

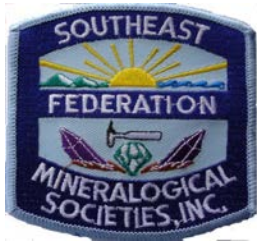
Canaveral Moonstone



Presidents Corner



The New Year, to me, is synonymous with resolutions and commitments. Personally, I try to set reasonable goals or resolutions each year. Such as, I will collect less than 1 metric ton of rocks this year!



In regards to our growing and wonderful club, I would like to set a New Year's goal for continued growth through social media platforms and community involvement. I would also like to continue to explore the strengths of each of our members and volunteers. My mission is to see more use of our fully equipped workshop as well as more frequent classes offered.



Above all I hope that 2024 brings all of our members much health, joy and happiness!

See you on January 3rd!

Melissa Horan
CMGS President



Links to CMGS

Exchange Bulletins are Welcome

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The Dead Line for the February Moonstone is Jan. 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

January 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 New Years | 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 | 15 MLK Day | 16 | 17 | 18 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm | 19 | 20 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm |
| 21 | 22 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm | 26 | 27 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm |
| 28 | 29 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm | 30 | 31 | | | |

Monthly Business Meetings are being held at the Front Sreet Civic Center. Mary and Ed Kinberg will be doing a presentation on Wild Acres and William Holland classes.



Pet of the Month

This is Rocky, my Pomeranian. He is 2 1/2 years old.

Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society
December 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

President Melissa Horan opened the meeting Wednesday, December 6th at 7:07 p.m. at the Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front Street, Melbourne, FL 32901. She welcomed new members and guests.

Secretary, Mary Kinberg – November minutes were printed in the December 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.

Lynn McKinney spoke about some of the gem shows he went to in North Carolina. He said in Franklin, N. Carolina there are 3 gems shows the last full week in July. The GLW Show is a wholesale show. The next week, near Spruce Pine, the first week of August, is the Grassy Creek Show. He showed some of the rocks, lamps and geodes that he bought at the different shows. If you're interested in rock hounding, Franklin has quite a few mines. If you're interested in finding mines that you can dig at, speak with Lynn, he has lists of different open mines.

Parade of Gems (POG) was held on Nov. 11 and 12th. It was a great show and Paige did a fantastic Job. Our club reached about 70,000 people between Facebook and Instagram. Many of those people checked out our club Website and became new members.

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

Kim Kisselstein – Treasurer- Kim showed the Treasurer's report on the screen. The money from the Parade of Gems is still coming in.

Vice– President, Lynn McKinney- He has a volunteer for the January meeting and is working on getting other presentations.

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Education Chair, Dave Wayment – Dave explained about the book on the front table at the meeting and that you need to sign up in the book if you would like to take a class. All classes are taught by a volunteer so please be respectful of their time. He also told about classes at William Holland and Wild Acres this summer. William Holland is open for the SFMS classes the first week in June and the classes are now listed on the internet.

Membership, Kathie Burnette – We have 150 members right now. See Kathie if you don't have your badge.

The board met last night and went over the budget. A copy of the 2024 budget was put on the screen. A motion was made to accept the 2024 budget was made by Yvonne Alexander and seconded by Angela Douds. The motion was passed without dissension.

Melissa also announced that due to low interest, the board decided not to continue the vendor sales at the regular meetings. This meeting will be the last night of sales.

Show and Tell-

1. Joe Bino – showed slabs and fossils that he discovered up North at a farm in Iowa.
2. Art DeLaurentis – shared a Byzantine chainmail ring that he made using a difficult process with the help of Peter Indorf.
3. Jim Ragan shared a cab that he entered into the Parade of Gems competition and two faceted pieces.
4. Aurora Denaburg made a stained glass star at Wild Acres. She had a great teacher and really enjoyed the class.
5. Mary Kinberg and Sharon Barhorst took Haydee's beading class and shared their beaded competition pieces. Sharon won first place in the Club's Parade of Gems Beaded Competition.

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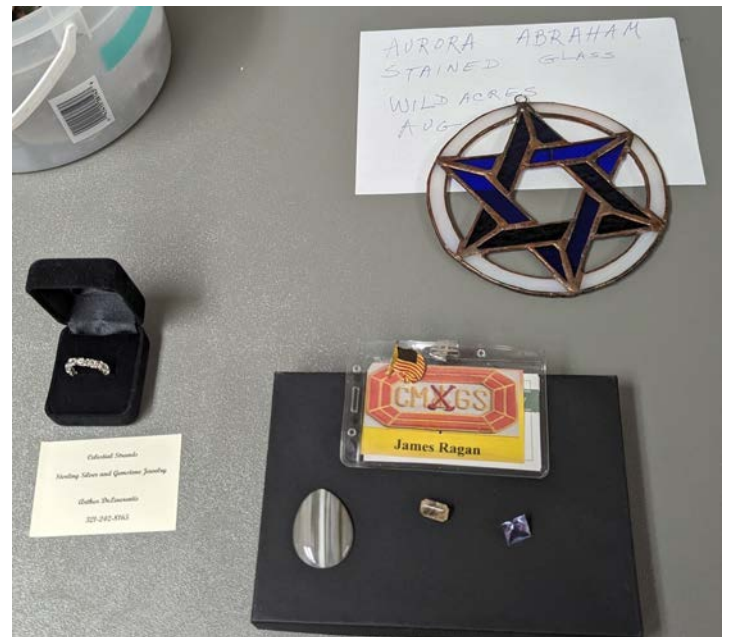
- 6. Denise Burson is taking Haydee's beading class and shared her Christmas spiders, story and her beaded Christmas tree. Great decorative set up.
- 7. Bill Harr shared a visor from Harbor Freight that he bought for \$14, along with two different tumblers, to show value. He also displayed an antique sewing box with tools.

