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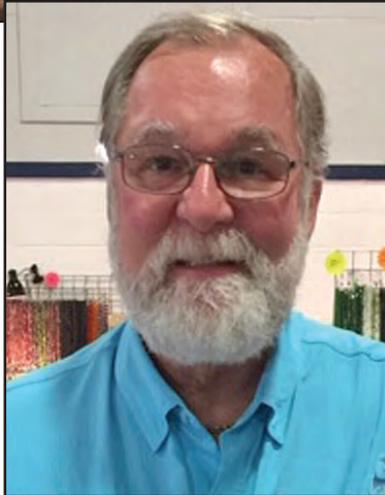
A Hobby Gone Wild

by Don Theobald



at work, I crossed paths with a longtime club member and learned

While not a Florida native, I have lived in Jensen Beach since I was eleven years old. After graduation from Martin County High School, I went to the



that the St. Lucie County Rock and Gem club was right here and I could learn all this and more in their workshop. Almost immediately I joined the club. That was almost 20 years ago and the

casting. A few years ago I was asked to step up and take over the silversmithing class and I thoroughly enjoy teaching this class. I am a regular in the casting class on Thursday and enjoy the camaraderie of the Monday Open Studio.

The club has become a very big part of my life, especially in my retirement years. Looking back, I can say that I am truly grateful for that chance encounter with that club member almost 20 years ago. I have met and learned from many very talented artists over the years and have made some great friends. (I am particularly fond of the club's President.)

University of Florida where I earned my degree in Physical Therapy. (Hence the explanation for my wardrobe of many blue and orange Gator shirts.) Most of my professional career was spent at Martin Memorial Hospital.

My interest in gemstones was sparked by family vacations in North Carolina and visits to the various gem mines. I was intrigued by the idea that the stones could be cut and polished and made into jewelry. While

rest, as they say, is history.

I have enjoyed learning how facet and cab stones, but my particular interest is in silversmithing and lost wax



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<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

Thank you to all who attended the January meeting. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, consider attending the next one on February 24th. Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Sunday of the month and held at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall of the White City Methodist Church on Midway Road. At the February meeting we will be drawing our annual winner for the week at William Holland Lapidary School in Young Harris, Georgia. You can earn a chance to be entered into this drawing by attending club meetings, clean-ups, and special club events. On every meeting day at 12:30, the Board meets in the same location and sets the agenda for the meeting and discusses club business. We welcome any member to attend the Board Meeting and encourage input from all members. At each general membership meeting we always try to include an informative share from our club members and talk about new ideas that will grow our club. We are always open to suggestions for program ideas.

Speaking of the Wm. Holland week, it needs to be specified how this works. If your name is drawn, you must be a current member with dues paid to date or another name will be picked. The winner must tell the Board before the next meeting that he/she will be able to attend. If unable to go, another name will be drawn at the next meeting. The winner does not have to pick a class then, but when selected, the Board must be notified who will then arrange payment to William Holland by check from the club. We encourage the winner to attend during Federation Week, but that's up to the winner. We will not reimburse you for your expenses if you do not follow this protocol. View the school's schedule and learn more about them at www.lapidaryschool.org.

The show committee has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we are going to make the best use of our new venue and have the best show possible. The committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 in the workshop and all members are invited to attend and share suggestions to improve our show. If you know of a vendor that may be a good fit for our show, bring us the contact information so we can reach out to them.

Thanks!

Meri Jo Theobald

Next General Meeting: Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 pm

Board Meeting: Sunday, February 24 at 12:30 pm

Andy's Alms, the charity to which we contribute as thank you to White City Methodist Church for allowing us to meet free of charge, is looking for a few specific items: protein bars, small bags of chips, pudding cookies, cases of water, and bologna. If you are interested in contributing, please keep these items in mind when you shop. No bread, please, as they already have a regular donor. Any other bag-lunch type foods are also greatly appreciated.

