

Canaveral Moonstone



Presidents Corner



As I am writing this, I am also writing down my list of items to shop for at our sister club Central Brevard Rock and Gem! Their 47th annual show and sale event is scheduled for February 3 and 4th at Kiwanis Island Recreation Center.

As I hope you have already heard our workshop Saturdays are now FREE for members until March 30th! My hope is that we can offer some pop-up classes on these Saturday mornings.

I plan to be offer a quick, “puffy hearts “ tutorial on February 3rd.



Dave Wayment has agreed to offer a mini class on textured earrings using our rolling mill and new texture plates on February 17th.

And Yvonne Alexander will have a quick pop-up class on March 9 making simple chainmaille earrings!

There will be no charge for these mini class. Everybody will make a piece and take it home with them that same day. Mini classes will usually start around 9 am.

If you have a skill and would like to give back to your club, please contact me to make arrangements to schedule a pop-up class!

Looking forward to seeing everybody February 7!

Melissa Horan

CMGS President



Links to CMGS

Exchange Bulletins are Welcome

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The Dead Line for the March Moonstone is February 20, 2024

The URL for CMGS web site is: <http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/>

The **Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society (CM&GS)** is a registered Florida not-profit-corporation approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt , organization under Internal Revenue Code section of Florida 501 (c) (7) for the following purposes:

1. For the preservation, support, and promotion of the hobby of Mineralogy and its various forms of allied activities and earth sciences.
2. To dedicate ourselves to the furtherance of the hobby through the exchange of knowledge, experience, and other helpful information among ourselves and other like organizations.
3. To further the education of members and the general public of the hobby by programming talks, discussions, motion pictures, field trips, and the staging of shows and exhibitions.
4. To maintain an active affiliation with the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies and to participate in Federation activities to the fullest extent possible.

Goals and Objectives

5. To promote the spirit of cooperation and fellowship among the membership.
6. To increase our knowledge of rocks and minerals and to explore the mystery and wonder of the earth.
7. To actively encourage members to attend educational classes, workshops, lectures, and demonstrations.
8. To stimulate interest in the earth sciences within the community by providing scholarships to worthy students at all educational levels.
9. To provide the necessary equipment and resources to enable members to develop their interests.
10. To enjoy our hobby and Have Fun!

Affiliations

The Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)

Meetings and Dues

Meetings are the First Wednesday of each month at the Melbourne Front Street Civic Center. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome! Dues are shown below and are paid annually.

Active members \$ 40.00

Associate Type 1 \$ 10.00-related to an active or honorary member, be under the age of eighteen .

Associate Type 2 \$ 20.00 - 13 – 18 years

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	2	3 Free Open Shop 8:30—12:30pm
4	5 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	6	7 Monthly Meeting 7PM	8 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	9	10 Free Open Shop 8:30—12:30pm
11	12 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	13	14 <i>Happy Valentines Day</i>	15 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	16	17 Free Open Shop 8:30—12:30pm
18	19 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	20	21	22 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	23	24 Free Open Shop 8:30—12:30pm
25	26 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	27	28	29 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm		

Monthly Business Meetings are being held at the Front Street Civic Center. The February presentation is by James Hislop, he will talk on American Minerals.

Pet of the Month

Two lovely cats that belong to Susan Cash.



Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society
January 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

President Melissa Horan opened the meeting Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 at 7:06 p.m. at the Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front Street, Melbourne, FL 32901.

New guests and members introduced themselves.

Secretary, Mary Kinberg – December minutes were printed in the January 2024 Moonstone. Melissa asked if there were any changes to the minutes. As there were no changes, the minutes were approved as printed in the Moonstone.

Mary and Ed Kinberg gave a presentation on William Holland School of Lapidary Arts, Young Harris, Georgia and Wild Acres Retreat, Little Switzerland, North Carolina. The SFMS sponsors one week every year at William Holland and two weeks at Wild Acres for members. The week of jewelry camp is lots of fun, a great learning experience and a good way to meet other members. The cost is very reasonable with great accommodations. Feel free to talk with Mary or Ed or other members that have attended.

Kim Kisselstein – Treasurer- Kim went over some of the expenses that were paid this month. If you would like a copy of the Treasurer's report please let Kim know. The money from the Parade of Gems is still coming in.

