



# Rock Talk

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## I See It, I Want It! I Want to Make It!

by Gail Hardman

**O**ur new teacher for Glass Fusion is Gail Hardman. Gail has been a member of the club for two years along with her life partner Michael Stout.

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My interest in rocks began very early. My father was a fisherman so all vacations were spent at the beach. My favorite uncle was a gemologist and inspired us with his beautiful creations and fueled our interest in rocks over the years.

I kept some of the interesting rocks I found as a child and cut one of the agates to make one of



health insurance, long term care, annuities, and securities including mutual funds and stocks. I have a BS in business from SUNY Albany.

We moved to Florida in 2016. I was a little bored with retirement and accidentally ran across

my first pendants.

I spent 42 years in the financial services industry including administration and outside sales of life insurance,

a stained glass class. I signed up and I was hooked. I subsequently signed up for every stained or fused glass class I could find including some great online classes. We spent a week at William Holland studying glass fusing last year. I absolutely am addicted to glass! I see it, I want it! I want to make it.

My vision for glass classes here at our club includes basic and intermediate fused glass, stained glass, and integration of different media. I see rock and glass appearing together as they first emerged from the earth's fire. I will continue to learn everything I can to keep growing in my new found art. Who knows all that it may include? There are some amazing artists and wonderful people in our club and I look forward to growing artistically with all of you.

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Gail and Michael live with their two little boy dogs—Copper, a Chihuahua mix, and Pepper, a rat terrier. The dogs allow them use of the house as long as rules are obeyed and treats are freely flowing.



## CLUB DIRECTORY

**President:**

Joe David 321-749-2195

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Meri Jo Theobald 334-5346

**Secretary:**

Kathy Jenkins 954-397-1314

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**Building Coordinator:**

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Don Theobald 334-5346

**Show Chair:**

Bobbie Richards 475-5593

**Librarian:**

Volunteer Needed

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Debra Goodrich 971-1511

**Webmaster:**

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**Facebook:**

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**Workshop**

**462-6597**

**Club Website**

<http://www.slrockandgem.org>

**St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club**

Founded February 1978

Annual Dues: \$ 40.00

Member SFMS & AFMS

**Monthly Membership Meeting:**

4th Sunday, 2 PM

White City Methodist Church on  
Midway Rd. and Oleander Ave.

# President's Message

Greetings members,  
How time flies! This February meeting we will be having the Willam Holland Drawing. A lot has happened last year, we have a lot of cards from which to draw, and I thank you for all of the help and all of the meetings you have attended. As you know every time that you help out in the workshop, at a workshop cleanup, maintenance, arranging donated items, and all of the meetings that you attend, you get to put a card in for each of those events throughout the year and we always have the drawing at the February meeting. I was the 2019 winner—and what a great time I had!

The February meeting we will be reviewing and voting on the budget so do attend and help us out with this.

The January meeting had show-and-tell and Mineral of the Month. This worked out really well...if you bring in items that you would like to show off that you have made in our workshop, we would love to see them. Come and find out what the mineral of the month will be for February.

Our annual show is going to be our 44th. Plans are moving along quite smoothly. There have been a lot of members volunteering to help with the organization and advertising that is involved with putting on our show. Please attend our show meetings and let us know what it is that you are comfortable in helping with. Our show meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7pm at the workshop—and short and sweet. They are estimated to run only an hour.

The first session of classes this year has been a great success. I've been seeing some of the projects that people have been making—and boy, are they outstanding! Don't forget Session 2 starts March 16, so please sign up. Classes are listed in the workshop and also on our website.

Don't forget to turn in that wish list of equipment. Attend the February meeting on the 23rd at 2pm at the White City Methodist Church on Oleander and Midway Rd. Find out if you are the winner of that William Holland Lapidary School drawing.

Joe David

**Next General Meeting: Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 pm**  
**Board Meeting: Sunday, February 23 at 12:30 pm**

Donations are accepted at every monthly meeting for Andy's Alms, a charity at White City Methodist Church (where we meet free of charge) that feeds the homeless. Bag-lunch type foods are greatly appreciated. No bread, please, as there is already a regular donor.

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# Board Meeting Minutes

## JANUARY 26, 2020

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The meeting was called to order by Joe David at 12:40 PM.

