



ROCK TALK

Rock & Gem. St Lucie County, Florida

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St.Lucie County Rock & Gem

Club

Founded Feb. 1978

Annual Dues: \$ 15.00

Member SFMS & AFMS

Monthly Membership Meeting

4 th Sunday,2 PM

at Rock & Gem Workshop

Website

www.slrockandgem.org

President's Message – August, 2010

Okay, here we go again. Although summer is still with us, it's time to start thinking about fall. One of those things that we need to "think" about, of course, is our annual show, scheduled for Halloween weekend. If you haven't already signed up to help, contact Marcia Robart to let her know you want to volunteer.

That being said, another thing that we need to concern ourselves with the "The EVENT" that occurred at our workshop last month. Elsewhere in this newsletter you should find a blurb about the "fire." Actually, we were very lucky that no structural, equipment or personal damage happened. We did have to replace the front door to the workshop. The "damage" that we need to address is the lingering smoke odor. The workshop was professionally treated, but there is still a noticeable odor of smoke when you enter the building. Once inside, you become accustomed to the smell, but when you get back home, the odor remains with you – on your clothing and in you hair. We are going to be asking for volunteers to help us paint all the walls, and seal all the wood benches. This will hopefully happen after the current classes are over. The freshly painted walls should reduce the residual smoke odor.

If you haven't visited the workshop recently, you will notice that several changes have been made thanks to the handiwork of Marilyn and Lew Martin. We are attempting to maximize usage space, and make things look a little better.

While I was in Franklin, NC for the gem shows and a little vacation, I ran into Mary Lengnick. She says "hello to everyone!" Meri-Jo & Don Theobald

were also in Franklin for the week. They too suffered from the 95 degree heat in the mountains!

That's about it for now, and I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Norm Holbert

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 22.....General Meeting at the workshop from 2:00 pm 4:00 pm

Oct. 2.....Clean up at Workshop. at 9:00 am

July 5-Sept 12.....Summer classes

Oct 30 & 31.....St Lucie Rock and Gem Show at Martin County Fairgrounds.

SUNSHINE CORNER

Many of you are probably not aware that we have a Sunshine person. The Sunshine Person is responsible for sending flowers, cards or whatever is deemed appropriate to the sick, shut-in, bereaved and/or otherwise recommended by the Club This person is Sue Ritter and in order for her to be able to do this we are asking for your help. If you know of someone in the club or a family member of a member who is ill, please let Sue know. Her number is listed on the left hand side of this page, in the Club Directory.

**St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club
General Membership Meeting
June 27, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President Norm Holbert. There were 20 members present including new member Sharon Mosher and visitor Doug Wright.

There were no minutes to approve as the last meeting was the picnic with Vero Beach at Pepper Park.

The Treasurer's report contained the current balance in the checking account. Linda explained that the CD had matured and was not rolled over because the bank is no longer paying a rate that warrants have our fund tied up. At the present time the money has been deposited into our checking account and we will make a decision on how to separate our Building and Improvement Funds that were in the CD from our operating funds.

From the Committee Chairs the following reports were made:

Show Chair Marcia Robart and Vendor Contract Chair Norm Holbert reported that at present time there are 54 tables and 7 back up tables have been taken. So far 15 vendors are contracted. This is ahead of our contracts this same time last year. Marcia has the sign up book in the work shop. Please take a minute and commit to an assignment. There is a lot to pick from. Also please sign up for a dish to bring to the Dealer's Dinner. It seems like we had a lot of beans last year, so please make sure we are not duplicating efforts. Norm mentioned he has potentially secured an ATM for the show at no charge to the club.

If you meet a vendor at a show you attend or happen to cross paths with someone who might be interested in being in our show, you can refer them to our website at www.slrockandgem.org and they will be able to download a printable copy of a vendor contract and get information about the show.

Clean up is on Saturday July 3rd at 9:00am.

Bob Young is working on the issue of insurance for the contents of the work shop and liability insurance for members of the club and Board Members. In order to obtain insurance for the contents, it will be necessary to complete an accurate and current inventory. Bob will provide us with a copy of the last inventory and we will go from there. Jay Dumas, Judy Morrison, Denise Hill and Sue Ritter volunteered to undertake this task.

Sue Ritter made a motion to raffle one certificate for the week at William Holland. Don Theobald seconded it and it passed without opposition. (Our club was awarded three certificates in exchange for our donation to refurbish a room in the Sparks Lodge at William Holland Lapidary School in Young Harris, Georgia.)

Denise Hill made a motion to sell the raffle tickets for \$10.00 each and Jay Dumas seconded it. The motion passed without opposition.

Don Theobald made a motion that the sale of tickets will continue until the January meeting and the winner will be determined at that meeting. Judy Morrison seconded it and the motion passed with no opposition. Don will chair the committee and sort out the details of the ticket sales.

Gerry Shibona made a motion that the club purchase a laptop computer for the workshop. Denise Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed with one vote of opposition.

