



From our President

WELCOME TO DECEMBER.

This is the last column as President that I will be writing for the newsletter. It has been three years serving as your President and it has been rewarding and I am grateful for your confidence and support. In November, our club elected a mostly brand-new Board. We have a new President, a new Vice-President for Membership, a new Secretary, a new Treasurer, and one new Director. At the Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 12th, they will take an oath to serve you and they will be inducted and take office. Please be there to welcome them and offer your support.

Newness is exciting. A new Board, a New Year, new dreams and goals and aspirations. I enjoy writing out my resolutions and goals for the New Year. Making new determinations in writing on paper so that I will set this year apart from the rest is empowering. To learn, to create, to make new friends, to read some new books, to exercise more, to get in those 10,000 steps a day, to expand my mind, and to become a better person are worthy desires. The New Year, 2025, is up to us.

There will be a new Symphony of Gems at Kiwanis in February that will require participation by volunteers. It will be as successful as our club wants it to be. There will be classes, a picnic, an Expo, and many other activities that depend on your involvement. The officers need your input. It is up to you how successful this year will be for our club.

As always, I wish you prosperity and good health. I hope you accumulate lots of good memories and wonderful times with loved ones, family, and friends. I hope you create and learn and take advantage of the opportunities that the club and life offer to you.

It has been a good three years. Hope to see you at our shop.



Elizabeth Bishop
2024 President

Key Dates

December 12—Holiday Dinner and Installation of New Officers (see additional information on page 2)

Workshop Info

Holiday Schedule:

Note that the workshop schedule around the upcoming holidays:

- Thanksgiving
 - Wednesday (11/27)—closed
 - Sunday (12/1)—open
- Christmas/New Year
 - Wednesday (12/25)—closed
 - Sunday (12/29)—closed
 - Wednesday (1/1)—closed
 - Sunday (1/5)—open (resume normal schedule)

Regular 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

Meeting Minutes—November 7, 2024

Call to Order: 6:15pm

Pledge of allegiance

Welcome Visitors: We had 7 visitors tonight.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Roz and approved by Sara, 2nd by Carol.

Treasurer's report: Report sent by Michele. Bank balance is \$10,566.79. Expenses for the year up to Oct 31 were more than income. For the month of October expenses were higher than income. We are doing okay financially, not great but okay.

Membership report: Mario reported that we still have 77 members.

Workshop report: Mario reported that opal saw was upgraded with new blade, new shaft and bearings. All other equipment working well.

Classes: Roz reports that currently we have faceting and cabling classes ongoing.

Show and Tell: Jody brought her first faceted ruby stone. Angela brought in her chainmaille jelly cube.

Newsletter: Carol sent out latest newsletter to all members.

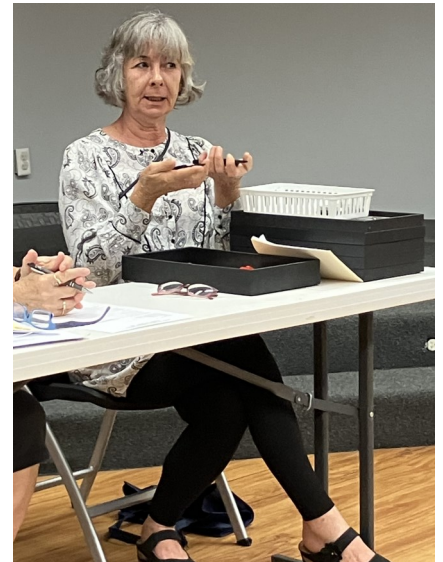
Presentation: Claudia presented several beautiful chainmaille pieces. She offered good advice about choice of tools and material.

Election: Ballots were provided for VP2 position that included Elizabeth Bishop and Tom Brown. Ballots were collected and results were Tom Brown received majority votes. Slate of officers: President Mario Vento, VP 2 Tom Brown, Secretary Andrew Pepper, Treasurer Jennifer Davison.

Board Members: John Catana, Erleen Estes, Rick Pricket (replacing Sara fellows), Carol Warner.

Sara proposed minutes of last meeting be accepted. Minutes approved by membership

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm



Minutes prepared by Roz Mestre

Meeting Addendum—November 24, 2024

At our picnic, we had 15 club members present. The slate for candidates were read by Elizabeth as follows: Mario for President, Tom Brown for 2nd Vice President, Andrew Pepper for Secretary, and Jennifer Davison for Treasurer. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Mario made a motion to accept the slate, second by Carol. Secretary, Roz cast one vote to accept the slate of officers. Candidates approved by unanimous vote of those present. The business portion of the meeting was then adjourned.

December 12 Holiday Party

The Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club invites you to our annual holiday party, which also serves as our December meeting. This year's celebration will take place on **Tuesday, December 12**, at **Olive Garden** on **SR 520 in Merritt Island**, starting at **6:00 p.m.**

Bring a gift to exchange if you'd like to participate in the fun! Your gift can be something you've made or an item you think fellow club members will enjoy. Please mark your gift as **man**, **woman**, or **neutral** to help with the exchange.

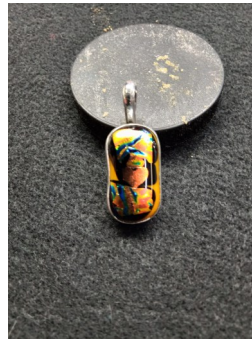
After dinner, we'll officially install our new officers for 2025. It's a wonderful way to wrap up the year, celebrate our club, and connect with fellow members.

RSVP by December 5 to Roz Mestre (roz.mestre@att.net) to let us know if you'll be attending and how many will be in your party. This helps us ensure we have enough space for everyone.

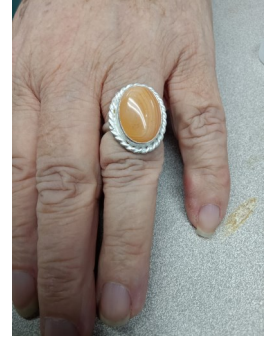
We look forward to seeing you there! Let's make this a festive and memorable evening together!

Member Projects

New member Arlene completed these two projects (shown at right) in classes she took recently. Great job, Arlene!



Fused glass
cab



Silver ring with
luna agate

Upcoming Events and Key Resources

Events:

- *February 1-2*—Our club's 48th Annual Rock, Gem, and Jewelry Show—Kiwanis Island Recreation Center (951 Kiwanis Island Park, Merritt Island)—Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- *April 26-27*—Rock, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society—Florida Armory National Guard (2809 S. Fern Creek Avenue, Orlando)—Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Additional Key Resources:

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



We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge two of our club members who are currently facing illness and working through long-term recovery. Let's come together as a supportive community and lift their spirits.



December Birthdays

Sending a kind note, card, or message of encouragement can mean so much during challenging times. Please see their contact info below. Thank you for showing them how much they mean to all of us!

Fred O'Brien—Solaris HealthCare, Room 518A, 500
Crockett Boulevard, Merritt Island 32953

Michelle Huntington—raymich06@bellsouth.net

Tom Brown
Christina Duflo
Charles Franklin
Mark Heathman
Anna Hess
James Hislop

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

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)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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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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