Before closing, Melissa explained that if anyone is interested in going to digs in the area, our club could join Dixie Mineral Club in Northern Fl. We would then get information about digs. If we join, our club would need to sponsor a dig every three years. Some of the members had ideas for local digs that would be relatively easy. Melissa is looking for a volunteer to learn about Dixie Mineral Club and be a liaison between our club and Dixie Mineral Club. If you are interested in pursuing this, please speak to Melissa.

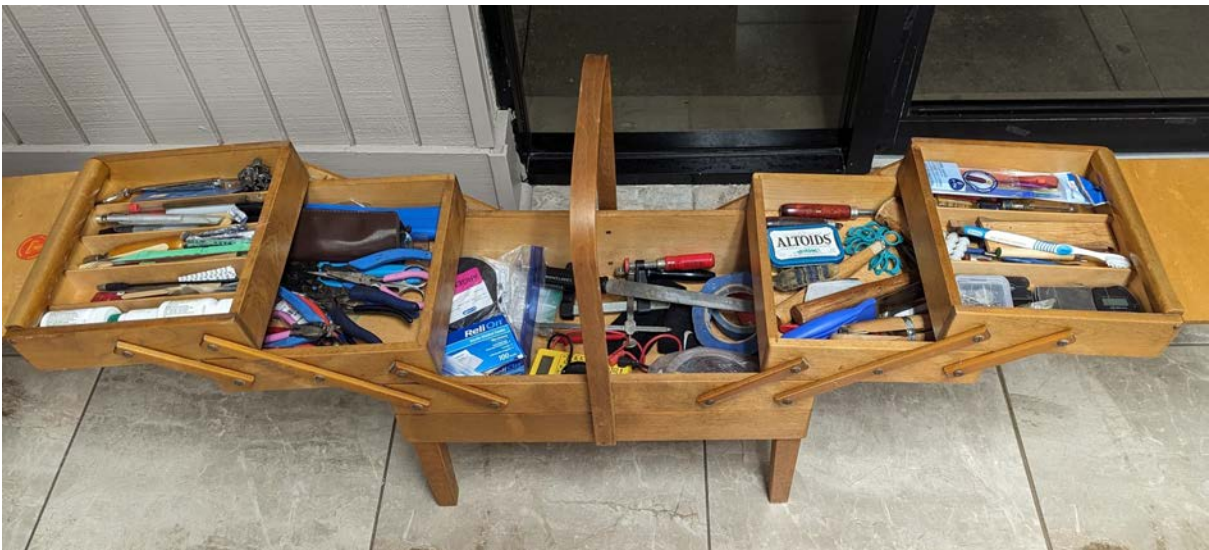
The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm

Mary Kinberg,
Secretary

Show and Tell



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Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society Holiday Party 2023 Pictures



Thank you for the pictures
Mary Kinberg.



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INEXPENSIVE ELECTRIC WAX PEN

You can make your own wax pen from a small soldering iron plugged into a light dimmer switch for heat control. Both components are easily found at a big hardware store or at Harbor Freight. As an example of the components, see items # 43060 and # 47887

File the tip of the soldering iron into the shape you prefer or even better get a soldering iron with replaceable tips. Then you can make several tip shapes for different tasks. Set the dimmer control just hot enough to melt the wax without producing any smoke.

A tip design that I find ideal for some work is a length of small gauge wire that lets me reach in around the model to melt some wax. The wire is 18ga and about 15mm long. I use Sterling wire to conduct heat easily to the tip, and I silver solder it into a hole on the end of a copper or brass rod that fits into the soldering iron.



Solve Your Jewelry Making Problems With

Brad's "How To" Books

www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith

Up Coming Gem Shows in Florida

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

CMGS Rock Swap

March 23, 2024 from 8:00 to 3:30

Location : Wickham Park pavilion #4 It is on the East side of the North lake next to the restroom building.

Enter Wickham park from the South entrance off Parkway Dr. - Turn right and follow road around the first lake to the 2nd lake (north lake) -

Pavilion #4 is on your left about middle of the lakes east side.

No fee to browse/shop/swap. Visitors are welcome

There are 20 picnic tables under the pavilion cover. Dealers pay \$20 fee to sell their stuff. The grass area is open but still \$20.

Tell your friends to come and spend the day looking at rocks, gems, jewelry and bring families and friends and have a good time in the park. Sail a boat on the lake, relax in the sun, watch the kids play in the play area or play with your dog in the fenced dog park area.

Contact info: Mark Heathman 321 253 2856 (leave a message if I do not answer as I do not answer phone numbers not preprogramed in my phone). I will call back asap.

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 Beginner Cabbing Class.

Jill-Renay Bennett

Angela Douds

James Hislop

Stan and Becky Rodrigues.

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