



ROCK TALK

Rock & Gem. St Lucie County, Florida No. 139

Club Directory

President:

Meri Jo Theobald.....334-5346

Vice President:

Joe David.....21-749-2195

Secretary:

Marcia Gladstone and

Lisa Palmer

Treasurer:

Larry Jewis

Directors:

Hannah Pollack.....878-1176

Membership/Registrar:

Marcia Robart.....340-3841

Building Coordinator:

Joe David

Don Theobald

Show Chair:

Marcia Robart.....340-3841

Show Co-chair:

Jennifer Shibona.....359-0442

Canc. Stamp:

Don Theobald.....334-5346

Librarian:

Program:

Hannah Pollack.....878-1176

Raffle:

Don Theobald.....334-5346

Sunshine:

Lisa Palmer.....321-698-1735

Newsletter:

Jenny Shibona.....359-0442

Webmaster:

Roni Welton485-1795

Workshop.....462-6597

St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club

Founded Feb. 1978

Annual Dues: \$ 40.00

Member SFMS & AFMS

Monthly Membership Meeting

4 th Sunday, 2 PM at White City

Methodist Church On Midway Rd. and

Oleander Ave Workshop Website

www.slrockandgem.org

President's Message

March 2018

Thanks to all who attended the shop clean up on March 10th. It takes a village, as they say, and our club is successful because of the folks that volunteer their time, talents and treasures unselfishly. Many hours are spent behind the scenes to keep the bills paid, the classes full and the paperwork done. We are truly the envy of the area and other clubs when they learn of our outstanding workshop and the affordable cost of attending classes.

I had the opportunity to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies recently. My take away is that it is also a village of wonderful volunteers that keep us like minded rockhounds and lapidaries connected and in touch with each other. As well as keeping the SFMS members connected, they communicate with the American Federation which encompasses all the chartered Rock Clubs in the United States. I learned a lot about how they work and how belonging to them allows us purchasing power for things like show insurance and educational programs that can be shared among the clubs. We have a link to the AMFS and the SMFS on our website and it's worth your time to click on it and check out all the neat things they do for our club.

The SFMS is sponsoring a week of instruction in June at the Wm. Holland School of Lapidary in Young Harris, Georgia and a week of instruction at Wild Acres in Little Switzerland, NC. You can find out

3/15/18

the class offerings by going to our website and click on the SFMS logo pictured on our home page. While you are on our website, click around and see what a great job our webmaster does for the club.

Just a reminder that because of the upcoming holidays, our monthly meeting has been moved forward a week to March 18. In addition to the meeting we will be having a swap meet so bring lapidary related things that you no longer need and money to buy what you need now! It's a win! win! for us all. There is no cost to participate and the club will also have stuff for sale.

Meri Jo Theobald

COMING EVENTS

March 18th....Swap Meet & General Meeting at White City Methodist Church On Midway Rd. and Oleander Ave – table setup is a 1:00 pm

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club
General Membership Meeting
February 25, 2018

The Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-two members in attendance with one new member Dave Rankin.

There was a motion to accept the **Minutes** of the January meeting as printed in **The Rock Talk**. Seconded and all votes unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Larry gave the report, motion was made to accept as given, seconded, and accepted. Motion was given to accept the 2018 budget as given. Seconded and accepted unanimously.

Refreshment Sign-up Sheet: We will have this sheet available in the workshop and at the meetings. We need volunteers to bring in snacks & it does not have to be one person. Several people can sign-up together.

Workshop Report: Workshop Coordinator is asking all students to help the teacher in closing up the workshop at the end of class. The list of things needing addressed are on the bottom of the sign in sheet.

Membership Report: Signing up online is progressing and will be completed soon. Members will be issued an ID and password to go to our Members Only page on our website.

Classes Report: Members will be allowed to drop-in to classes for a charge of \$15.00 and must have the approval of the teacher before hand.

