

# Canaveral Moonstone



## Presidents Corner

There is much to do at our November meeting. We will make final preparations for our 50th annual Parade Of Gems. There are lots of volunteer opportunities at the show. Sign up to help and get to know more club members. Bring your badge to the Parade of Gems and let the vendors know that we appreciate them.



We will also vote on our Officers/Board of Directors. The roster for the vote was emailed to each of you already. Please look it over and decide what you want to do as far as your vote.

In addition we will vote for our Grand Prize. In addition to the item that wins the grand prize, members are encouraged to donate items they have made to be additional prizes. Donating to the grand prizes directly helps the club as tickets are sold at \$1 each with the drawing happening on Sunday.



Plans for the members holiday party are underway and will be held on December 14th. See details on page 7.

Melissa Horan  
CMGS President 2023

**Exchange Bulletins are Welcome**

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**The Dead Line for the December Moonstone is Nov. 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

# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Monthly Meeting 7pm	2 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	3	4 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm
5	6 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	7	8	9 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	10 Parade of Gems	11 Parade of Gems
12 Parade of Gems	13 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	14	15	16 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	17	18 Open Shop 8:30–12:30pm
19	20 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	21	22	23 Thanksgiv- ing—Shop is closed	24	25 Thanksgiv- ing—Shop is closed
26	27 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm	28	29	30 Open Shop 5:30–9:30pm		

Monthly Business Meetings are being held at the Front Street Civic Center

## Pets of the Month

Jim and Jeanine Ragan’s cats Pierre and Whiskers



**Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society**      October 4th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

President Melissa Horan opened the meeting Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:02 p.m. at the Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front Street, Melbourne, FL 32901.

Secretary, Mary Kinberg – September minutes were printed in the 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.

Bill Haar did a presentation on how he makes ear wires. He uses 21 gauge Argenteum wire. Bill uses a specific piece of wood to measure the size of the wire, he also uses a double flush cut clipper, that cuts the wire flush on both ends. He then uses a Cupper, also known as a wire rounder. It removes the sharp edge of the cylinder. Next, he uses the Ear Wire Crimper and then puts the ear wire between two pieces of magic plastic and hits the magic plastic with a hammer. He saves money by making his own ear wires and it's easy to do. Thanks Bill for showing us the tools that you use and explaining the purposes. Lots of great information!

Kim Kisselstein – Treasurer- Kim began using the credit card square and said it was used a lot at the Legacy Sale. The Legacy Sale brought in over \$5047. Thanks everyone!! Great job on the Legacy Sale!

Vice– President, Lynn McKinney- We have two speakers lined up; Bill Haar will be doing a presentation on opals and Lynn will be doing a presentation in a few months.

Education Chair, Dave Wayment –Discussion on keeping the workshop clean. Jim Ragan reminded members that if they are working at the workshop, they need to clean up after themselves, including taking trash out when they finish.

Since the Legacy Sale was a big success, the club is making a list of new equipment that is requested for the club. Please email Dave if you would like any new machines or equipment at the workshop.

Melissa reminded new members about signing up for classes by signing the book on the table. It's best to only sign up for the classes that you're interested in. Dave stated that all of the teachers are volunteers, so please be respectful of their time. If you sign up for a class and you don't show up or call – you will be taken off of the class list.

Melissa said the workshop is being underutilized. We would like to get back to having a vibrant and fun working space. You do need to take a class in the area such as silversmithing, cabling, etc., before you use the workshop in that capacity. However, if you have previous experience, you may be able to opt out of a class by setting up a meeting with Dave Wayment, Education Chairman. He can check out your knowledge of the equipment. Unfortunately, the club has had to pay for expensive equipment that was damaged by members not using it correctly. It is to the benefit of the club to avoid damaging our expensive equipment.

Debbie Jorgensen suggested having the Christmas dinner at the Front Street Center and members bring food instead of a restaurant. Melissa asked for volunteers to organize the Christmas dinner. Stephanie Murphy volunteered and Janine Ragan said she would help her.

Parade of Gems (POG) – Stephanie Murphy had new POG cards printed out. She will mail the cards to people that have signed up at the previous POG. Please pick up some POG cards to pass out.

Also please sign up for the POG, the sign ups sheets should be out at the November meeting. Please pick up the street signs and put them out on Saturday very early in the morning and pick them back up on Sunday.

Jim Ragan will be collecting pieces for competition. If you win 1<sup>st</sup> place you win \$25 to spend at the POG. There is also 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The written critique is very helpful for anyone who wants to improve their jewelry making skills.

Jim Ragan reminded everyone that if they are interested in running for any position in our club, please contact Scott Bellinger, Steve Alexander or Jim Ragan, as soon as possible so you can get your name on the ballot. We will be voting for officers in the November meeting.

Grand Prize donations are due at the November meeting. Grand Prizes are raffled at the POG. Our club will vote at the November meeting deciding which pieces should be the Grand Prize. The person that is chosen as having the grand Prize will be reimbursed up to \$75 to pay for their supplies.

