



# ROCK TALK

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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](http://www.slrockandgem.org)

### President's Message December, 2008

Hopefully everyone is surviving this hectic time of the year and the dismal economic situation of our nation. I consider myself a fairly well educated person, but for the life of me, I can't understand how something like the cost of gasoline can go as high as it did and then in several weeks plummet back to where it is almost affordable again.

I suppose that brings me to the topic of this message. Costs for everything are going up (no, I'm not suggesting any increase in dues or class fees), not just for you and me personally, but for our club and related organizations. If you attended our last membership meeting, I spoke about the renovations happening or about to happen at William-Holland School of Lapidary Arts. The "dormitory" rooms above the classrooms in Sparks Lodge are in need of an upgrade. The cost for upgrading each room has yet to be determined. I have been in contact with the school's director, Suzanne. She informed me that Room 13, Kyanite, was originally sponsored by the St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club! I was unaware of this, but several of our members seem to remember this sponsorship. My question to you, the membership, is – do we continue to sponsor "our" room at William-Holland? If so, how can we do this without just dipping into our treasury?

Possibly, we could use profits from our annual show that is beyond what we give as a scholarship to Indian River State College, or have a "tail-gate, yard sale, or ... Here's where you come in by helping with more ideas to raise money if the

club decides to help with the renovations. Think about it and we'll discuss it at our next meeting.

If you haven't heard, we did profit fairly well from our annual show.

I wish each of you in your own way a wonderful holiday season and a great start to the new year. I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,  
 Norm Holbert

### COMING EVENTS

#### No Meetings for December

**Dec. 14.....**Holiday Party at High Point starting at 1:30 pm

**Dec. 27.....**Clean Up at the workshop at 9:00 a.m.

### NOVEMBER – NATIONAL "FORGET IT" MONTH

November must be National "FORGET IT" Month. Why? Because all of the following things were forgotten just in November alone: water left in grinding machine (which was left on), an oven was left on, the faceting cabinet was left open twice, the casting cabinet lock was not locked, the a/c was left on, the front door was left with only one lock that was actually locked (twice), the dop pot was left on as the electrical switch was left on, and the printer was left on.

That's pretty bad for just one month! I don't know what the solution is other than to check the shop much closer than you have been. There is a checklist on the door before you exit or make yourself a checklist and team up with somebody to check off what you need to do. Remember pilots do this every time they take off.....

### NEW MEMBERS

Joann & John DeSantis  
 Kelly Leary

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club  
November 23, 2008 General Membership Meeting

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club The meeting was called to order at 2:00. There were 32 members present, including three new members. The minutes were approved as printed in the Rock Talk. There was no Treasurer's report presented.

Hannah reported from the workshop committee that students and teachers need to be more aware of mistakes being made when closing down the shop after classes end. A list of infractions will be posted in the Rock Talk. She asked that we investigate the installation of a main switch that when installed could be used to shut down the shop with a master switch.

Marcia reported from the membership and registration committee that dues are now due and should be paid before the end of the year. She announced that there will be a chainmaking class in January. John Runkle will teach the class on January 31. There will be a nominal charge for the class and students must buy their silver from him.

Barbara Mangrum will teach an enameling class on January 11 and 18. Class size will be limited to eight students. More details will be posted in the Rock Talk.

Ann Royer will teach a lamp work bead making class in the workshop next session. Details for this class will also be posted in the Rock Talk. The class will be for a full session.

Norm presented the report on the recent club show. As it stands now, we made a profit on the show.

Norm thanked all who worked tirelessly to make the show a success. He mentioned that if there were a Presidential award for volunteerism, it would be won hands down by Lew and Marilyn Martin. They were responsible for the clean bathrooms and so much more. Norm commended them for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Actual attendance for the show could not be determined, and one of the improvements for next year will include a clicker to track the attendance. Other suggestions for improving the show were discussed and will be implemented next year. Norm asked that all suggestions for improvement or changes be submitted to the board.

It was suggested that the grand prize be something made by a club member and a competition could be held and the winning item is picked by membership voting. Vendor feedback was varied and some comments about arranging the vendors differently will be implemented next show.

Molly, who was a vendor as well as club member, thanked Judy Morrison's hospitality committee for the great job they did in attending to the vendor's needs. The membership also thanked Norm for the wonderful job he did as Show Chair.

The Dealer Dinner was a bit different this year, as it seemed the vendors were ready to eat much earlier than we had scheduled the meal. As a result, food was brought in after most had already eaten and then there were plenty of leftovers that were stored and served later. It was felt this dipped into the food vendor's business and in the future all leftovers will be taken home. The time of serving the dealer's dinner will be earlier next year to avoid this.

Don Theobald presented a slate of officers for next year. They were: President-Norm Holbert, Vice President – Hannah Pollack, Treasurer-Linda LeMeiux and Secretary Meri Jo Theobald. There were no nominations from the floor and Don made a motion that the slate be accepted as presented. Martha Hopler seconded the motion and it passed by acclamation.