Officers present: Joe David-President, Meri Jo Theobald-Vice President, Larry Lewis-Treasurer, Kathy Jenkins-Secretary.

Board Members and Members at large: Janis Snape, Don Theobald, Debra Goodrich, Lisa Palmer, Gail Hardman, Bobbie Richards, Jim Hurd, Judy Morrison, Hannah Pollack, Marcia Robart.

14 people attended the board meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Larry Lewis gave the treasurer's report. It is attached and will be provided in the newsletter.

### CLUB'S FUTURE GOALS

Joe David requested that everyone think about the goals for 2020 and 5 years in the future. This will be discussed and put on the agenda for the February 23 meeting.

### AUDIT REVIEW

Joe David discussed having an audit review.

**Motion:** A motion was made to have an internal audit review.

1st – Debra Goodrich, 2nd – Lisa Palmer

Kathy Jenkins made an amendment not to use the word "internal audit," but just to have an audit review.

2nd for the amendment Lisa Palmer

A discussion was held.

The motion carried.

Joe David introduced the new Officers.

### HOLIDAY PARTY

The Holiday Party was discussed.

**Motion:** A motion was made to have the party December 13, 2020 at the church.

1st – Don Theobald, 2nd – Lisa Palmer

The motion carried.

### MAY PICNIC

The May Picnic date was discussed.

**Motion:** A motion was made to have the picnic May 31, 2020 at the church and it would also be a tailgate.

1st – Don Theobald, 2nd – Lisa Palmer

The motion carried.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Roster was discussed. Kathy Jenkins and Lisa Palmer will call members who are not listed as paid on Saturday, February 1, 2020 and inquire about their status with the club. Gail Hardman will have the list ready by Friday, January 31.

### DONATIONS

The glass that was donated by Sue Mitchel, who passed away was discussed. Judy Morrison suggested that an action plan be put into place for selling the donations and that the money be donated to IRSC.

Don suggested that part of the money be put into a building fund so that we can look to the future for expanding our facilities.

Meri Jo said that since we were a C4 designation with the IRS, the son would not be able to claim it as a tax deduction.

Joe David suggested that perhaps the club look into changing that status to a C3.

Bobbie Richards asked if there was a process for accepting donations such as the glass that was recently donated.

It was suggested that a chairperson be appointed to develop a system for accepting donations and following through with the entire process from donations to the sale or disposition of those items. It was suggested that a form be made and used by all those accepting donations, as the club has members walking in and donating items and there isn't verification of what is donated.

### CREDIT CARDS, CHECKS AND CASH

Joe David discussed the use and acceptance of credit cards, checks and cash.

**Motion:** A motion was made that all money in cash or check, collected for classes and membership, be given to a teacher or an officer of the club. A receipt to be given to the person that gives the check/cash and a duplicate of that

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receipt stays in the office

1st - Debra Goodrich, 2nd -  
Bobbie Richards

Jim Hurd made an amendment to the motion that the receipt system exclude the money from the cokes and snacks.

2nd – on the amendment  
Lisa Palmer

The motion carried with the amendment.

The Target date for reviewing the issue of cash, checks and credit cards will be put on the March agenda.

### **MICROSOFT 365**

**Motion:** A motion was made to purchase Microsoft 365 for an annual fee of \$99 per year.

1st - Joe David, 2nd - Bobbie Richards

The motion carried.

### **COMPUTER**

**Motion:** A motion was made to purchase a computer for the workshop at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

1st - Kathy Jenkins, 2nd –  
Judy Morrison

The motion carried.

Joe David will follow through with the computer issue.

### **2020 BUDGET**

The 2020 budget will be discussed and approved at the February 23, 2020 General Meeting.

### **INSURANCE**

Joe David discussed the club's insurance. He reported the building insurance was included in the condominium fee.

Kathy Jenkins and Gail Hardman will chair the committee to review the various insurance policies, contents insurance, fidelity bond insurance for the officers and liability insurance. This will be on the February agenda.

An inventory of the assets of the club will have to be done. Pictures, invoices etc. to be included in the inventory.

Joe David will solicit volunteers to start on the inventory.

### **CARDS FOR WILLIAM HOLLAND RAFFLE**

**Motion:** A motion was made that cards be purchased from Vistaprint to be used for the William

Holland drawing.

1st – Meri Jo Theobald, 2nd –  
Judy Morrison

The motion carried.