Board Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2019

In Attendance: Meri Jo and Don Theobald, Marcia Robart, Debra Goodrich, Marilyn Papendick, Judy Morrison, Hannah Pollack, Larry Lewis, Joe David and Lisa Palmer

Discussion of Show Contracts:

The cost of tickets sold by the Port St. Lucie Civic Center will be cover by vendors buying advisement, set up in business-card style. We will have contracts available online where the vendors will be able to submit photos of their booth set-up.

2019 Budget:

The budget will be discussed

at the February board meeting. We have kept close to last year's budget and feel that the new budget will not need much change. We lost \$120.00 last year overall on our show. The scholarship for Indian River State University was increased from \$1200 to \$1500. The payment for the 2019 scholarship has been sent in.

Membership:

Debra will put together a new member package that will include club information into a flyer style handout. The by-laws will be available for the new members and also a tour of the club.

Classes:

The deadline for signing up for session 2 is March 4, 2019. Teachers are asked to share the word with their students now. Teachers need to know how many students are in their class and also if there are even enough signed up to have the class. There will be a \$10 fee to those students signing up after March 4th.

Debra made a motion to adjourn and Marilyn seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Lisa Palmer, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President, Meri Jo Theobald, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 19 members in attendance and no new members.

Marilyn Papendick made a motion to accept the Minutes as printed in the *Rock Talk*, Roni Welton seconded. Thanks to Debra Goodrich for the new look of our monthly newsletter, *Rock Talk*.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry Lewis gave the Report for last year and as of last month, December 2018. The Show report is still in the works and is not final.

Website:

Our website is performing great. We have over 320 likes.

Facebook:

Our Facebook page is having a lot of action also. Members are being asked to submit pictures of their projects in the works or completed. Teachers are asked to take photos also.

Newsletter:

Deadline for the newsletter is February 11th. Looking to sell items, looking for items. Just write up details, description, photos are all good. Always looking for pictures to add to our newsletter.

Membership:

Marcia Robart reported that we have 108 members as of January. This includes those members that still need to pay 2019 dues. If we have not received your dues as of March 30th, you will no longer receive our monthly newsletter.

Classes:

Fees must be paid by March 4th to take classes for session 2 at our usual fee. There will be a \$10 fee to sign up after March 4th, so long as there is space in that class. In turn this will take a lot of load off Marcia that deals with all the members signing up for classes and getting the teachers a list of the members taking their class.

Jenny Shibona is looking for those interested in a one day pop-up class to learn how to do beaded bezels for a cabochon. Contact: (772) 344-5887 or jenshibona@gmail.com

New Business:

Jim Hurd is the new President of the Vero Gem Club. He is looking for other Rockhounds to get together a road trip: (703) 789-0215 or jwhurd@aol.com.

Roni Welton is looking to sell her RV. She also has a small Lost Wax set-up. She also has her house up for sale. For information call her at (772) 485-1795 or

roni.welton@gmail.com.

Our Gem Club replaced 2 of the light fixtures in the Fellowship Hall as a donation.

Workshop Clean-up Day:

March 9th at 9:00am

Special Events:

February's meeting will include the drawing for William Holland's Lapidary School. Dues for 2019 must be paid to qualify. Do come to the meeting, at White City Church at 2pm.

We will be having a tail-gate at the White City Church in the Fellowship Hall, March 24th @ 2pm (our regular meeting time), set-up is at 1:00pm. No charge to tables... first come first serve.

Refreshments:

Thank you to Meri Jo and Laura Kay and all these who brought in refreshments today.

Show Meeting Notes: February 4

by Bobbie Richards

A discussion took place to update the attendees on a meeting held with Civic Center staff earlier in the month. Highlights of that discussion and other items discussed are detailed below:

*Facilities management by Civic Center staff includes ticket scanners and ticket takers. We will provide our own security for the duration of the show including Friday load-in times which can be as early as Friday afternoon and/or Saturday at 7 a.m. Civic Center staff will provide assistance with floor lay-out of tables and table set-up. Finalization of floor plan will coincide with the completion of all vendor contracts being fully executed which is estimated to be July 1, 2019. Vendor sign-up is the most critical aspect of show planning to insure our success so this will require further discussion to define how we will bring this about.