Meri Jo Theobald made a motion to allow the Board to purchase the computer and necessary services needed to make it usable in the workshop. Denise Hill seconded it and it passed with one vote of opposition.

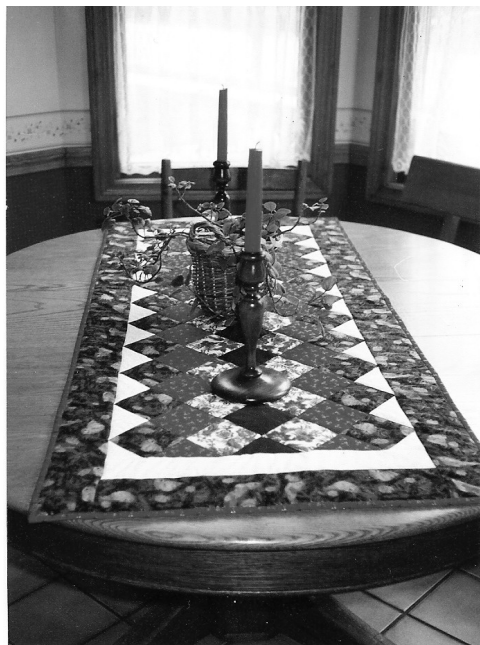
The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted

Meri Jo Theobald, secretary

CLEAN UP:

This was by far the best clean up EVER!!!! We not only cleaned up, we cleaned out!!! Next time you are in the workshop, take notice how organized the shelves are and how clean and accessible the work space is by the drop pot. Good work guys, and thanks to all who helped: Marcia Robart, Linda LeMuix, Hannah Pollack, Norm Holbert, Jenny Shibona, Gerry Shibona, Judy Morrison, Earl Henderson, Denise Hill, Jo Baker, Jay Dumas, Don Theobald, Meri Jo Theobald, Marilyn Martin, Lew Martin, Jane Vaughn, Eric Vaughn, Sharon Mosher.



FOR SALE

Hello Rock and Gem Club Members!

I am writing this note to show you what I have been doing outside of the Beading Classes that I am enrolled in. I have been a quilter for about 25 years and have won numerous first place ribbons for quilts entered in quilt shows. So, in addition to my beading projects, I have been making table runners and pillows using my fabric stash featuring top quality Christmas fabrics. Here's a picture of the table runners similar to the one I have used on my dining room table for many years. They can also be used in other ways such as over your bedroom pillows, over the the living room sofa, etc. They really brighten up my home during the holidays. Call me, Marion Figueredo at 873-2358 if interested in seeing them. I'll bring them to the next club meeting. They make wonderful gifts. Each one is different and unique.

ITEMS FOR SALE IN ROCK TALK

If you have an item you wish to sell, we can post it in the Rock Talk. Please email a written description of your items and contact info to: newsletter@slcrockandgem.org. Items for sale will be printed in the next Newsletter. Your post needs to be in by the end of the month prior to the Newsletter going out. Items handed on slips of paper tend to get misplaced. Email works best.

JUST A THANK YOU

Thank you Gretchen Dewey for the fantastic donation of bookcases for the front room. It is very much appreciated by all.

BREATHING EASY

On Sunday, July 25th the fire department was summoned to 6901 Heritage Dr. as smoke was detected coming from our building. In order for them to enter our workshop, they jimmied the front door and discovered that two wood tables in the back room were smoldering. A kiln had been used but didn't have enough proper ventilation. They removed the tables outside and doused them. There was no damage to the interior or contents of the building other than the two tables which have been rebuilt thanks to Lew and Marilyn Martin. Our biggest concern was the smoke that permeated everything even the toilet paper! That was easy....just replace the roll. We knew at this point the rest had to be taken care of by professionals. "Restoration America" was called in on Monday and they brought in equipment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday restored the entire interior literally from ceiling to floor. The two air conditioners and ducts, we have two, were completely cleaned and treated. We now have the cleanest air and workshop in the county, but there is still a lingering odor of smoke. We also have a new front door with new locks. We still have to tackle the problem of the lingering odor which permeates the raw wood, and the insulation above the ceiling. Restoration America will be able to take care of the ceiling but the raw wood and painting of the walls we should be able to take care of and will ask for members to come forward and help. We will be getting an estimate from them and go from there. They have been extremely helpful and have helped to keep costs down since we are non profit.

Out many thanks go to those who have been there this week: Lew and Marilyn, Hannah, Jenny and Gerry, Denise, Betty, Sandy, Linda, June Vaughan and Marcia. Of course, our thanks go to the people next door who alerted the fire department and to the crew of Restoration America.

INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S

Ray Claus	240-9012	Denise Hill	460-2450	Gerry Shibona	708-9536
Jay Dumas	408-3552	Jim Mahar	464-7809	Sandy Tharp	336-0882
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Dave Hara	545-7275	Marca Robart	340-3841	Bob Young	461-4063

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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