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NEWSLETTER
FOR CENTRAL
BREVARD
ROCK AND
GEM CLUB

**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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MARCH 2024

REMINDERS:

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP FOR
2024.**

March 1-3. 6th Annual
SFMS Rockhound
Roundup. Live Oak. See
page 8.

March 7. CBRGC Meeting.
6 PM. Merritt Island Public
Library. **Mario will be
talking about the
Tucson Show and his
rockhounding trip out
west. See page 2.**

March 23. Rock Swap.
Canaveral Mineral
Society. Wickham Park.
See page 6.

April 4. CBRGC Meeting.
6 PM.

April 20. "Circle Up"
Swap Meet. Wekiva Gem
& Mineral Society. 9 a.m.-
3 p.m. Apopka. See p. 9.

April 27-28, 2024.
Mineral, Gem, Bead, and
Fossil Show. Sanford
Civic Center. Central
Florida Mineral & Gem
Society. See page 6.

President's Message

Welcome to March.

The 2024 show is over. It was very successful. Much gratitude to all of the volunteers who gave up their weekend. Gratitude to those who prepared, set-up, worked, and helped tear down. Thanks to all of our vendors who brought their products. Thanks to those who attended and made purchases. Roz and Erleen are already preparing for the 2025 show.

This is the last newsletter I will be editing. It has been five years since I started preparing the newsletter. I am very pleased and encouraged to be handing it over to Carol Warner. She will be bringing in new ideas. Support her with photos and articles.

At this month's meeting, Mario will be speaking about his rockhounding trip out west and his visit to the Tucson show. He will bring in specimens that he collected and shipped back. Please plan on attending and supporting him. There will be time for questions.

Please sign up for classes and use the shop. If you don't see the class you want, ask Roz. We have knowledgeable instructors and shop supervisors who are happy to assist our members.

Hope to see you all on Thursday the 7th.

I have great respect for the past. If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going. I have respect for the past, but I'm a person of the moment. I'm here, and I do my best to be completely centered at the place I'm at, then I go forward to the next place.

— *Maya Angelou*



**Elizabeth Bishop
2024 President**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MERRITT ISLAND LIBRARY
February 1, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:20 PM

PLEDGE

Welcome to new visitors.
Minutes unable to be read.

Treasurer's Report: Michele read report...Currently our expenses were higher than income due to expenses for the show.

Workshop Report by John. All machines running well.

Class schedule...Casting class scheduled for February 29, March 1 & 2.

Due to the fact that only 7 people attended this meeting, any discussion was held for next meeting. Preparing for the show involved several people who would normally have been attending this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm

Minutes submitted by Roz Mestre

THE TUCSON SHOW AND ROCKHOONDING IN THE WILD, WILD WEST

Immediately after the Kiwanis Show, Past-President Mario departed for Orlando International Airport to join some of his buddies for a rockhounding trip out west and to attend the massive Tucson Show.

He had a great time and has lots to tell us about his trip so he will be giving a presentation at our next club meeting on Thursday, March 7th. He will be bringing many specimens that collected.

He will be available to answer questions about collecting and rockhounding.
Be there or be square.



SYMPHONY OF GEMS



The two grand prize winners.

Left: Roz with winner Teresa. Mario created the 3-D printed dragon.

Right: Sharon won this beautiful pendant. The cabochon and pendant were created by Karin.



VOLUNTEERS ROCK





VENDORS AND VISITORS

March 2024

■ Classes

■ Open Shop

■ Meetings

■ Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Easter Sunday Shop Closed 31				Call or text Mario at 321-593-2958 to confirm for Thursday evening Shop	1	2
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 3	4	5	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 6	Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Library 7	8	9
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm 10	11	12	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 13	14	15	16
Open Shop 1 – 4 pm St. Patrick's Day 17	18	19	Open Shop 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1-4 pm 20	21	22	23
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 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.

EXCITING EVENTS

CANAVERAL MINERAL SOCIETY ROCK SWAP

The Canaveral Mineral Society is hosting a Rock Swap at Wickham Park in Melbourne on Saturday, March 23rd. The event will occur rain or shine.

The cost for a table or a tailgate is \$20 each. This is an opportunity to buy or sell.

For additional information contact Mark Heathman at 321-253-2856.

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.

April 27th and 28th, 2024

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>.

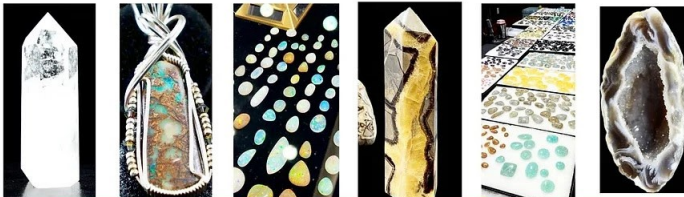
Contact: President Salvatore Sansone 321-278-9294 or e-mail: ssfossilhunter@aol.com.

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.

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



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
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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/



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FROM THE WORKSHOP

Michele created this setting in wax and cast it during the last casting class.

She shaped and polished this beautiful Precious Opal in the shop.

She just finished polishing the setting and assembling this piece.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Roz Mestre—19th

Pick the day. Enjoy it - to the hilt. The day as it comes. People as they come... The past, I think, has helped me appreciate the present - and I don't want to spoil any of it by fretting about the future.

— Audrey Hepburn

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



“CIRCLE UP” SWAP MEET

April 20, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Westside Community Church, Front Lawn & Drive Circle

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 Nancy Allman, 407-739-0051 or email @
faceittoday@gmail.com.*

*To reserve your space, send \$10. Nonrefundable deposit to Venmo, Wekiva Gem
and Mineral Society @WekivaGem.*

Balance due April 1, 2024.

Wekiva Gem & Mineral Society, 586 Honeysuckle Ct., Apopka, FL 32712



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: _____

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