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

Show and Tell – Art DeLaurentis – thanks for helping out with show and tell:

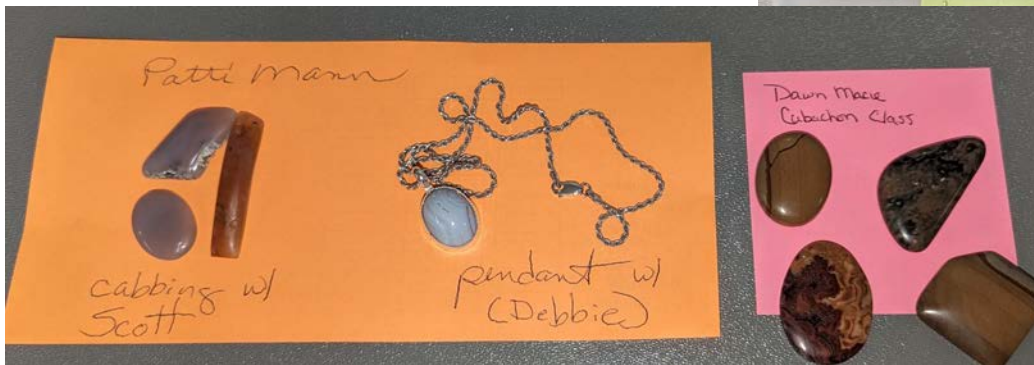
1. Kevin Vogt took Bill Haar’s casting classes. He shared his casting of silver jewelry and had a fun time in class.
2. Paige Wildstein also took Bell’s casting. She enjoyed it and shared her silver casting, including a tiny pair of scissors that she can open and close.
3. Simhon Narasimhon shared silver rings and pendants that he made.
4. Lynn McKinney – took a faceting class and Bill’s casting class. He also shared big rocks that he is turning into book ends. The rocks need to be a fairly solid piece. He also took Sandie’s wire weaving class and enjoyed it.
5. Patti Mann took Scott Bellinger’s cabbing class and Debbie Jorgensen’s silver smithing class. She learned a lot.
6. Dawn Macie also took Scott’s cabbing class. She enjoyed it and learned a lot.
7. Jim Ragan shared boulder opals and different opals.
8. Haydee Hernandez shared beautiful cuff bracelets that she made in all different colors and styles.

Mary Kinberg,  
Secretary



## Show and Tell

# Show and Tell



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# 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**

Hi CM&GS members,

The next few months will be an exciting and special time for CM&GS and its members.

1<sup>st</sup>. We will soon be electing the members who will lead the club in 2024. Elections will be held at our November meeting. Nominees for the Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society Officers and Board of **Directors for the year 2024.**

**President – Melissa Horan**

**Vice President – Lynn Mc Kinney**

**Secretary – Mary Kinberg**

**Treasurer – Kim Kisselstein**

**Bulletin Editor – Shannon Byrd**

**Membership Chairman - Kathie Burnette**

**Education Chairman – Dave Wayment**

**Corresponding Secretary – Stephanie Murphy**

**Board of Directors, 3 years – Wayne Mellish, Liz Ritter, Keith Stokes**

**Board of Directors, 2 years – Scott Bellinger**

**Board of Directors, 1 year – James Ragan**

2<sup>nd</sup>. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Parade of Gems event will be held November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Setup is on Friday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. This is our major fund-raiser that allows the club to function throughout the year. We need everyone's help and support on this event. Sign up to volunteer at the November meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Single Piece Competition.

However, the deadline to submit your entry is closely approaching. It is Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. I will be at the CM&GS workshop on Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12 noon. If you need to make special arrangements, please contact me at 321-626-5964.

Please have them well wrapped and protected. Include a note with your name, contact info and the category that you are participating in (cabochon, beginner or advanced, beading, etc.) clearly marked. I will not accept any pieces that are not carefully protected and marked. Don't forget to include any special notes outlined in the competition rules. The original deadline was Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. It has been extended to Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 12 noon.

Thank you,

Jim Ragan



## Bench Tips by Brad Smith

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

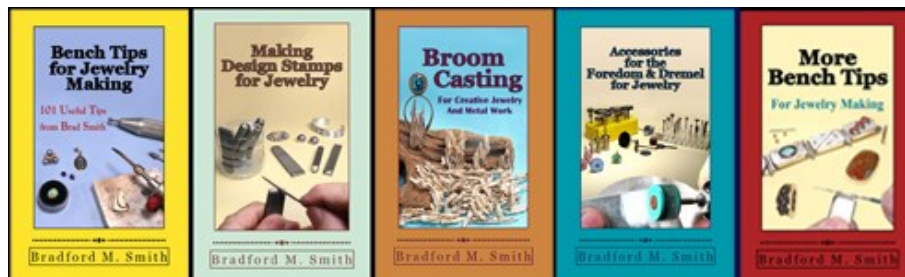
Learn New Jewelry Tricks and Techniques  
with Brad's Jewelry-Making Books  
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#### RAISING A CABOCHON

When a cabochon sits too low in a bezel, the bezel can hide 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 it's height.



Solve Your Jewelry Making Problems With

Brad's "How To" Books

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

## Up Coming Gem Shows in Florida

### November Gem & Jewelry Show

Fri, Nov 3 – Sun, Nov 5

Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL

### 63rd Annual Tampa Mineral, Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show

Sat, Nov 4 – Sun, Nov 5

Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US-301  
Tampa, FL

### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual CMGS Parade of Gems

**NOVEMBER 11 & 12, 2023**

**Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 10am-4pm**

at the Melbourne Auditorium

625 East Hibiscus Avenue, Melbourne, Florida

### Jacksonville Christmas Gem, Jewelry & Bead Show

Mon, Nov 13 – Wed, Nov 15

Morocco Shrine Center

Jacksonville, FL

### 56th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show

Sat, Nov 18 – Sun, Nov 19

9067 Southern Blvd

West Palm Beach, FL

### 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

**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;

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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**