Meri Jo will follow through.

### **LATE FEE FOR PAST DUE MEMBERSHIPS**

**Motion:** A motion was made to delete the \$10 late fee for late memberships.

1st – Lisa Palmer, 2nd – Gail Hardman

The motion carried.

### **CLASS SCHEDULES**

Joe David and Gail Hardman will get together and put a list of class schedules together for putting in the newsletter and available to members, so they can plan their class schedule into the future.

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the board meeting @ 1:53 PM

1st – Meri Jo Theobald, 2nd –  
Judy Morrison

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Jenkins, Secretary

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## **General Meeting Minutes**

### **JANUARY 26, 2020**

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The meeting was called to order by Joe David at 2:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Members and visitors were welcomed to the club.

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

#### **11/24/2019**

**Motion:** A motion was made to Approve the minutes of 11/24/19.

1st – Roni Welton, 2nd – Meri

Jo Theobald  
Motion carried.

Joe David thanked Meri Jo Theobald for her 9 years of serv-

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ing on the Board of Directors as President. Her hard work is very much appreciated.

Meri Jo passed the gavel to Joe David.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Clubs Future Goals-Joe David requested that everyone think about the goals for 2020 and 5 years in the future. This will be discussed and put on the agenda for the February 23 meeting.

2. Introduction of New Officers-Joe David introduced the new Officers: Joe David-President, Meri Jo Theobald-Vice President, Larry Lewis-Treasurer, Kathy Jenkins-Secretary.

3. Future Meetings-Joe David discussed future meetings.

A. A mineral of the month will be presented.

B. There will be a show and tell and all those with interest should contact Lisa Palmer.

C. Anyone who would like to submit an agenda item, please submit to Joe David by email.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Bathroom Remodel:** Joe David reported the bathroom will be done between Session 1 & Session 2. February 29 is the start date for Session 2.

Debra Goodrich asked if there were any dollar figures for what this will cost.

Joe David will provide at the February Meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Holiday Party:** The Holiday Party will be December 13, 2020, 2 PM at the church.

**May Picnic:** The May Picnic date will be May 31, 2020 at the church, and it will also be a tailgate. Hot dogs will be supplied, and side dishes supplied by the members.

**July Meeting/Tailgate:** There will not be a meeting in July, but there will be a tailgate on July 26 instead with a start time of 1 PM. The public will be invited.

Lisa Palmer will be the chair of that committee.

Meri Jo Theobald volunteered to do the public marketing of the Tailgate.

### The Jewelry, Rock & Gem

**Show:** October 31 & November 1.

Bobbie Richards discussed the various aspects of the show.

Load-in October 30, Load-out November 1.

Member Cost for 8' table: \$85.00

Non-Member Cost for 8' table: \$95.00

First Thursday of every month will be the show meeting at the club. This will start at 7 PM and end no later than 8:15 PM.

All members wishing to work on the show are welcome.

There will be an Artisan Village which will include smaller vendors that will want only 1 table or share a table with another person.

Bobbi Richards and the committee will investigate the following:

1. Pop-up shows at the various city functions.

2. Setting up a table at various Civic Center functions to promote the show and the club.

The larger pieces to the success of the club will be the following;

1. Vendor relations and Recruitment.

2. Sponsorship-Goal is at least 5 or 6.

3. Website designs specific to the show - Roni Welton volunteered to work on the Website and Facebook information.

A. Membership

B. Vendor

4. Publicity/Advertising

5. Photography

6. Communications/Graphic part - Debra Goodrich

7. Database Management

8. Demonstrations Committee

9. Volunteer Coordination

10. Special Events

11. Children's Table

12. Silent Auction

Bobbie Richards, Show Chair can be reached at 772-475-5593 or email [bfrfl1@aol.com](mailto:bfrfl1@aol.com)



**Newsletter:** Debra Goodrich requested photos and articles be sent to her for the next newsletter by February 10, which is the final deadline date.

**Workshop:** Joe David reported the following;

1. Casting kiln and added a cutting shear.
2. Repaired lamp work kiln
3. Repaired 2 cab machines
4. Slab Saw – Cleaned saw for a previous user that did not clean it.

**Slab Saw:** The question was asked as to who can use the big saw. Ed Decker and Joe David offered to show anyone who is interested in using that saw.

