



Above: John assisting Roz.

Below: John and Karin.



Above: Karin polishing.

Right: Erleen and Karin conversing and creating.

Below: Erleen

Below Right: Getting soldered.



Left: Erleen and Roz.



Left: soldering

Right: Beautiful pendant

Far right: Karin's beautiful rings.



FILIGREE CONTINUED

Below: Michele diligently creating.

Right: At each step the piece must be soldered and pickled. This intricate pendant by Roz has a few more steps before the stone can be set.

Below Right. A beautiful collection by Roz.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN THIS ANCIENT SKILL, CONTACT ROZ. WE ARE VERY BLESSED TO HAVE JOHN AS AN INSTRUCTOR. ENJOY YOUR CLUB AND OUR SHOP.

Certain tools of the manual crafts scarcely changed in form for ten or more centuries, because they were perfectly suited to the requirements of these crafts.

Maurice Daumas, A History of Technology and Invention



Filigree jewelry was **discovered** and unearthed in the ancient Mesopotamia area and this was about **5000 years ago**. Filigree was also popular during Roman times, extending throughout the empire.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FRED

On June 29th, our oldest club member, Fred O'Brien, celebrated his 96th birthday at the shop. There were cards and a cake and friends.

Fred is still active and attending the shop.

FACETING

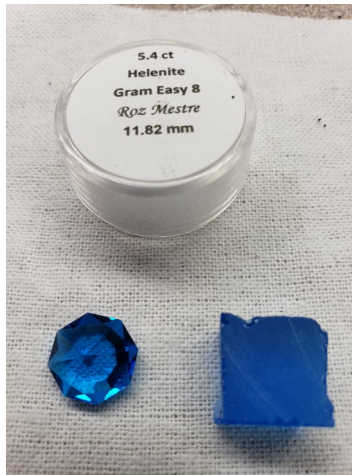
Tom Mitchell taught a five-day faceting class at the Cape Canaveral Shop over week of July 4th. Four members attended. Everyone in the class learned a lot and finished a faceted stone.

Tom brought his own ultra tech machines, provided written material, and demonstrated many techniques that included attaching and removing stones to the dops, using different components of the machines, and prep and clean up. He also provided a copy of his book.

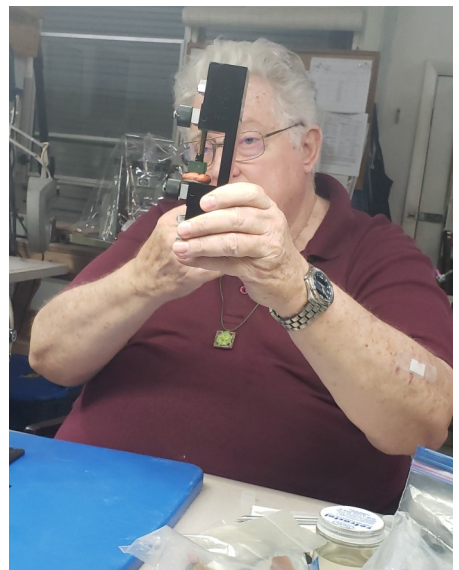
Tom is willing to do this class again in the fall if we have at least 3 or 4 participants. The price was \$250 plus tax. He also had items for sale. (cutting laps, polishing laps, etc.)



Top: Listening and learning.



Right: Beautiful faceted stone.



Above: Tom teaching and demonstrating a piece of equipment.

Below: Rich faceting.

Interested in a faceting class in the fall, contact Roz.



Below: Closeup of machine and digital screen.

