

# Canaveral Moonstone



## Presidents Corner

This month, the Moonstone president's corner has been difficult to compile. My thoughts are still scattered, and I'm still taken aback from the sudden loss of our mentor, teacher and friend Dave Wayment. It always seemed to me that Dave knew before I even asked that I was struggling to find the answer regarding club business. His knowledge, his leadership, his humor and mostly his friendship will be greatly missed. But I charge forward, as I know he would like things to stay in order!

I have heard that the rock swap was a day filled with great fun, beautiful weather ( despite some scattered showers) and a wonderful swap and sale of product! Many thanks go to Mark Heathman for the organization, as well as Keith Stokes for the preparation. I have heard that Mark Heathman had amazing material for sale as well as, James Hislop, Scott Bellinger, Joe Bina and Liz Ritter and many other members. It sounds like I really missed out on a wonderful opportunity and I am disappointed that I had to miss it.

I am continuing to prepare for our April 14th Dolly's picnic and auction at Riverview park. ([2400 Riverview Drive Melbourne FL 32901](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2400+Riverview+Drive+Melbourne+FL+32901)) Joe Bina has once again agreed to be our "Grill Extraordinaire" by preparing hamburgers and hot dogs. This is a great opportunity for you to share your favorite recipe by bringing a dish to share with everyone! I plan on bringing Mediterranean pasta salad with homemade Mediterranean seasoning.

Lunch will be served at 12.

Tailgating will begin at 9:00 am.

There is no cost for tailgating, I only ask that you keep your product in or behind your vehicle.

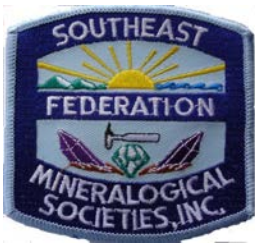
The auction will begin immediately following lunch, I will again be the auctioneer and Liz Ritter has agreed to help in ensuring the auction will run smoothly. *Please be sure to bring any items for donation to the auction as early as possible.*

## We will draw names for the SFMS William Holland and Wildacres Scholarships at the monthly meeting on April 3.

Many thanks to Lynn McKinney for running the April meeting in my absence!

Melissa Horan

CMGS President



Links to CMGS

## Exchange Bulletins are Welcome

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The Dead Line for the May Moonstone is April 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

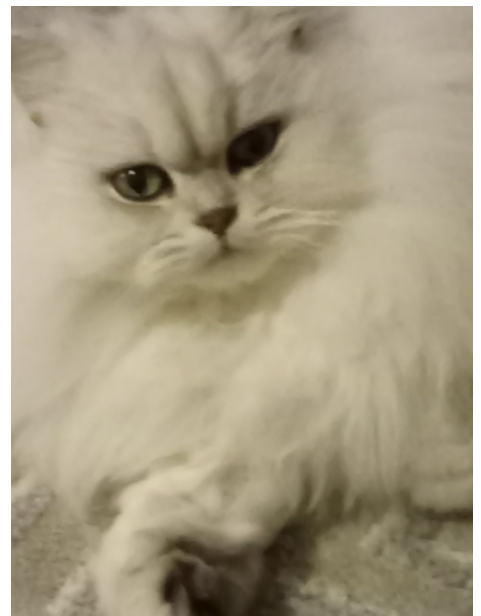
# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	2	3 Monthly Meeting 7PM	4 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	5	6 Open Shop 8:30—12:30pm
7	8 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	9	10	11 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	12	13 Open Shop 8:30—12:30pm
14 Dollys Picnic 2400 Riverview Drive Melbourne	15 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	16	17	18 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	19	20 Open Shop 8:30—12:30pm
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- ◆ We will draw names for the SFMS William Holland and Wildacres Scholarships at the monthly meeting on April 3.
- ◆ Lynn McKinney will be presenting a video on Amethyst Mining in Uruguay.

## Pet of the Month

This is Emerald, born on my wife's birthday, and she is the granddaughter of the Fancy Feast cat on TV. Beautiful cat Jim Price.



## Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society

### March 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

President Melissa Horan opened the meeting Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 at 7:07 p.m. at the Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front Street, Melbourne, FL 32901.

Secretary- Mary Kinberg – Discussion regarding date of Rock Swap. February minutes were printed in the March, 2024 Moonstone. Bill Haar made a motion to accept the February minutes as printed and Peter Indorf seconded. The minutes were accepted as written.

Bill Haar gave a presentation on Filament Printers. Bill made us all promise never to buy a resin printer until we watch at least 2 hours of UTube videos on resin printing. After Bill's explanation it sounded like a good promise to follow. As Bill explained, resin printing is completely different. Bill also said it's good to use a face mask and never touch resin with your bare hands, because it can be extremely toxic. After you have washed it and dried your resin thoroughly, Bill uses a salad spinner to dry the resin again. Great information! Thanks Bill.

Treasurer-Kim Kisselstein – Kim sent out the treasurer's report to the Board. If you want a copy of the Treasurer's report, please ask Kim.

Vice- President- Lynn McKinney- If you have any presentations regarding a wonderful digging trip you took, something special that you made, or a good way to make something, please let Lynn know. If not we'll show an informative video of a gigantic amethyst in April.

Education Specialist - Dave Wayment was out sick.

Yvonne would like to fill her Chain Mail class on March 12, 13 and 19. Please let her know if you would like to attend.

The Rock Swap is being held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Wickham Park. We only have 2 tables left, please call Mark Heathman right away if you would like a spot. The Rock Swap is for selling anything relating to jewelry, rocks or gem club related items. It's from 8 am to 4 pm.