Show Report: Our Gem Show this year will be October 20-21. We will need volunteers to help set-up on Friday. Also we need volunteers to bring in side Dishes to share for the Dealer Dinner. We have already been approached by several Vendor interested in being in our Show this year. Meri Jo and Marcia went and met at the Fairgrounds in Martin Co. regarding the building repairs being done before our show. They said that roof and ceiling will be repaired.

Raffle for William Holland was drawn and Don Beauchain name was pulled. Members become eligible to be in the drawing are those members who come to clean-ups and general and board meetings and when you help set-up and take down at the **Show**. Your name gets put in the Raffle to be drawn once a year. Southeast Federation week at William Holland is June 10, 2018 which is posted on our Facebook page.

New Business: There will be a clean-up at the workshop on March 10; Saturday at 9am. This is our clean-up before the next Session starts.

Special Events: The March Meeting will be a swap meet in place of our general meeting. Bring in your jewelry, tools or anything lapidary. Set-up is at 1pm. No charge for tables. The brief meeting starts at 2pm. We will have refreshments.

Special Thanks goes to Judy Morrison for this month's Meeting.

Program: This month program was given by Charles on Gem Identification.

Respectively,

Lisa Palmer, Interim Secretary

INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S

Joe David	321-749-2195	Marcia Robart	340-3841	June Vaughan	341-3820
Ed Dedecker	446-7739	Stu Shaw	285-3755	Charles Viereck	971-5566
Susan Ivy	532-9033	Don Theobald	334-5346	Roni Welton	485-1795
Marilyn Papendick	781-7348				

NEED TO KNOW - CLASS POLICY

DUES: \$40 must be paid by January 1 each year. Exception, new members.

CLASS FEES: must be paid two weeks prior to classes starting (the correct amount is listed in the work shop and in the newsletter). The only way you are enrolled in a class is by payment for that class. If you are changing classes you must notify Marcia prior to a class.

FULL CLASSES: certain classes can only take so many therefore it is necessary to sign up early. If there are only two who sign up, that class will cancel.

EARLY SIGN UP: you may sign up for classes for the next session early but only after the second week of the present session. During the winter months it is often necessary to sign up early as they fill up fast. If you have signed up and paid for a class, you will be refunded. If you choose to put it towards next session you must notify Marcia at fmeal@bellsouth.net or **772-340-2841**

CLASS FEES

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

** WALK IN RATE 15.00 WITH INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL
* WALK IN RATE 7.00 WITH INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL
NO WALK IN FOR THE STUDIO WORK SHOP

CLASS SCHEDULE SESSION TWO 2018 MARCH 12 – MAY 5 (8 WEEKS)

	9AM-12N	1PM-4PM	7-10PM
MON	Open Studio S. Ivy Limit 10 9-3	Bead Weaving (Seed Beading) M.Robart Limit 12	
TUES		Wire Wrapping J Vaughan	Faceting C Viereck Limit 8
			Chainmaille – Open Workshop R. Welton Limit 8
WED	Cabbing E. Dedecker Limit 6	Enameling M Papendick	Silversmithing Workshop D Thoebold
THUR		Casting S Shaw limit 8	
FRI	Metal Impressions J. David	Vacuum Casting J. David	Metal Impressions J. David
SAT	Lampwork J. David	Opal Cutting 2-5 pm C Viereck	
SUN			

Reminder: You need to sign up and pay for classes early as classes will fill up fast.

St. Lucie County Rock & Gem & Club 6901 Heritage Drive
 Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
 Non-Profit Educational Organization

Our workshop is located at 6901 Heritage Drive, Port St. Lucie. Directions Take US #1 to Williamsburg Way intersection. (2 ½ miles south of Midway and US #1 or ¼ mile north of Rio Mar and US #1 intersection.) Turn west on Williamsburg Way and south on Heritage Drive. Turn right at the driveway. #6901 is on the door