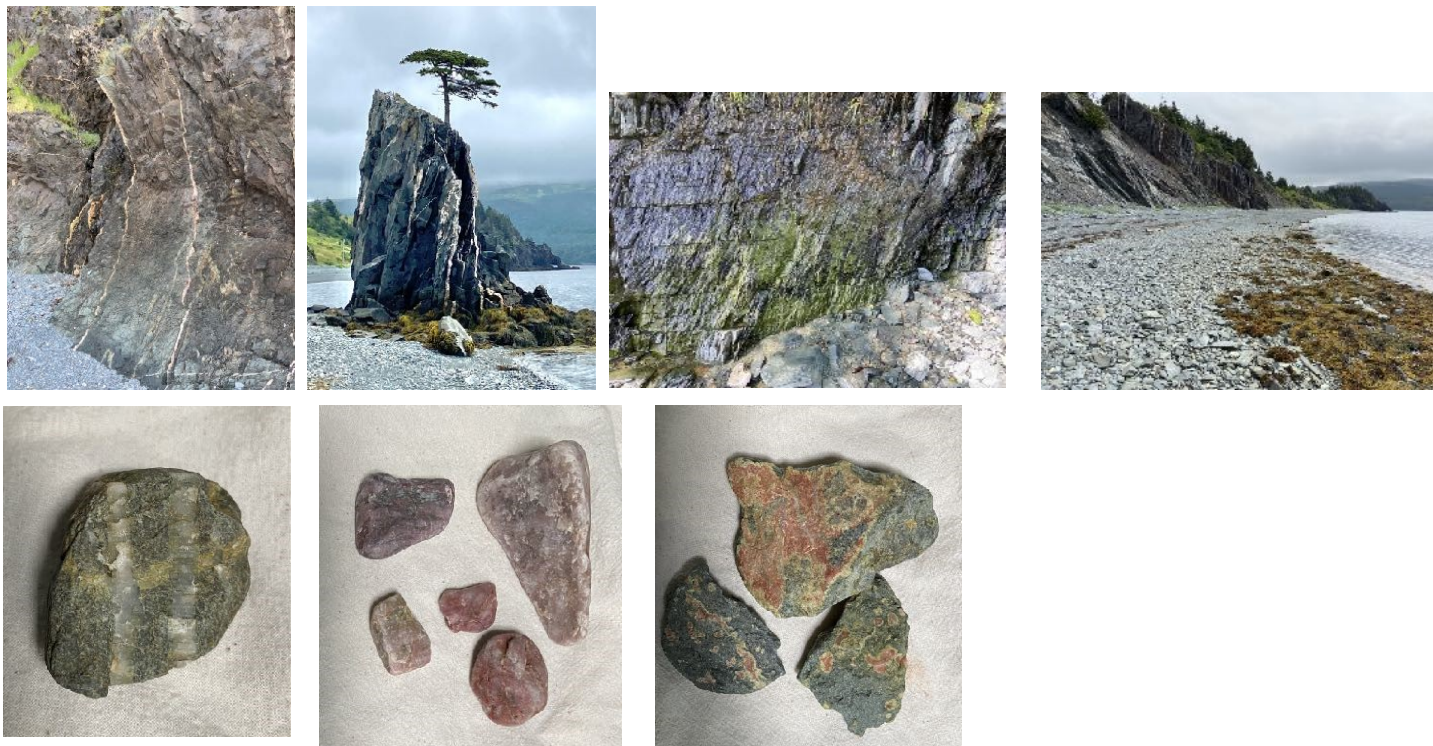


Newfound and Labrador Summer of 2023 - Ann Fillmore

Visiting friends on the Burin Peninsula I had the opportunity to do a bit of rock hounding. It helps when you are with the locals and one of them is an avid beach glass collector.

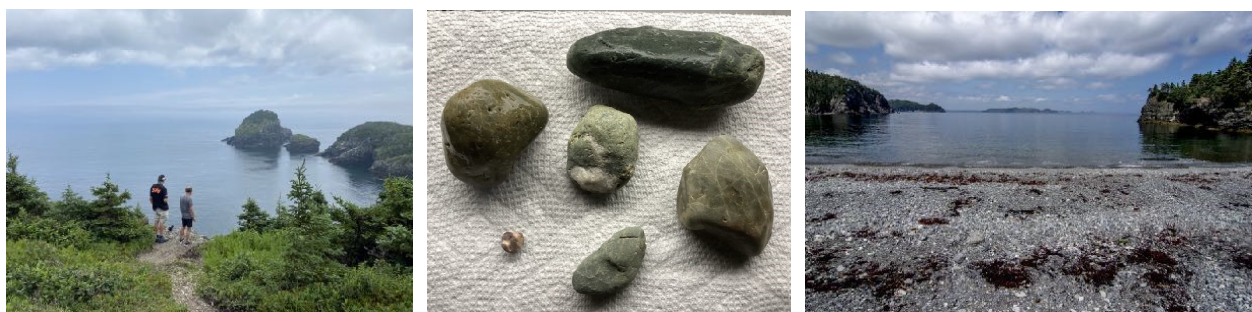
Day one at Mille Harbour - Little Harbour East.

A perfect day, high seventies, sunny to slightly overcast with a moderate breeze. A beautiful and interesting harbour and cliffs including a weeping wall.



