



From our President

Welcome to September!

I hope you all had a really great summer and had the opportunity to travel, rockhound, visit the beach, or just have fun and relax.

In our September meeting, Michele and Ann will be giving a talk on their travels in Maine, complete with slides and some specimens. Maine is such a beautiful area with lots of greenery and rocks and tall trees. Please be sure to attend.

It is also that time of year to elect officers for the next calendar year. We need a Nominating Chair to develop a slate of officers. Club Officers and Directors make decisions for our club. Elections will be in November and Officers will be installed at the December Christmas Dinner Meeting.



I hope you are all glad to be back. The shop was open for the summer with a lot of activity throughout. We just completed a Cold Connections class. There should be lots of creations for Show and Tell. Be sure to bring them to the meeting and share.

Hope to see you there!

Elizabeth Bishop
2024 President

Key Dates

September 5—CBRGC Meeting (6 PM, Merritt Island Public Library)

September 7-8—Rock, Mineral, Gem and Jewelry Autumn Show (see page 3 for details)

October 12—Annual Club Picnic (see page 4 for details)

October 26—2024 Rock and Gem Expo (see page 3 for details)

November 7—Annual Election of Officers (see page 2 for details)

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 September Meeting

In our upcoming September meeting, **Ann Metz** and **Michele Huntington** will share pictures and rock specimens from their summer trip through Maine, with a special focus on their visit to the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum in Bethel.

The Maine Mineral and Gem Museum is renowned for its world-class collection of pegmatites and meteorites, which fascinated both Ann and Michele.

This presentation promises to be an enriching experience for anyone interested in geology, minerals, or the natural beauty of Maine. We hope to see you there for this engaging presentation!



Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

It's that time of year when our club prepares to elect officers for the upcoming calendar year. At our November meeting, members will vote to choose the officers who will lead the Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club in 2025. The newly elected officers will be officially installed at the December Holiday Christmas Dinner.



We are currently seeking a Chairperson for the Nominating Committee to help present a slate of candidates for these important roles. This task is straightforward and vital for the smooth functioning of our club.

Our current President is completing a third term and does not wish to serve a fourth. Therefore, we need a new nominee for the position of President.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact the current President (Elizabeth Bishop) by text at 321-452-1579 or by email at izbet@aol.com. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support the club. Remember, our club thrives because of the dedication of our volunteers!

Join a Field Trip for a Calcite Fossil Dig!

James Hislop (one of our members) gave an entertaining and informative talk on his many experiences rockhounding in our June meeting, with discussion on cutting crystal welks and an opportunity to see his numerous specimens.

He is organizing an exciting field trip for a calcite fossil dig near Renningers Flea Market in Eau Gallie, right off I-95. This will be a hard rock mining experience, so participants should come prepared with the necessary tools and safety gear, including hammers, chisels, safety glasses, and closed-toe shoes. Masks are optional. Be prepared to get down on the ground and be somewhat agile as you search for fossils.



If you are interested in joining, please note that we need a group of at least 10 people to schedule the trip. The trip can be arranged for any day of the week. We will discuss more details at our next club meeting. Please contact Roz Mestre at 321-431-0159 (text or call) if interested or for additional information.

To learn more about James Hislop and his rockhounding adventures, check out his Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/loveinstoecreations>). You can also find him on Instagram and YouTube!



Workshop Donations Needed

Our workshop could use some basic supplies—any and all donations of the following are welcome: paper towels, facial & bathroom tissue, white & light colored copy paper, shoe boxes with lids, bottled water

Upcoming Events and Key Resources

Events:

- September 7-8—Rock, Mineral, Gem and Jewelry Autumn Show (Orlando, FL)—see inset below
 - October 26—2024 Rock & Gem Expo (Cocoa, FL)—see inset below
- Special note to members:** Contact Roz Mestre if you wish to have a display at this event. The number of tables are limited, and cost per table is \$10.