Vice– President, Lynn McKinney- Lynn has a speaker for next month but would appreciate other speakers for later months. Please let him know if you would like to do a presentation.

Education Chair, Dave Wayment – Dave said our volunteer instructors are sending out emails trying to set up classes but unfortunately, members are not making themselves available or responding to the teachers. One of the teachers recently had to cancel her January 6th class after emailing 14 people because she only had two responses. Please make sure you email and /or call the instructor within the required time. If possible, please try to make the dates work for you when the teacher is offering the class.

Melissa reminded everyone that you can check books out from the library at the workshop. You can not check out videos, they must be watched in the workshop.

Mark Heathman announced that Cheryl Synder will be taking over the Rock Swap on March 23rd in the north area of Wickham Park. Thanks Cheryl and Mark! There are 20 tables available. The Rock Swap is for selling anything relating to jewelry, rocks or gem club related items. Please remember, it's not a garage sale. You can set up your own table but it will still be \$20, paid in advance. Call Mark or Cheryl if you would like more information on the Rock Swap.

The SFMS Rock Hound Gem Show will be held March 1-3, 2024, (9 am to 4 pm) at the Spirit of the Suwannee River Music Park, Live Oak, Florida. Other shows were listed in the January Moonstone.

Melissa did remind everyone that we are not selling items anymore during the meeting.

Membership, Kathie Burnette – We have 152 members right now. It costs \$40 for a year's membership.

Show and Tell- Thanks Art for helping out.

Bill Haar – shared his silver orchids and other casted items. He gave some tips on working with sticky wax and stick pens and other tricks.

Art DeLaurentis – shared cabs that he made this month such as sleeping beauty turquoise and lorimar.

Debbie Jorgensen made spin rings and experimented with making a ring out of silver wire.

Pat Shannon, shared intricate filigree earrings that she handmade.

James Hislop– shared some of the slabs and many of the rocks that he has found. He also took Scott's cabbing class and shared some of the cabs that prepared.

Joe Bino- shared some of his slabs including labradorite.

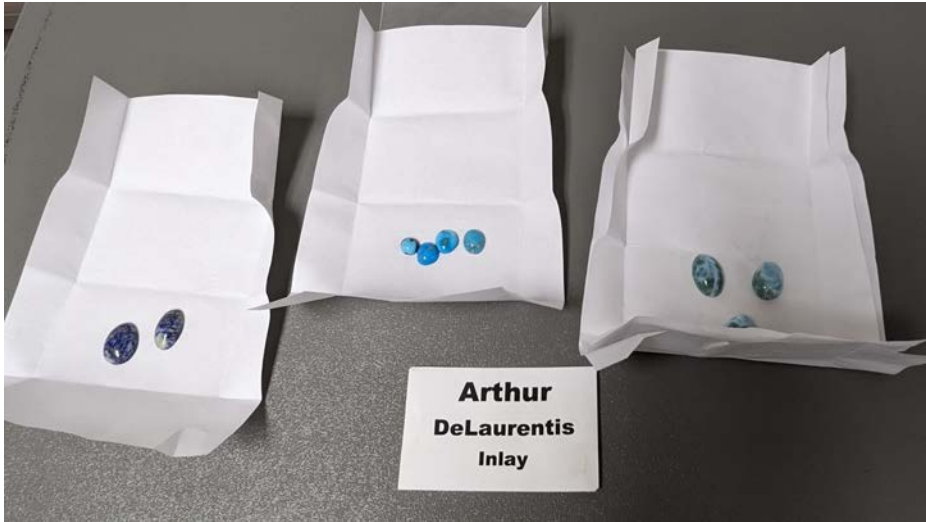
The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Mary Kinberg
Secretary

Show and Tell



Show and Tell



Jewelry Tools Available

Lots of assorted hand tools, sterling and fine silver, mini torch with tanks, doming punch set, hammers, and much more!

Please call Peter Indorf at 321-914-0118 to see what is available at his Melbourne studio.

Call for an appointment.

Peter Indorf Designs
1103 W Hibiscus Blvd
Suite 307B
Melbourne, FL 32901
Studio: 321-914-0118

Join us for this non-profit
fundraising event!



