



From our President

Welcome to October. I hope you have been able to attend the shop and work on your favorite projects. The Shop Supervisors are there to assist with the equipment and projects. It's always interesting to see what our members bring to 'show and tell' at the meeting.

I'm looking forward to cooler weather, the end of hurricane season, and spending more time in my yard and garden and doing some exploring. It is a good time to go to the beach and look for sea beans and shark's teeth. Soon our snow birds will be migrating south.

This is a really busy month for our club. On October 12, we will have our annual picnic at Rotary Park on Merritt Island. This is a fun event with really good food and a chance to just relax and be outdoors. Please plan on attending. Sign up to bring a side dish or desert and plan on having a good time. Another fun event is the Cocoa Beach Expo at the Cocoa Beach Library on October 26. Both events offer an opportunity to volunteer to support your club. We really need your participation.

In November we will be electing officers for 2025. Then in December, we will be meeting at Olive Garden for our holiday dinner, swearing in of officers for 2025, and optional gift exchange.

I hope to see you on Thursday evening (October 3) at the Merritt Island library.



Elizabeth Bishop
2024 President

Key Dates

October 3—CBRGC Meeting (6 PM, Merritt Island Public Library)

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)

December 12—Holiday Dinner

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 October Meeting

Richard Prickett (one of our members) I will be discussing faceting and polishing techniques, including how and where to find faceting rough, and how to select the right material. He will also demo a faceting machine to give you an idea of what to expect when taking a faceting class. Finally, we'll talk about undopping your finished masterpiece and the joy of seeing it unveiled for the first time.

Important Calendar Items

October and November are bustling months for our club, filled with exciting events and important milestones. October brings our annual picnic and the highly anticipated Expo, while November marks the election of our new officers. Don't miss the details (including need for volunteers) inside this newsletter!

William Holland Scholarship Opportunity

Don't miss the opportunity to apply for a learning scholarship at William Holland. See page 5 for details.

Call for 2025 Officer Nominations Your Club Needs You!

As we approach the end of the year, it's time to gear up for the **2025 Officer Elections**. This is a pivotal moment for the Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club, as we rely on the leadership and dedication of our members to continue thriving. At our November meeting, we'll be voting on the new officers, who will be officially installed during our December Holiday Dinner.

We need your help! Several key positions are up for election, including:

1. President
2. First Vice President
3. Second Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

Our current officers have served multiple terms, and they deserve a well-earned break. This is a great chance for members to step up, bring fresh ideas, and help shape the future of the club.

How to Get Involved

- Volunteer or nominate another member by contacting Roz Mestre, our current Secretary, at roz.mestre@att.net.
 - Details about each position are available in our **Club By-Laws** on the CBRGC website.
 - Please note that to be eligible for one of these offices, you must have been a club member for at least one year.
- We are also seeking a **Chairperson for the Nominating Committee** to help present a slate of candidates. This role is essential for a smooth election process and doesn't require much time.

Remember, our club is only as strong as the members who support it. Volunteering for a leadership position is a fantastic way to contribute to our community and ensure that the Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club continues to grow and succeed.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment, and we look forward to seeing new faces step forward!



Workshop Donations Needed

Our workshop could use some basic supplies—any and all donations of the following are welcome: facial & bathroom tissue, white & light colored copy paper, bottled water (10-12 ounce size)

Upcoming Events and Key Resources

Events:

- October 19-20—47th Annual Jewelry Rock & Gem Show (Port St. Lucie, FL)—see inset below
- October 26—2024 Rock & Gem Expo (Cocoa, FL)—see inset below

Special note to members: We are seeking volunteers to assist with the event. If you're available to help, please reach out to Roz Mestre (321-431-0159). Additionally, if you're interested in setting up a display, contact Roz as soon as possible. Limited space is still available for \$10—you supply your own table.

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!



47th Annual Jewelry Rock & Gem Show

Presented by St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club

Saturday, October 19, 2024
9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, October 20, 2024
10 am - 4pm

MIDFLORIDA Event Center
9221 S.E. Civic Center Place
Port St. Lucie

Admission: \$5.00
Children free with Adult
Tickets available at the show entrance

- Custom-designed handcrafted jewelry
 - Beads
 - Rocks
 - Minerals
 - Slabs
 - Demonstrations
 - Raffles
 - Kid's Corner
 - Gemstones

 For additional information:
contact the show chairperson
slclubshow2023@aol.com
(772) 462-6597

Present this coupon for
\$1 off Admission

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

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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!



Scholarship Opportunity—Note October 18 Deadline

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts recently announced its third annual **Jim Richardson Scholarship**. This scholarship covers tuition, shared accommodations, and meals, offering a fantastic learning opportunity. To be considered, applicants must submit an application by the **deadline of October 18**. Winners will be announced on November 15. Visit <https://lapidaryschoolregistration.org/others> to download a fillable PDF.



Meeting Minutes—September 5, 2024

Call to Order: 6:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Visitors: 3 new visitors

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Roz, but were not approved due to lack of quorum present

Treasurer's report: Michele reported that our expenses for the month of August were higher than our income.

Membership report: Mario reported that we have 77 members.

Workshop report: Mario reported that all machines are working.

Classes: We have completed cabbing, silver and cold connections classes. We can now offer Faceting with Rick (single student at a time).

We discussed need for a nominating committee. It is time to look for a new slate of officers.

Newsletter: Carol requesting members to send her photos of vacation trips and lapidary items.

Sign up sheets were circulated for annual picnic at Rotary Park, soccer pavilion Saturday, October 12.

Sign up sheets also circulated for Cocoa Beach Library Expo, October 26. We have 7 confirmed members who will have a table and we have room for more.

Sign up sheets circulated for holiday dinner December 12 @ Olive Garden (6pm).

Show and Tell: John brought in finished and unfinished cabs with settings so students will have an idea what they will be learning when they take a silver class. There is also a photo album showing different projects made by club members who take different classes.

Presentation: Michele and Ann presented their discussion about their rock . hounding trip to Maine including a slide presentation as well. It was very interesting. There were also specimens to see .

Meeting Adjourned: 7:18pm

Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

October Birthdays



Jill-Renay Bennett

Erleen Estes

Lyn Kell

Angela Pepper

Carol Warner

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



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)431-0159	Roz.mestre@att.net
Treasurer:	Michele Huntington	(321)799-8536	raymich06@bellsouth.net

Directors

Erleen Estes	2022-24
John Catana	2023-25
Sara Fellows	2022-24
Carol Warner	2023-25

Shop Location:

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



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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#: _____

BIRTHDAYDAY 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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