2024 Rock & Gem Expo

*Presented by the
Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club*

-  **Location:** Cocoa Beach Library
-  **Date:** Saturday, October 26, 2024
-  **Time:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
-  **Admission:** FREE

Event Highlights:

- Fascinating displays of rocks, gems, and minerals
- Live demonstrations by gem and jewelry experts
- Unique handcrafted jewelry and items for sale

Meet club members and learn more about the Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club and its activities!

Join us for a fun, educational, and family-friendly day celebrating the beauty of Earth's natural wonders!



THE ROCK, MINERAL, GEM, AND JEWELRY SHOW

AUTUMN SHOW

ENJOY DEMONSTRATIONS, DOOR PRIZES, SILENT AUCTIONS, AND KIDS' ACTIVITIES. PLEASE VISIT THE VENDOR TABLES TO PURCHASE GEMSTONES, MINERALS, UNIQUE BEADS, HANDMADE JEWELRY, FOSSILS, ARTIFACTS, AND METAPHYSICAL STONES

PRESENTED BY

CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 07, 2024

9:00am – 5:00pm

SEPTEMBER 08, 2024

9:00am – 4:00pm

Admission:

Ages 16 and up \$6.00

Ages 6-15 \$3.00

National Guard Armory

2809 S. Ferncreek Ave.

Orlando, FL 32806



Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society 6100 S. Orange Dr.
Suite 190A Orlando Fla. 32809
Contact/website www.cfmg.org

Additional 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

ANNUAL PICNIC

OCTOBER 12—11am-3pm

ROTARY PARK ON MERRITT ISLAND

Join us for a day of fun, food, and fellowship at our Annual Club Picnic! This year, we're gathering at Rotary Park on Merritt Island (1899 S. Courtenay Parkway). We have reserved the Soccer Pavilion, which is on the Tropical Trail side of the park. The pavilion comes fully equipped with a kitchen, refrigerator, and electric outlets—everything we need to make this a fantastic event!

What the Club Will Provide:

- Hotdogs, buns, and condiments
- Sweet and unsweet iced tea, sodas, bottled water, and ice

What We Need From You:

Please RSVP by talk or text to Roz at 321-431-0159 with your name, the number of people in your party, and the covered dish, side dish, or dessert you will be bringing. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the September and October meetings.

This is our third picnic at this fantastic location, and we'd love to have everyone join us! The site is 2.4 miles south of 520 on South Tropical Trail, is handicap accessible, and has everything we need for a great day together.



Facilities and Amenities:

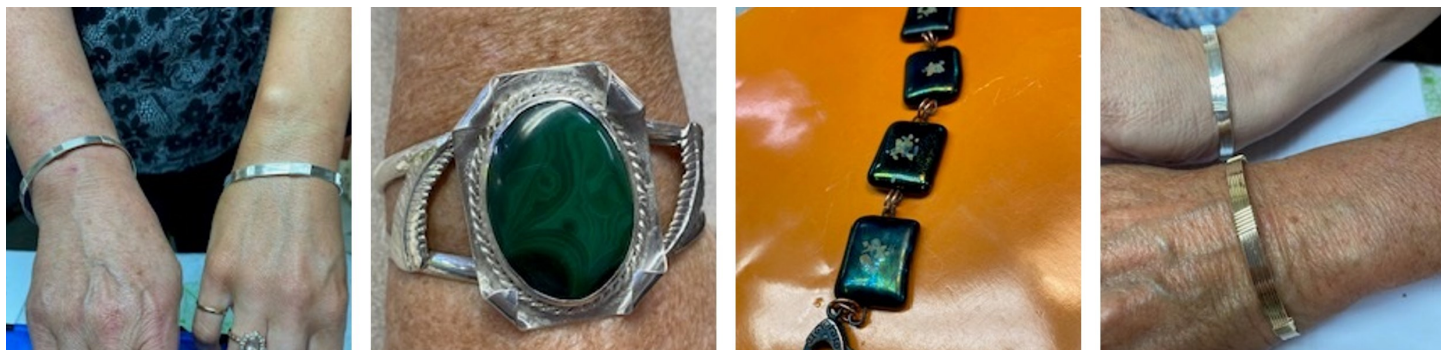
- Plenty of tables and seating in the pavilion
- Men's and women's restroom facilities on the east side of the building
- Convenient, close parking that is handicap accessible

All that's missing is you! We hope to see you there for a day of good company, great food, and a lot of fun!