February 3rd and 4th, 2024

Show Hours

Saturday 9:30 -5:30
Sunday 10 - 4

Kiwanis Island Recreation Center

951 Kiwanis Island Park
Merritt Island, FL 32952

Admission:

Hourly Door Prizes, Silent Auction, children's activities, and Grand Prize Drawing

\$6.00. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

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Bench Tips by Brad Smith

Work Smarter & Be More Productive With Brad's "How To" Jewelry Books

See Other Tips in my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making Problems

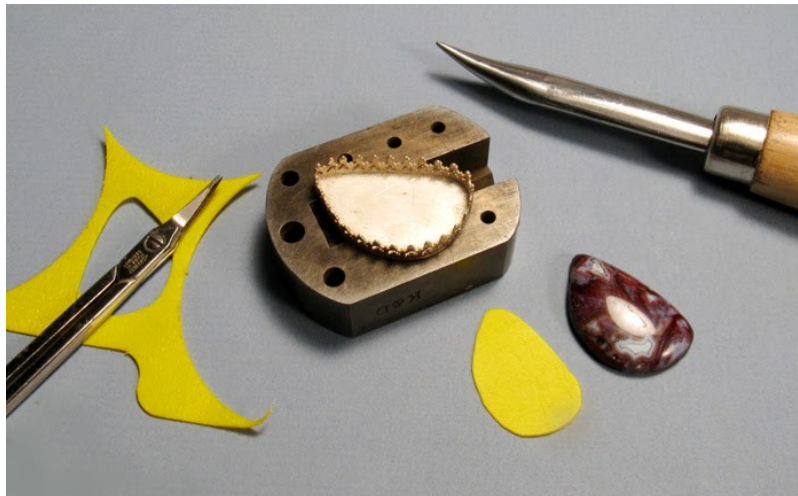
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RAISING A CABOCHON

When a cabochon sits too low in a bezel, the bezel hides a lot of the stone. The solution is to either sand down the bezel height or boost up the stone. But if you choose to raise it up, the question is what is the best material to use?

I was taught to use fine sawdust but now think that might be a problem when used in rings. I reason that rings will frequently get wet, which would cause the sawdust to swell in size and push the stone against the bezel. Then when the sawdust dries out, the stone would be a little loose.

In any case, I now prefer to insert a flat sheet to boost up my stones. It can be a scrap of metal or some plastic from product packaging or old credit cards. In either case, just cut a piece to loosely fit into the bezel and drop in the stone (with some dental floss) to check its height.



Solve Your Jewelry Making Problems With

Brad's "How To" Books

www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith

Up Coming Gem Shows in Florida

Feb 3-4—MERRITT ISLAND, FLORIDA: Annual show; Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club; Kiwanis Island Recreation Center, 951 Kiwanis Island Park; Sat. 9:30-5:30, Sun. 10-4; \$6 admission, kids under 12 free if accompanied with adult;

March 1-3—LARGO, FLORIDA: Annual show; Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society; Largo Event Center, 6340 126th Avenue N; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6 3-Day Pass, Children Under 12 Free;

March 8—10, 2024 Plant City Gem Show
The Sadye Gibbs Center
1601 E Dr MKL Blvd, Plant City, FL

March 15—17, 2024
West Palm Beach Gem Show
South Florida Fairgrounds
9067 Southern Blvd,
West Palm Beach, FL

April 5-7, 2024
Pensacola Gem Show
Pensacola Interstate Fair
6655 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, FL

April 19-21, 2024
Sarasota Gem Show
Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
901 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

CMGS Rock Swap

March 23, 2024 8am - 4pm
Wickham Park in Melbourne - Pavillion #4

Come Swap, trade, barter, buy or sell Lapidary Stuff old and new.

Contact Mark Heathman 321-253-2856 (leave a message) for info. on reserving a pavillion table for \$20. Cheryl Synder will be taking over the Rock Swap. Call Mark or Cheryl if you have any questions.

Bring the family and friends to enjoy the park, hike, play or have a picnic. Note there are park rules about animals.

Pavillion #4 is on the East side of the North lake. Turn right when entering from the Parkway main entrance.

The SFMS William Holland Workshop website is up and running!

Everything you need in order to register is there.

<https://www.sfmsworkshops.org/william-holland-classes>

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Classes completed - Congratulations

The following members that have successfully passed the Silver Smithing Class;

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