Dolly's Picnic will be Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in Riverview Park – tailgating begins around nine. After our picnic, we will have the auction. Please bring lots of things to auction off. The picnic usually lasts from 9 to 3 pm.

H & R Gem Show will be at the Melbourne Auditorium on Hibiscus, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The volunteers that are approved will be selling at a half of an 8 foot table and taking turns working the door. Please text or call Melissa if you are interested in volunteering at the H & R Gem Show.

Melissa met with Karen Paradise and James Hislop who will be our conduits for the Dixie Mineral Society. James is going out to Peace River Camp Ground tomorrow to check it out. Many Megalodons, Mammoths and other dinosaur bones are found there. James is going to check and monitor the water. A field trip will need to be when the water is low. James will let everyone know how the water height is.

The website is being updated and might be under construction for a while. Thanks Heather and Aaron DeVries for all your help on the website!

Membership, Kathie Burnette – We have 157 members right now. Dues of \$40 is now overdue.

Show and Tell- Thanks Art DeLaurentis for facilitating Show and Tell:

Art DeLaurentis– Amazing lapis on the knife and two abalone intarsia pieces.

James Hislop- is working on cabs and is now looking for backs for specific stones.

Peter Indorf - went to the Tucson gem and jewelry show. Peter recommended the amazing gem show and showed some of the beautiful turquoise and opals that he bought.

Debbie Jorgenson shared a beautiful pendant necklace that she recently completed.

Joe Bino – started making pendant cabs. He has lots of great cabs that he is working on.

Bill Harr -bought a big bundle of emeralds stones. It's a huge bundle of crystals.

Lakshima Simhon- made an amazing larimar pendant. He took a class from Scott on cabs and Debbie on silver smithing. Brett also took a silver smithing class from Debbie Jorgensen.

Lila Hancock took Yvonne Alexander's chain mail class. Lila showed beautiful bracelets that she made. She said it was lots of fun.

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Denise Burson made a red coral and pink agate necklace. She also did wonderful peyote and viking weave.

Yvonne Alexander will be teaching a pop up class of chain mail earrings this Saturday at the workshop,

Melissa spoke about the importance of a sexual harassment program. She said no one should be uncomfortable in the workshop or anytime while working with the club. Hopefully in the next month or two we will vote on this policy.

Mary Kinberg  
Secretary



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## Show and Tell



# Show and Tell



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#### TRANSPARENT CABS

When bezel setting a transparent cabochon in silver, I usually cut out the back of the bezel to allow background light to show off the colors and patterns in the stone. If this is not possible or appropriate, I worry that the silver bezel will tarnish under the stone and will ruin its brilliance. What to do?

My solution is one extra step before setting the stone. I place a piece of thin silver Mylar plastic under the stone to act as a mirror that will never tarnish. Mylar is readily available in craft and gift wrap stores, or in a pinch from a party balloon supplier. You may even want to experiment with using colored or patterned Mylar (i.e. diffraction pattern) under some stones.



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## Up Coming Gem Shows

### **April 5-7, 2024**

Pensacola Gem  
Show  
Pensacola Interstate  
Fair  
6655 Mobile Hwy,  
Pensacola, FL

Note:

Wayne Mellish is now a shop Stewart. He will be taking over the Monday night workshop.

April 19, 2024  
Dollys Picnic  
2400 Riverview  
Drive  
Melbourne Fl 32901

**April 20, 2024, 9:00**  
am – 3:00 pm  
Westside Community  
Church, Front Lawn  
1937 Lakeville  
Road, Apopka, FL

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

**April 27-28, 2024**  
Central Florida Min-  
eral and Gem Show  
Sanford Civic Center  
401 E. Seminole  
Blvd.  
Sanford, FL

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**The SFMS William Holland Workshop and Wildacres website is up and running!**

Everything you need in order to register is here.

<https://www.sfmsworkshops.org/>



## Classes completed - Congratulations

The following members that have successfully passed the Chainmaille Class:

Wayne Mellish, Lila Hancock, and Stacey Marmolejo.

Attached are three pictures from the March 9, 2024 Saturday Make-n-Take Chainmaille class. We had a great time making "Captured Gemstone Bead Earrings" with Rhodonite, Amazonite, Amethyst, and Malachite gemstone beads captured in bright aluminum jump rings.

Names of students in the class picture from back to front are as follows:

Left:

Karin Paradise

Eileen Estes

Dave Jacobson

Right:

Keith Stoke

Debbie Maxwell

Liz Ritter



### The completed projects.



The following members that have successfully passed the beginners cabochon class:

Sydney Diana and Brandon Laroche

## “CIRCLE UP” SWAP MEET

April 20, 2024, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Westside Community Church, Front Lawn Drive Circle

1937 Lakeville Road, Apopka, FL

Sponsored by: Wekiva Gem and Mineral Society

Rock Clubs and Individuals are invited to set up and buy, sell, and swap anything that is LAPIDARY related! Everything from slabs, rough, specimens, polished stones, finished cabochons, handmade jewelry, to tools and lapidary equipment can be swapped or sold!

For more information, contact Nancy Allman, 407-739-0051 or email @faceittoday@gmail.com.

To reserve your space, send \$10. Nonrefundable deposit to Venmo, Wekiva Gem and Mineral Society @WekivaGem.

Balance due April 1, 2024.

Wekiva Gem and Mineral Society, 586 Honeysuckle Ct., Apopka, FL 32712

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The Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society meets at 7 pm on the First Wednesday of each month at the Front Street Civic Center, Melbourne, Florida. Visitors are always welcome.

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**NEWSLETTER: MOONSTONE**