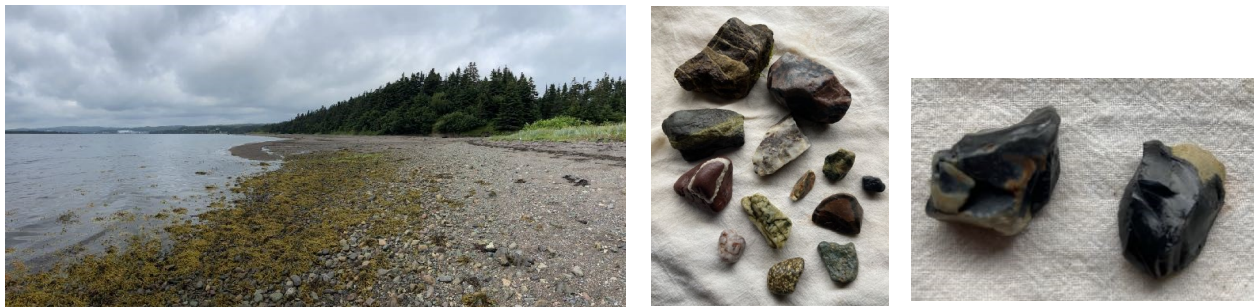
Lots of grey beach stones but some colourful finds. Pink to reddish quartz and some green yellow and orange stones which I'm told is Unikite.

Day two: another beautiful day to sight see and rock hunt in the Little Mortier Bay Area. There was more sightseeing than rock hounding with only a few greenish rocks collected.



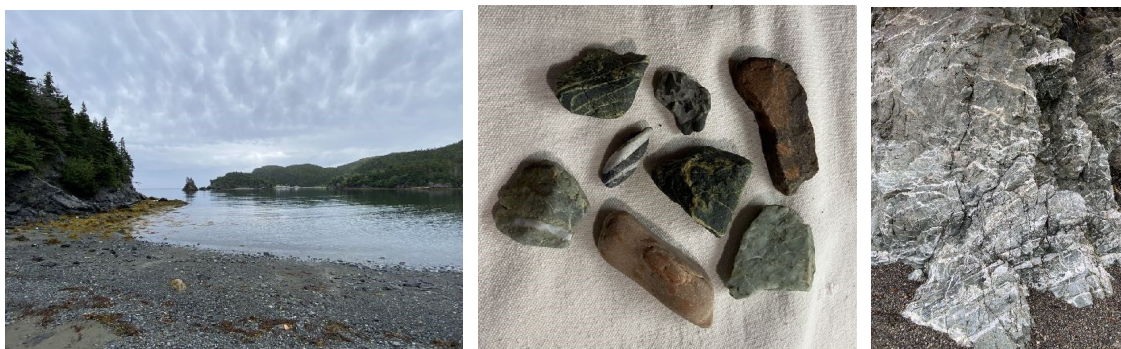
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Day three: A cooler more overcast and windy day to walk the beach near Spanish room.



Found a couple of pieces which appear glasslike (maybe obsidian?) as well as a multitude of different colours and colour combinations - some nice pieces to be used for gem tree bases.

Day four: Beau Bois. Cooler, overcast and threatening rain but didn't want to miss out on another excursion. Picked up a few unidentified stones. Most have a greenish / bluish green tone.



The last day we travelled over to Gros Morne National Park and spent some time at Green Point. No collecting allowed here but the almost 500 million year old ocean bed was amazing



Gratitude to
Ann for
sharing her
travels and
wonderful
photos.



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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Jennifer Davison—4th
- Elizabeth Bishop—4th
- Karin Paradise—14th
- Norman Celeste—17th
- Jessica Brady—25th
- Robert Taylor—25th





2023 Rock & Gem Expo

Presented By

Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club

at the

Cocoa Beach Library

Saturday, September 23, 2023

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

ADMISSION is FREE

There will be displays, demonstrations, vendors and handcrafted items for sale. Club information will be available. Club members will be available to provide information as well.

Sponsored by CBRGC & Cocoa Beach Library
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CENTRAL BREVARD ROCK AND GEM CLUB OCTOBER 14 ANNUAL PICNIC, 10:30am-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 September and October meeting.

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

**Is anyone interested in grilling?
Or do we want small sandwiches?
Let us know.**

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE#: _____ CELL#: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE: _____ PAID: _____

[]CASH [] CHARGE [] CHECK # _____

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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: _____

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