*E-ticket sales training will be provided by Civic Center staff. It is estimated that we will need to generate income of \$825 in order to cover the cost of Civic Center staff for the show. These staff members will be ticket takers, scanners, etc. The club can either raise that income from ticket sales or by getting sponsors to advertise on the e-tickets or a combination of both. Ticket advertisements and layout size were discussed along with linking to various websites to enhance the shows exposure and attendance.

*Ticket prices were discussed with the outcome of a one-day ticket for \$5.00 and a two-day ticket of \$8.00.

*Member donations were discussed with the idea that a \$20 donation per member would buy that member 4 tickets and a chance at winning a \$100 Visa gift card.

* Vendors will be encouraged to do-

nate door prizes so that prize drawings may be held hourly throughout the show. The club will provide vendors coffee and doughnuts each morning. We will look into the cost of having a hospitality area designated and supplied inside the Emerald Room.

*Member/volunteers will be needed to make this show a success. An overview of duties related to all aspects of the show was provided and a sign-up book will be made available as needed.

Next Meeting for anyone interested is scheduled for 3/4/19 at 7 p.m. at our workshop location.

Club members are encouraged to sign up to participate as a vendor as soon as possible for best placement. Contracts are available from Marcia (fmeal@bellsouth.net) or Jenny Shibona (Jennifer Shibona (jenshibona@gmail.com)).

LOOK WHAT FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS HAVE MADE!



Bead Weaving by Dorothy Kamm



Wire Weaving by Bobbie Richards

Deadline for March newsletter is March 11. Share your great ideas and photos!

March 2019 Club Shows to Consider

March 1-2-3; St. Petersburg, FL: 49th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale, The Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society at The Minnreg Hall, 6340 126th Ave. N., Largo, FL. Fri: 10 AM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: 10am-5PM. GRAND DRAWING AT END OF SHOW! \$1.50 GRAB BAGS, FREE PARKING. 12+ Dealers, Planned demonstration on Cabbing and Faceting. Silent Auctions all day long, Gem Mining flume inside. Club display cases and exhibits. Refreshments available. Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, 727 822-8279; Email contact: SGAMSGemshow@gmail.com; Website: <http://www.sgams.com/Shows/show.htm>

March 8-10, 2019; 31st Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show at Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St. Augusta, GA. Fri & Sat 10-6 / Sun 10-5. Kids under 12 FREE with one Adult admission: \$3/day or \$5 weekend pass. Member Display Cases, Lapidary Demonstrations, Educational Resources, Hourly Door Prizes, Treasure Dig, Grab Bags, Geode Sales & Cutting, Gem Panning and Grand Door Prize. Dealers selling: Gold, Silver, Fine and Everyday Jewelry, Loose Gemstones, Cabochons, Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, Meteorites, Treasures, Beads and More. Sponsored by: Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society, <http://www.aikengmfs.org>; Augusta Gem and Mineral Society, <http://agams.club>; Show Chairman: Richard McNutt.

March 16 - 17; Dothan, AL: Dothan Gem and Mineral Show; Hosted by the Dothan Gem and Mineral Club at Houston County Farm Center, 1701 East Cottonwood Road, Dothan, AL; Sat: 9 am to 5 pm; Sun 10 am to 4 pm. The show is the place to find minerals, gems, fossils, lapidary rough, beads, and handcrafted items such as cabochons, jewelry and knapped knives. There will be hourly door prizes, silent auctions, and grab

bags for the kids. Admission is free. Show contact: Jeff DeRoche, show chair, 334-673-3554. Check us out at www.wiregrassrockhounds.com

