

# Canaveral Moonstone



## Presidents Corner



I hope this Moonstone finds you still full from the bountiful blessings of Thanksgiving!

We had an amazing 50th annual Parade of Gems, chaired by our very talented and committed member Paige Verhoeven. Many thanks are also due to the committed body of volunteers we have at Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society. Our advertisements through Facebook proved to be very successful, reaching roughly 70,000 people. With a wide spread demographic to include ages between 18 and 65 plus, some who also decided to follow or like our page. Our advertisements were seen both in and outside of Brevard County. All in all a very successful ad campaign!



I certainly enjoyed the show and was happy to see all of our competitions on display! I may be biased but I think we have the most talented members in all of Florida!

Our member Heather Devries is helping to bring our “technology” up to date and has created a more modern way to share our club with others. We now have a Link-Tree. This is a simple method of sharing all of our social media sites, websites and email with prospective members. It’s as simple as using your smart phone camera and scanning the code.

TRY IT HERE!



I am looking forward to spending time with everyone at our Holiday party, located at the Broken Barrell and scheduled for Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Be sure to bring your payment to Stephanie or Kim at the next meeting!

See you all Dec 6<sup>th</sup> !

Melissa Horan

**Exchange Bulletins are Welcome**

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**The Dead Line for the January Moonstone is Dec. 20, 2023.**

**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

# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm
3	4 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	5	6 Monthly Meeting 7pm	7 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	8	9 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm
10	11 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	12	13	14 Holiday Party	15	16 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm
17	18 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	19	20	21 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	22	23 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm
24	25 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	26	27	28 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	29	30 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm
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Monthly Business Meetings are being held at the Front Street Civic Center.  
 Lynn McKinney will do a presentation on finds he got in North Carolina.

## Pets of the Month

Pat Shannon’s new kittens Ollie and Olive



**Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society**

November 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

President Melissa Horan opened the meeting Wednesday, November 1st at 7:02 p.m. at the Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front Street, Melbourne, FL 32901.

Secretary, Mary Kinberg – October minutes were printed in the November 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 Kinberg asked that everyone contributing to the Show and Tell, please put your name on your show and tell item.

We are voting tonight for our club's Officers. We do have a quorum. Jim Ragan asked 3 times for any new nominations for Board of Directors, 3 years position. There were no new nominations. Dave Wayment made a motion to accept the uncontested ballot of officers and Art DeLaurentis seconded. The uncontested ballot was approved as listed. Ballots were passed out to vote for the Board of directors, 3 years position; Wayne Mellish, Liz Ritter and Keith Stokes were running. There was a call for all ballots for the 3 years Directors position. After counting the ballots it was announced that Liz Ritter will take the position for the Board of Directors, 3 years. Thank you to all new officers.

CMGS Board of Directors for 2023-2024:

President- Melissa Horan

Vice President- Lynn McKinney

Secretary – Mary Kinberg

Treasurer- Kim Kesselstein

Bulletin Editor- Shannon Byrd

Membership Chairman- Kathie Burnette

Education Chairman- Dave Wayment

Corresponding Secretary- Stephanie Murphy

Board of Directors, 3 years – Liz Ritter

Board of Directors, 2 years – Scott Bellinger

Board of Directors, 1 year – James Ragan

Parade of Gems (POG) will be held on Nov. 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up tonight to help at the POG. Also, please share the Facebook ads. Art DeLaurentis told new members about how much fun it is to volunteer at POG – a great way to contribute and get to know other members. Stephanie also has POG cards to pass out.

We will be voting for the Grand Price for the POG. Art explained there are 4 items on display that were made by our members. Any of the members can enter an entry for the Grand Prize. The 4 items were on display with paper bags and an identifying number by the paper bag. Everyone at the meeting received a ballot and voted. All four of the items were amazing!! After the vote, Art announced the winner - #3 won the grand prize. Shannon Byrd made the exquisite necklace by casting both the butterfly and the bail and making the handmade chain necklace all in sterling silver. The stone is a yellow opal with a green flash. Congratulations Shannon!! Melissa thanked everyone for their hard work and wonderful entries.