**GOALS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

Submit requests to Board members or bring to the February meeting.

**REFRESHMENTS**

Many thanks were given to Denise, Laura Kay and Lisa for the refreshments.

**FOOD DONATIONS**

Joe David reminded everyone to bring food donations at the meetings for the church's donation program.

**Motion:** A motion was made to give the church a \$200 donation for the use of the church for the Holiday Party.

1st – Larry Lewis, 2nd –Judy Morrison

Motion carried.

**MINERAL OF THE MONTH**

Hannah Pollack talked about Agates.

**SHOW-AND-TELL**

There were several members with show-and-tell.



Some of the tools available for gem identification.

**GEM IDENTIFICATION**

Jim Hurd spoke on the Gem Identification and the class that is now

being offered.

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

1st – Ed Dedecker, 2nd – Debra Goodrich

Motion carried. Respectively Submitted, Kathleen Jenkins, Secretary



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3 lucky raffle winners are drawn at each monthly meeting. These were the choices at January's meeting.



Club members Doris Jacoby, Judi Morrison, and Ann Royer participated in Show-and-Tell with examples of their lampwork, beading, and mixed media wearable art.



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## Show Meeting Notes: February 6

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**B**obbie Richards began the meeting with a discussion of the Save the Date email and post-cards. The vendor list is in progress so that the email version can be sent asap. Debra Goodrich will order printed postcards from Vistaprint (\$32.00 per 250 by 2/8/20).

The goal for sending contracts will be 2/15/20. Additional modifications were made to it and Debra will complete and forward to Bobbie and Joe for sending.

Discussion ensued regarding keeping the website, Facebook, newsletter, and show chair on the same page via Bobbie, Cindy Chicvara and Janis Snape, Roni Welton, and Debra Goodrich. Laura Kay Darvill will assist in producing a show book for handing out during, and possibly before, the show.

Moiralynn Mefein volunteered to help with PR. Numerous ideas were discussed including the possibility of having a radio station broadcast during the show Saturday and Sunday.

Ideas for a variety of surveys that might be taken during show for future information purposes, including one for vendors, as well as brief questions for attendees (such as how they heard about the show).

Tickets will be discussed at the March meeting.

The show raffles were discussed and it was decided that there would be a contest for club members with a prize of \$65 for each of the 3 winners. Items must be delivered to show chair no later than August 1. As they are received, they will be photographed and posted on the club Facebook page. The three with the most likes will be the winners. Deadline for the voting will be September 30.

The need for additional hospitality volunteers to help with the vendors during the show was discussed and will be added to the list.

The Artisan Village was briefly discussed and will be developed further over time.

These meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the workshop at 7:00. The next one is scheduled for March 5, 2020.

# ENTER TO WIN!!!

Design and create  
a piece of jewelry  
or jewelry set  
for the

44th Annual

## Jewelry, Rock & Gem Show

- ▶ \$65 to each of the top 3 winners
- ▶ Pieces can be designed by an individual or be a collaboration
- ▶ Deadline for submission actual piece: August 1. Photographs will be posted on the club Facebook page. "Liking" will continue through September 30.
- ▶ Winners will be announced in October and the 3 jewelry pieces will be raffled at the show to raise money for the club. Other entries will be returned to the artists.
- ▶ For additional information, contact Bobbie Richards at bfrfl1@aol.com

**Be Part of the 2020 Show!**

## SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP - 2020

### Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) 2nd annual Rockhound Round-Up.

**Who:** Vendors are from the SFMS Clubs. Clubs in good standing with SFMS.  
from over 70+ Clubs in: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.

**What:** A good old-fashion Rock-Swap

**When:** March 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2020.

**Where:** Spirit of Suwannee Music Park  
3076 95th Drive  
Live Oak, FL 32060  
(386) 364-1683  
www.musicliveshere.com



**How Much: For Buyers Only:** the only cost to attend is the Admission Fee for the Park

**For Sellers:** \$25.00 for a 10' x 20' 'booth' to be a Vendor, plus the Park Admission.  
The \$25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days.

Vendors—Must be a member of an SFMS Club.

Place your reservation with the SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with Application.