March 22, 23 & 24; 49th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show; Catawba Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. at Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Ave. Drive SE, Hickory, NC 28602 off of I-40, Exit 125; Fri: 9 AM to 6 PM; Sat: 9 AM to 6 PM; Sun: 10 AM to 5PM. Admission is \$5.00, which good for all three days; Children under 12 free; Also free - Boy & Girl Scouts in uniform, law enforcement officers & military with ID, and approved school & youth groups. Hourly door prizes and a grand prize drawn at the end of the show, 29 vendors with gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry; Theme "Gems, Minerals and Fossils from the Mountains to the Coast."; Focal display and presentations including; hands-on displays; mini-mine; faceting, cabochon cutting, specimen identification by geologists. Show contact: Dean Russell, Show Chairperson, (828) 303-1448; Email contact: cvgmcsecretary@aol.com; <http://www.cvgmc.com>

March 22, 23, 24; Lexington Rock Gem & Jewelry Show (Annual Show) Lexington, KY, Sponsored by Blue Grass Gem & Mineral Club at Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY, Near Exit 115 off I-75/I-64. Hours: Fri. 4 PM-8 PM (Rock Party Preview Nite), Sat. 9AM-6PM, Sun. 11AM-5PM. Show includes minerals, jewelry, equipment dealers, exhibits, KY Agate, fluorescent displays, hourly prizes, silent auction. Admission: \$2 Adults, \$1 Children, \$5 Max Family. Scouts in uniform free. Info: Jane Volk, lexgemshow@outlook.com; Allen Ferrell, kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com, or www.bggamc.homestead.com

Coming in March:

SOLDERING TIPS AND TRICKS

A 10-part series

What will be covered?

- ☞ Cleaning the project
- ☞ Mechanical fit before soldering
- ☞ Different types of solders used in jewelry making.
- ☞ Types of torches and the selection of the best torch for the process you are doing
- ☞ Different types of soldering processes
- ☞ Types of fluxes
- ☞ How to use the fluxes and where
- ☞ The pickle and types of pickle

This is your last newsletter if you have not paid 2019 dues. Your name will be dropped from all mailing lists and you will not be allowed to sign up for classes.

Class Schedule Session II 2019 / Mar. 7 – May 11 (8 weeks)

	9 AM-3 PM	1 PM-4 PM	7 PM-10 PM
MONDAY	Open Studio S. Ivy Limit 10	Bead Weaving (Seed Beading) M. Robart Limit 12	Beginning Wire Wrapping D. Baker
TUESDAY	12 N-3 PM Metal Clay M. Gladstone Limit 8	1 PM-4 PM Wire Wrapping J. Vaughan	7 PM-10 PM Adv. Chainmaille G. Smith Limit 8
WEDNESDAY	9 AM-12 N Cabbing E. Dedecker Limit 6	1 PM-4 PM Glass Fusion M. Papendick	7 PM-10 PM Silversmithing Workshop D. Theobald
THURSDAY	9 AM-12 N Beginning Silversmithing S. Ivy	1 PM-4 PM Casting S. Shaw Limit 8	7 PM-10 PM Beg. Chainmaille G. Smith Limit 8
FRIDAY	9 AM-12 N Metal Impressions J. David	1 PM-4 PM Vacuum Casting/J. David Freeform Wire Wrapping/D. Baker	7 PM-10 PM Open Workshop J. David
SATURDAY	9 AM-12 N Lampwork D. Baker	1 PM-4 PM Opal Cutting C. Viereck	7 PM-10 PM Faceting C. Viereck Limit 8

Class Fees

CABBING	\$65.00**	GLASS FUSION	\$65.00**	SILVERSMITHING	\$65.00**
CASTING	\$65.00**	LAMPWORK	\$65.00**	BEAD WEAVING	\$35.00*
ENAMELING	\$50.00**	METAL IMPRESSIONS	\$65.00**	CHAINMAILLE	\$35.00*
FACETING	\$65.00**	6 HOUR STUDIO WORK SHOP	\$85.00	WIRE WRAPPING	\$35.00*

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.

** Walk-In Rate 15.00 with Instructor Approval

No Walk-In Rate for Studio Workshop

* Walk-In Rate 7.00 with Instructor Approval

Instructor's Telephone Numbers

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Joe David	321-749-2195	Marilyn Papendick	781-7348	Don Theobald	334-5346
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Marcia Gladstone	475-3917	Stu Shaw	285-3755	Charles Viereck	971-5566