Stephanie Murphy and Janine Ragan are collecting money for the Holiday Party which will be held at Broken Barrel on Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you want to attend, you must turn in \$25 per person by December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Yankee Trader event will be held at the Holiday Party. If you want to participate please bring a wrapped gift worth \$20.

Kim Kesselstein – Treasurer- Kim went over the treasurer's report. The club has many expenses in November for Parade of Gems and reserving the auditorium for next year's POG.

Vice– President, Lynn McKinney- We need presentations, please let Lynn know if you're available.

Education Chair, Dave Wayment – some classes have been completed and we have more coming up.

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Membership, Kathie Burnette – We have 136 members right now.

Show and Tell –Art DeLaurentis

Anthony Boone, went to Blue Forest, Wyoming, he shared many examples of petrified wood.  
 Bill Haar- Bill’s favorite new tool - Textile spot removal gun- \$40. It is a Power water jet. He used it for cleaning (casting) investment and it works very fast and saves lots of time.  
 Mary Kinberg and Susan Shortman shared beaded spiders and beaded bracelets from Haydee’s class.  
 Susan Shortman and Denise took Sandie Nagy’s wire weaving class. They both enjoyed it and shared some of their pieces.  
 Sandie Nagy and Simone shared cabs that they worked on in Scott Bellinger’s cabbing class.

Peter Indorf is closing his business. He has a wide variety of jewelry equipment for sale. Please call him at 321-914-0118 if you are interested in checking out his jewelry equipment.

Also, Melissa reminded us that anyone that wants to sell jewelry items or stones at the meeting, must sign up at the front table at the meeting Before you want to sell. At the next meeting, you will need to set up your table and you may sell things after the meeting.

Mary Kinberg,  
Secretary

Show and tell





## Grand Prize Competition



Winner  
Shannon Byrd





# Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society Holiday Party

For Members & their guest

**Thursday Dec 14 6:30pm - 9:00 pm**

Come join us at the Broken Barrel, Palm Bay



**Holiday Buffet in the Back Room:**

Pulled chicken

Pulled BBQ Ribs

Sliced Smoked Turkey

Seasoned Potatoes, BBQ Beans, & Coleslaw

Platters: Salad, Raw Veggies, & Fruit & Cheese

Non-alcoholic beverages

Tax and Tip included

**\$25\*/ea**

Yankee Trader (around \$20) starts at 7:30pm

**Payment Due by Dec 6 CMGS Meeting**

**Broken Barrel  
4700 Babcock St NE  
Palm Bay, FL**

**RSVP: Stephanie Murphy  
MurfSmurf55@aol.com**

**\*Children under 15: \$15**



## Bench Tips by Brad Smith

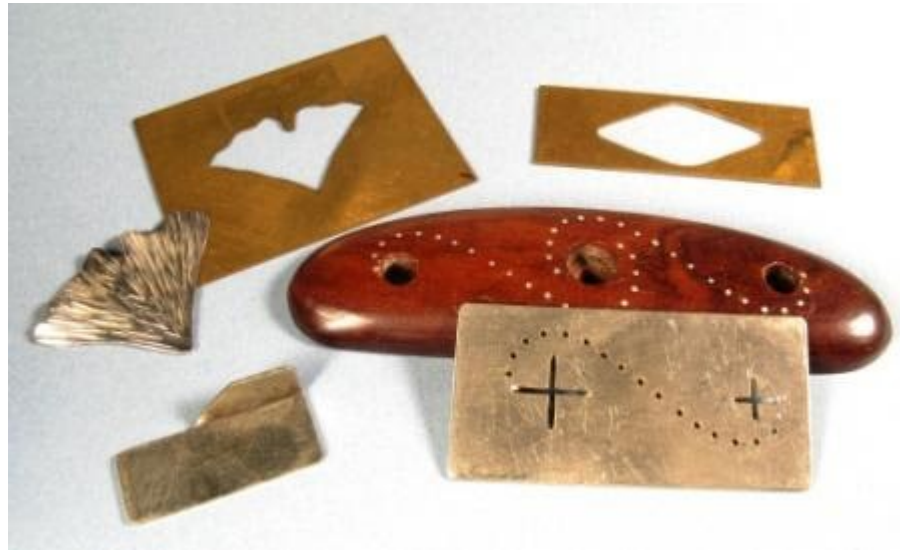
### Work Smarter & Be More Productive With Brad's "How To" Jewelry Books

