



From our President

WELCOME TO NOVEMBER!

This is the month that we elect those who will lead our club for 2025. We need your attendance on our meeting on the 7th. Then on December 12th, we will be meeting at Olive Garden for our Christmas Dinner to socialize and to swear in our elected officers.

Our Cocoa Beach Library Expo on October 26th was an opportunity to display our members creations to visitors. There was much interest and even though we did not sign up any new members, we gave out brochures and invited visitors to our monthly meetings.

This month on the 23rd will be the club picnic. Please plan on attending. This is a fun outdoor event. Bring your favorite picnic food to share. See the information if the newsletter. There will be a silent auction.

I hope to see you all at our club events.



Elizabeth Bishop
2024 President

Key Dates

November 7—CBRGC Meeting (6 PM, Merritt Island Public Library)—Annual Vote for Officers

November 9&10—Parade of Gems—Melbourne (see page 4 for details)

November 23—Annual Club Picnic (see page 3 for details)

November 23&24—Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show—West Palm Beach (see page 4 for details)

December 12—Holiday Dinner and Installation of New Officers

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

November Meeting Highlights

Don't miss our upcoming November meeting! Along with the **important election of our 2025 Club officers**, we're excited to welcome back former member **Claudia Melchiorre** as our guest speaker. Claudia, an award-winning artist with accolades from juried shows, will share her expertise in chainmaille, demonstrating techniques and showcasing a variety of sample patterns.

Join us to cast your vote, enjoy a great presentation, and connect with fellow members!

Annual Election of Officers Will Be Held at November 7 Meeting

Our annual election of officers is just around the corner! Join us on **November 7** at our monthly meeting for this important occasion. We need everyone's participation to ensure we have a quorum, so please make every effort to attend.



Here is the slate of candidates for our 2025 officer positions:

- **President:** Mario Vento
- **First Vice President:** No candidates
- **Second Vice President:** Elizabeth Bishop, Tom Brown
- **Secretary:** Andrew Pepper
- **Treasurer:** Jennifer Davison
- **Director:** Richard Prickett

A special thanks to these members for their dedication and willingness to serve our club in the coming year. Elected officers will be officially installed at our holiday dinner on December 12. Let's come together to support our club and select the leaders for 2025!

Meeting Minutes—October 3, 2024

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Visitors: No new visitors

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were read by Roz. No quorum, so no approval.

Treasurer's report: To be reported later.

Membership report: Mario reported that we have 77 members.

Workshop report: All machines are running well.

Members reminded about elections to be held next month. Andrew volunteered for secretary position. Elizabeth and Tom are interested in VP2. Mario is interested in President position. Jennifer is interested in Treasurer position. Michele is interested in board member position.

Classes: New class added for earrings with Lucy. Sign up sheets are available for faceting, cabling and silver.

Show and Tell: Jody brought in several finished cabs. Mario brought in bison bone.

Presentation: Rick Prickett presented discussion about faceting and various stones.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

CBRGC Annual Picnic Rescheduled to November 23!

Mark your calendars! After being postponed due to Hurricane Milton, our much-anticipated Annual Picnic is back on for **Saturday, November 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We'll gather at **Rotary Park's Soccer Pavilion** on Merritt Island, located at 1899 S. Courtenay Parkway, and are excited to enjoy a wonderful day together.

What to Expect:

The club will be providing hotdogs with all the fixings, along with a variety of beverages to keep everyone refreshed. Rotary Park's pavilion has all the amenities we need to make this a fantastic event, including kitchen facilities, restrooms, and accessible parking.

What to Bring:

Help make our spread delicious by bringing a covered dish, side dish, or dessert to share! If you haven't done so already, please RSVP to Roz at **321-431-0159** with the number of people in your party and the dish you plan to bring.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to relax, share good food, and connect with fellow members, so don't miss out. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a memorable day of fun and friendship!



Searching for Faceted Stones

Member Ann Fillmore is looking to purchase faceted stones for students in the jewelry program at her local craft college. Stones can be any size, shape or color—but need to be “poor student” priced. Please contact Ann at bmwriderrann@yahoo.ca.

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 Lapidary/Jewelry-Making Events and Key Resources

Events:

- *November 9-10*—Annual Crystal, Gem, Jewelry and Crafts Show hosted by the Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society—Melbourne Auditorium (625 East Hibiscus Avenue, Melbourne) - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society's website (<https://www.canaveral-mgs.com/parade-of-gems-show.html>) to see where to get \$1 off entry locations.
- *November 23-24*—Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show hosted by The Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches—South Florida Fairgrounds (9067 Southern Boulevard, West Palm Beach)—Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See inset at right for additional details and a coupon to this event.

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November 23—24, 2024
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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

WISHING
YOU A
VERY
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

Lori Davis
Ann Metz
Patricia Rogers
Cheryl Snyder
Mario Vento

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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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#: _____

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- INLAY INTARSIA KUMIHIMO OPALS SILVER WIRE WRAP

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