**Vendors MUST have Application and Payment delivered by February 28th 2020.**

**For Overnight Stays:** The Park offers several overnight or weekend options,  
Cabins, RV spots, Tent Camp-out locations. There are also nearby Hotel / Motels.  
Contact the Park directly to make a reservation to stay overnight or for the weekend.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

- ◇ Bring rocks you might want to swap with, remember this is a Rock-Swap!
- ◇ Bring Cash, etc. (The Campground does have 2 ATMs on the premises.)
- ◇ Vendors may or may not accept credit / debit cards, and may or may not have service.
- ◇ Bring flyers for your shows in the next season!
- ◇ Learn more about us, and the Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS!
- ◇ Rock and Roll with us all weekend!

**The Application is available in  
the January issue of Rock Talk.**



# 2020 CLASS SCHEDULE SESSION II / MAR. 16-MAY 9 (8 WEEKS)

|           | 9 AM-3 PM   | 1 PM-4 PM  | 7 PM-10 PM  |
|-----------|---|--|---|
| MONDAY    | Open Studio<br>E. Dedecker & S. Ivy<br>Limit 10               | Bead Weaving (Seed Beading)<br>M. Robart<br>Limit 12               | Beginning Wire Wrapping<br>D. Baker                             |
| TUESDAY   | 9 AM-12 N   | 1 PM-4 PM  | 7 PM-10 PM  |
|           | Gem Identification<br>J. Hurd                                 | Wire Wrapping / J. Vaughan<br><br>Glass Fusion / G. Hardman        | Beg. & Adv. Chainmaille<br>G. Smith<br>Limit 8                  |
| WEDNESDAY | 9 AM-12 N   | 1 PM-4 PM  | 7 PM-10 PM  |
|           | Cabbing<br>E. Dedecker<br>Limit 6                             | Beginning Silversmithing<br>S. Ivy                                 | Silversmithing Open Workshop<br>D. Theobald                     |
| THURSDAY  | 9 AM-12 N   | 1 PM-4 PM  | 7 PM-10 PM  |
|           | Cabbing*<br>H. Pollack<br>Limit 6 (*if Wednesday class fills) | Casting<br>S. Shaw<br>Limit 8                                      |   |
| FRIDAY    | 9 AM-12 N   | 1 PM-4 PM  | 7 PM-10 PM  |
|           | Metal Impressions<br>J. David                                 | Freeform Wire Wrapping / D. Baker<br><br>Vacuum Casting / J. David | Faceting / C. Viereck (Limit 8)<br><br>Open Workshop / J. David |
| SATURDAY  | 9 AM-12 N   | 1 PM-4 PM  | 7 PM-10 PM  |
|           | Lampwork<br>D. Baker  | Intarsia<br>J. David   |   |

## C L A S S F E E S

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|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|
| CABBING            | \$65.00** | INTARSIA                | \$65.00**  | SILVERSMITHING | \$65.00** |
| CASTING            | \$65.00** | LAMPWORK                | \$65.00**  | BEAD WEAVING   | \$35.00*  |
| FACETING           | \$65.00** | METAL IMPRESSIONS       | \$65.00**  | CHAINMAILLE    | \$35.00*  |
| GEM IDENTIFICATION | \$65.00** | 6 HOUR STUDIO WORK SHOP | \$85.00*** | WIRE WRAPPING  | \$35.00*  |
| GLASS FUSION       | \$65.00** |                         |            |                |           |

**\*\* Walk-In Rate 15.00 with Instructor Approval      \*\*\*Walk-In Rate for Monday Open Studio \$20.00 with prior approval only.**  
**\* Walk-In Rate 7.00 with Instructor Approval      Please confirm space availability with instructor before arriving.**

When taking more than one class, the most expensive class is considered your first class. Each additional class (listed as a \$65.00 class) will be \$50.00. If second or third class is listed as a \$35.00 class, it will become a \$25.00 class.

You must be a current member in order to enroll in classes.

*Teachers may make kits available to students, but these do not have to be purchased. Students may bring their own materials based on project requirements.*

## I N S T R U C T O R ' S   T E L E P H O N E   N U M B E R S

|              |              |                |              |                 |              |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
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| Ed Dedecker  | 446-7739     | Hannah Pollack | 249-6440     | June Vaughan    | 341-3820     |
| Gail Hardman | 206-661-4656 | Marcia Robart  | 340-3841     | Charles Viereck | 971-5566     |
|              |              | Stu Shaw       | 285-3755     |                 |              |