See What Our Members Are Doing

Classes have been ongoing throughout the summer months. Below are examples of what some of our members have created during silversmithing, wire-wrapping, glass fusion and cold connections classes.



L to r – wire-wrapped bracelets by Rhonda and Jody, malachite & sterling bracelet in Southwest design by Hannah, fused glass bracelet by Robyn, wire-wrapped bracelets by Robyn and Carol



L to r – wire-wrapped cab pendants by Rhonda, Jody, Robyn and Carol



L to r – hammered and fired leaf creations by Carol, Hannah, Micah and Elizabeth

Unlock Your Creative Potential!

Turn your passion for gemstones and jewelry into a craft with the Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club's (CBRGC) lapidary and jewelry-making workshops! Our skilled artisans are here to guide you through classes on cabochon cutting, wire wrapping, opal cutting, and more.

Whether you're a seasoned gem enthusiast or a curious beginner, there's a workshop for you. Visit the CBRGC website to explore our offerings and find the perfect class to ignite your creativity. Don't miss out—learn from the best and create something truly unique!

June 6 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Visitors: Elizabeth welcomed 3 guests.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes read by Roz, Erleen made a motion to accept minutes as read, 2nd by Sara.

Treasurer's report: Roz reported for Michele. Income for the month of May much less than expenses.

Membership report: Mario reported 71 members.

Workshop report: 18" saw still not running. Mario found a source for repairs.

Classes: Currently—cabbing, silver, fused glass. Faceting is now available for 1 student each class.

Newsletter: Carol requesting that members send any photos of lapidary interest to her for next newsletter.

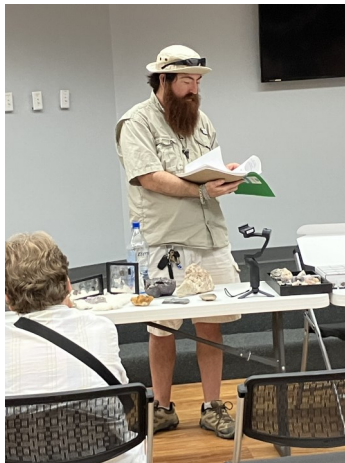
Show and Tell: Jody brought in several wire wrap pieces she fabricated from wire wrap class with Michele.

Break for refreshments and purchase of slabs.

Presentation: James Hislop presented discussion of his collection of rocks and stones he has collected over the years. Questions and answers followed.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre



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

President:	Elizabeth Bishop	(321)452-1579	izbet@aol.com
1st Vice President:	Vacant		
2nd Vice President:	Mario Vento	(321)593-2958	rokounds@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	Shop Location:
John Catana	2023-24	407 Imperial Boulevard, Unit D, Cape Canaveral, FL
Sara Fellows	2022-24	(Imperial is located off A1A just south of the Port)
Carol Warner	2024	



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September Birthdays

Elizabeth Bishop
 Jessica Brady
 Jennifer Davison
 Derek Duflo
 Linda Higgins
 Jeanne Murphy
 Karin Paradise
 Terri Roper
 Jesselle Valdez

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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: _____

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: _____

CBRGC USE ONLY

DATE: _____ PAID: _____

CASH CHARGE CHECK # _____

CARD ISSUED BY: _____

CLUB FUNCTION: _____ INITS: _____

SAFETY BRIEFING: _____ INITS: _____

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