See Other Tips in my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making Problems

<http://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ>

## TEMPLATES

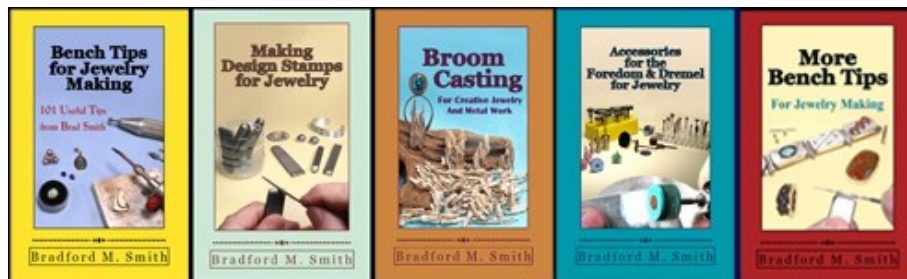
Whenever I have to make more than 2-3 exact copies of a sheet metal component, I think of making a template. Templates let me easily draw the shape of an item to cut out.



Art stores or online sources

like [cooltools.us/](http://cooltools.us/) and [kingsleynorth.com/](http://kingsleynorth.com/) sell templates for common shapes like circles, ovals, hearts, etc. but for nonstandard shapes, I make my own out of a scrap of sheet plastic or sheet metal. My preference is brass. I carefully lay out the shape using a steel ruler, a set of dividers, a scribe, and a fine center punch.

One example is the brass template in the pic below that lets me quickly trace the design of ginkgo leaf earrings onto silver sheet. Another is the nickel template which makes it easy to drill a pattern of holes for pin inlay into wooden handles.



Solve Your Jewelry Making Problems With

Brad's "How To" Books

[www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](http://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)



## Up Coming Gem Shows in Florida

Withlacoochee Rockhounds Gem, Mineral, Fossil,

**Fri, Dec 1 – Sun, Dec 3**

Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Rd

Hudson, FL

Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

**Sat, Dec 9 – Sun, Dec 10**

535 4th Ave N

St. Petersburg, FL

**Jan 12-14, 2024** St. Petersburg Gem Show

The Coliseum

535 4th Ave N, Sr, Petersburg, FL

**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

## Message from the editor—Shannon Byrd

This necklace is a yellow opal with green flash that is a doublet. It is set in sterling silver with the bail and the butterfly are both cast pieces. The chain has soldered links.

My journey to creating this necklace began about 12 years ago. I had always dabbled in arts and crafts. I was making beaded jewelry, but felt that I wanted to know more. I joined Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society and started coming to the monthly meetings. I made some friends and went to shows where I started to collect rocks. Here we go....

My first class was cabbing. I loved it. Now I have cabochons but what can I do with them? Next came wire wrap which really changed things for me. I could make unique jewelry.

Silver smithing came next. Talk about cooking with gas! Another great thing to learn, giving me the ability to make even more unique items.

I soon realized that I wanted to take lost wax casting, to make pieces to add to my jewelry.

The last class that I needed to complete this necklace was fused chain maille and chain making. All of this took time, but the more I got involved, the more I loved what I was doing.

In CMGS I have learned many things and found that everyone was more than willing to help me learn something new or perfect something I'm working on. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank CMGS.



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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**