



From our President

Welcome to June!

We hope to see you at the June meeting. Our speaker is James Hislop, who will be discussing cutting crystal welks. He will have slides and specimens.

This will be our last meeting before our summer break. Even though there will be no club meetings in July and August, the shop will remain open. The Shop Supervisors will be in the shop assisting members and we will have classes. Email notices will be sent to members if there are any changes or classes or events.

If you take a class, go on a rockhounding trip, visit museums with rocks and gems, or just have fun exploring, be sure to take lots of photos, write an article for the newsletter, or give a presentation at a meeting. Bring something back for show and tell.

We will be meeting again on September 5th at the Merritt Island Library. We are planning an October 12th picnic at Rotary Park on Merritt Island and another expo at the Cocoa Beach Library. Please get involved. We depend on volunteers.

Hope to see you at our June 6th club meeting.



Elizabeth Bishop
2024 President

Key Dates

June 6—CBRGC Meeting (6 PM, Merritt Island Public Library)

June 15-16—Crystal Festival, Moab, UT (see page 3 for details and future dates)

September 5—First CBRGC Meeting following summer break (no meetings in July/August)

October 12—Annual Club Picnic

Workshop Info

Open Shop Hours:

- Sundays—1-4
- Wednesdays—9:30-12:30 and 1-4
- Thursdays—Call or text Mario at 321-593-2958 to confirm

Location:

- 407 Imperial Boulevard, Unit D-1B, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

At our June Meeting

Our speaker, **James Hislop**, is a rockhound, collector and adventurer. He has traveled all over the country collecting rocks for the purpose of bringing American minerals to the people of Florida and the people who visit us to promote and support American minerals, mines, miners, diggers and divers—to help reduce negative outcomes from the foreign gem and fossil industry.

Join Our Board: Director Position Available

We are looking for a dedicated individual to fill a Director vacancy on our Board. This role involves attending Board meetings, held at the shop at 6 PM on the Monday before our monthly meetings. The Board of Directors, comprising the president, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and four directors, is the club's governing body. Detailed duties are outlined in the club by-laws available on our website. If you're interested, please reach out to any Board member.

General Membership Meeting Merritt Island Library April 4, 2024

Attendees—18

Meeting opened at 6:15 PM. We began with the pledge of allegiance.

Elizabeth welcomed 3 new visitors to our meeting, one wound up becoming a member.

Approval of Minutes—Minutes read by Roz, Erleen made the motion to accept minutes as read and John second .

Treasurer's Report—Michele reported income for April much lower than expenses; however year-to-date income higher than expenses.

Membership: Mario reported we now have 69 members.

Classes: Cabbing with Mario is still ongoing, John waiting to schedule silver classes with new members.

Show & Tell: Dean Catana brought in a beautiful beaded necklace and earrings.

2025 Show—Erleen talked about upcoming show and the need for volunteers. We will have a show meeting Sunday, June 9, at 4pm at the workshop to discuss new plans for the show.

Leadership Update—Elizabeth reminded members that a director's position is open and needs to be filled.
Short break to purchase slabs.

Speaker—Our speaker was Aiden Rouse. He presented a slide presentation about new discoveries of new dinosaurs. He is now involved in a new company called Florida Fossilized and will be presenting exhibits and discussions to various groups.

Meeting adjourned—7:45pm

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre



Summer Reminders

Share Your Summer Rockhounding Adventures!

Are you hitting the road this summer in search of rocks and gems? Whether you're rockhounding, browsing shops, or visiting museums, make sure to snap plenty of pictures! We'd love to hear all about your adventure. Share your story with us for a chance to be featured in an upcoming newsletter or present your journey at a future meeting. Your discoveries could inspire fellow enthusiasts!

Workshops Continue During Summer Months

Be sure to take advantage of classes offered by our club's skilled artisans. Classes offered by our club's skilled artisans continue to be offered during the summer months. Be sure to check out the CBRGC website to see what's available and take the time to "up your game" on a variety of lapidary and jewelry-making topics.

Summer Break for Our Newsletter

Please note that there will be no newsletter during the summer months of July and August. We hope you enjoy your summer adventures and make the most of the sunny days. We'll look forward to restarting our newsletters along with monthly meetings in September. Have a great summer, and we can't wait to hear all about your discoveries and experiences in the fall.

Upcoming Events and Key Resources

We don't have a heavy line-up of events during the summer, but wanted to be sure to keep the following on your radar screen. Stay tuned for much more later in the year.

Events:

- *June 15-16*—Crystal Festival (Moab, Utah)—see inset on this page

Key Resources:

- Visit our the reference area on our CBRGC website (<https://centralbrevardgems.com/reference>) for links to expand your interest in rocks and minerals
- The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts (<https://lapidaryschoolregistration.org>) offers a variety of courses on lapidary and jewelry arts



The Crystal Festival
A Happy Place with Rockhounds

Rock, Mineral, Crystal Show!

2024 SHOW SCHEDULE  WWW.CRYSTALFESTIVAL.ORG
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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



See What Our Members Are Up To

Michele Huntington: Exploring Hidden Gems in Florida and Virginia

In mid-April, I spent 5 days visiting New Smyrna Beach and went to the rock shop on Flagler Avenue. I bought two interesting little tumbled stones: a fire agate with a very interesting pattern I hadn't seen in other fire agates and a rubellite with tourmaline, mica, and lepidolite. Just interesting. Also, in the bead store there, I found some ancient Roman glass and bought a piece to wirewrap. See pictures.

In March, I was in northern Virginia and visited the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, a wonderful and fascinating collection of artists and jewelry designers studios/galleries. Also, near Occoquan, I found the Workhouse Arts Center where suffragists were detained in 1917. It is now multiple buildings housing artists studios and jewelry designers workshops. In town I found a rock shop where I purchased a piece of Afghanite from the Pakistan mountains and a piece of honeycomb ruby which I found interesting. I just can't seem to resist rocks.

Article submitted by Michele Huntington



Ancient Roman Glass



Honeycomb Ruby



Fire Agate



Afghan with Lapis & Pyrite



Rubellite with Tourmaline

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.



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John Catana	2023-24
Sara Fellows	2022-23

Shop Location:

407 Imperial Boulevard, Unit D, Cape Canaveral, FL
(Imperial is located off A1A just south of the Port)



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Summer Birthdays

June

Ann Fillmore
Fred O'Brien

July

Linda Newsom
Andrew Pepper
July Prytherch

August

Richard Agni
Janette Myrriah
Lucy Caracoglia
Jody Romanowski

Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club Inc.

2024 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ANNUAL DUES: ADULTS \$30.00, JUNIOR: \$10.00 (under 18 w/parent)

DATE: _____ NEW RENEWAL JUNIOR

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE#: _____ CELL#: _____

BIRTHDAY DAY MONTH/DAY: _____

EMAIL: _____

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- GENERAL BEADING CABOCHONS CASTING FACETING FUSED GLASS
- INLAY INTARSIA KUMIHIMO OPALS SILVER WIRE WRAP

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CBRGC USE ONLY

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