



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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FEBRUARY 2024

REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW
YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2024.**

February 1. CBRGC Meeting. 6 PM. Merritt Island Public Library.

February 3-4. The 2024 Symphony of Gems at Kiwanis Island on Merritt Island.

CBRGC Meetings. 6 PM. Merritt Island Public Library.

March 7.

April 4.

April 27-28, 2024. Mineral, Gem, Bead, and Fossil Show. Sanford Civic Center. Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society. <https://CFMGS.org>.

President's Message

Welcome to February.

Our Kiwanis show is the first weekend in February, Saturday the 3rd and Sunday the 4th. We have a full slate of vendors with lapidary supplies, gems, slabs, etc. Admission is free for paid members.

It has been almost six years since I signed on as editor of Brevard Gems, the CBRGC Newsletter. It is time for a new editor with fresh ideas. CBRGC member Carol Warner has volunteered to be the new editor of the newsletter. Kudos to Carol for volunteering to be the newsletter editor.

Our club depends on volunteers. Our Board members, Shop Supervisors, Instructors, show workers, etc. are all volunteers. Our club would cease to exist were it not for all of the volunteers. Kudos to all of our volunteers.

Hope to see you all at the show, at our club meetings, and in the shop.



**Elizabeth Bishop
2024 President**

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something. — Neil Gaiman

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MERRITT ISLAND LIBRARY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:10PM

PLEDGE:

Welcome to new visitors.

Minutes read by Roz, Erleen made a motion to accept November minutes, seconded by Rick.

Treasurer's Report: Michele read report...December expenses higher than income. Annual statement shows that we are in the red for expenses.

Budget reviewed with membership attending the meeting. All in favor, with motion made by Phil to accept the budget and seconded by Mario.

Membership report: given by Mario, we have 22 total paid members for 2024.

Workshop Report: by John. Genie 2 still needs repair, all other machines running fine.

Class schedule... Casting class scheduled for January 11,12,13.

Fundraising...We need a new director to assist with fundraising.

Show & Tell...Jody brought in her finished pieces.

We had a 15-minute break for refreshment.

When we resumed, there was discussion about the show and need for volunteers. A sign up sheet was available. Yard signs were available to advertise our show 1 week before the show.

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

SHOW AND
TELL. Fused
glass finished
pieces brought
in by Jody.



February 2024

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

■ Meetings

■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Library 1	2	ANNUAL SHOW – KIWANIS 3
ANNUAL SHOW – KIWANIS SHOP CLOSED 4	5	6	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 7	8	9	10
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 11	12	13	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm VALENTINES DAY 14	15	16	17
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 18	19	20	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 21	22	23	24
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 25	26	27	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 p.m. 28	Call or text Mario at 321- 593-2958 to confirm for Thursday evening Shop 29		

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.

FROM THE WORKSHOP



Karin made this beautiful sterling silver pendant. The stone is Labradorite.

The Crystal Festival A Happy Place with Rockhounds



Rock, Mineral, Crystal Show!

2024 SHOW SCHEDULE  WWW.CRYSTALFESTIVAL.ORG

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UTAH - COLORADO - NEVADA | FREE & FAMILY FRIENDLY

FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH - LAYTON, UTAH

MARCH 16TH & 17TH HURRICANE - UTAH

MARCH 30TH & 31ST - RENO, NEVADA

APRIL 6TH & 7TH - ROOSEVELT, UTAH

JUNE 15TH & 16TH - MOAB, UTAH

JULY 13TH & 14TH - COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

AUGUST 3RD & 4TH - VERNAL, UTAH

AUGUST 24TH & 25TH, SANDY, UTAH

NOVEMBER 16TH & 17TH - LAYTON, UTAH

DECEMBER 14TH & 15TH - LOGAN, UTAH



CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY

We would appreciate your members being informed of our upcoming Show as follows: 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 27th and 28th, 2024 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 \$6, Kids \$3 and Scouts in uniform free.

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

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

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call me at 407-761-0622. Thank you Betty Sumner, Secretary of Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

After 50 years of jewelry making, Peter Indorf, member of Canaveral Mineral & Gem is selling off his tools and equipment.

He can be reached at

321-914-0118 or at peter@peterindorf.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:

Erleen Estes	2023-24
John Catana	2023-24
Vacant	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/



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



Photo from January Meeting.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Felski—8th
Sandy Taylor—9th
Justin Bosshardt—11th
Sata Denaburg—18th
David Estes—23rd
Robin Uecker—24th

Join us for this non-profit
fundraising event!



47th Year!
**Show and Sale
Rocks,
Gems and Jewelry**

February 3th and 4th, 2024

Show Hours

Saturday 9:30 -5:30
Sunday 10 - 4

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

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

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

Sponsored by:

Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club
[www. centralbrevardgems.com](http://www.centralbrevardgems.com)

6th Annual
Southeast Federation
Mineralogical Societies

Rockhound Roundup

March 1-3, 2024

9am to 4pm

**Spirit of the Suwanee River
Music Park
Live Oak, Florida**

Join the fun at this outdoor event!

- *Rough Rocks and Slabs*
- *Polished Stones*
- *Handmade Jewelry for Sale*
- *Lapidary & Silversmithing
Tools & Equipment*

*Vendors must
be a current
member of
an SFMS
Club.*



For more information contact Jerri Heer at secretary@southeastfed.org



Southeast Federation Mineralogical Societies, Inc.
6th Annual Rockhound Roundup Application
March 1-3, 2024
Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, Live Oak, FL
3076 95th Dr. Live Oak, FL 32060

We hope this will continue to be a successful Rockhound Roundups sponsored by the SFMS. Each SFMS member who applies for and is accepted, will be allotted a 10' x 20' space in an open field designated for this event. Cost this year is a minimal \$50.00 per space, one space per Vendor, for one to all three days. No tents, tables or chairs are available, you MUST BRING YOUR OWN! This is intended to be an old-fashioned rock swap and sale - bring your pickup, drop the tailgate and have fun.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

SFMS Club Affiliation: _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____ Plate#: _____

Will you have a tent? Yes _____ No _____

What Days will you be setup to sell ? Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Your signature indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined in this two-page document.

Send Application and check made out to SFMS to: SFMS Secretary, Jerri Heer, 9016 122nd Av. Tampa, FL 33637-5321

_____ for office use only _____

Date form was received: _____ By: _____ Check # _____ Check \$ _____

Space assignment: Row: _____ Space: _____

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 # _____

[]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