There are no further details on insurance for the Board Members and the instructors.

Enjoyment books are available for sale, \$35.00. The club realizes a \$10.00 profit for each book sold.

Carmen Githens is organizing our Holiday Party. It will be December 14<sup>th</sup> at the High Point Condominium club house (same as last year). This year it will be a catered chicken dinner and members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert. You must pay in advance, please contact Carmen if you are interested in attending (772-464-1287). The cost will be \$10.00. Please bring canned goods to be taken to a local food bank.

Respectfully submitted, Meri Jo Theobald

**PSL CIVIC CENTER** A little extra from your president – Norm Holbert While conducting our last membership meeting, I was asked if I was going to check into the new PSL Civic Center as a possible venue for our show. Kiddingly, I asked why would I, but said yes, of course I'd check. Well, I did check.

This morning, Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, was an open house for the new facility. I will say that it is truly a nice place and something that the city can be proud of having. I was able to meet with one of the two people whose job it is to rent out rooms at the center. He showed me the “grand ball room” that is a bit over 12000 square feet.(We used about 14,000 square feet at the Martins County Fairgrounds last month and was charged less than \$1,500.00 for the entire weekend.) The fee for the new civic center is only \$2,500.00 per day and load in day would count as a full day. So if we want to use the new civic center, it would cost us \$2,500 times 3 days for a total of \$7,500.00. I didn’t ask if there would be any additional charges for city personnel, deposits, or security, but I was told that they would also get 10% of the gate. Just thought you’d like to know!

**CALLING ALL RECIPES** After the holidays, please submit a recipe. Members often request the recipes for dishes brought and we would like to print one or two in each newsletter. Email Jenny at [newsletter@slrockandgem.org](mailto:newsletter@slrockandgem.org) with your recipe.

**SPECIAL CLASS – CHAINMAKING** There will be a chainmaking class taught by a guest teacher, John Runkel. The dates for the class are January 31st and February 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm. An additional \$10.00 fee will apply for this class. Each student must have their own pliers and optivisor and all silver must be purchased from the teach at a cost of \$1.45/oz..

**ENAMEL CLASS** There will be a two day enameling class held on January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm. The class fee will be \$15.00.

**LAMPWORKING CLASS** If you are planning to take the Lampworking Class, you need to notify Marcia by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. So that Ann knows what equipment needs to be ordered. The equipment will run around \$209.00 and includes: hot head torch, l-bracket, graphite paddle, rod rest, 3 dozen mandrels, bead release, 2 cylinders mapp gas, 3/4 inch tweezer mashers, tungsten probe, beginner packet of glass rods and fiber blanket. There will also be an additional fee for the annealing of glass beads made in class.

<b>INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S</b>					
Sue Mitchell	465-4521	Vince Thinath	283-4491		
Jo Baker	460-2450	Hannah Pollack	460-2450		
Earl Henderson	334-7585	Marca Robart	220-1826		
Denise Hill	460-2450	Ann Royer	461-4063		
Ray King	489-9163	Gina Sackrowitz	461-4063		
Jim Mahar	464-7809	Gerry Shibona	359-0442		

<b>Registration Form</b>			
<b>Date:</b> _____		<b>Phone:</b> _____	
<b>Name:</b> _____		<b>Enclosed \$</b> _____	
<b>Class: 1</b> _____	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>Teacher:</b> _____	
<b>2</b> _____	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>Teacher:</b> _____	
<b>3</b> _____	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>Teacher:</b> _____	
<b>4</b> _____	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>Teacher:</b> _____	
<b>Mail to: Marcia Robart</b>		<b>MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$15.00 ARE DUE</b>	
<b>1249 SE Airoso Blvd</b>		<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>Port St Lucie, FL 34983</b>			
<b>Please Make Check Payable to: Saint Lucie County Rock &amp; Gem Club</b>			

If you have any questions on registration for a class, please call Marcia Robart at 340-3841. Any questions on specific classes, please contact the instructor.

**CLASS SCHEDULE WINTER SESSION 2009 JAN 5– MARCH 14**

	9AM-12N	1PM-4PM	7PM-10PM
MON	<b>Open Workshop</b> B. Young	<b>Bead Weaving</b> (Seed Beading) M. Robart	<b>Silversmithing</b> J. Baker 6:00 – 9:00
		<b>Lampwork</b> A. Royer	
TUES	<b>Beg. Cabbing</b> H. Pollack	<b>Wire Wrapping</b> J. Vaughan	<b>Faceting</b> J. Mahar
WED	<b>Cabbing</b> H. Pollack	<b>Beg. Bead Weaving</b> M. Robart	<b>Bead Weaving</b> M. Robart 5:30 – 8:30
		<b>Glass Fusion</b> S. Mitchell 8 weeks	<b>Cabbing</b> G. Shibona 6:00 – 9:00
THUR	<b>Stained Glass</b> E. Henderson	<b>Casting</b> R. King	<b>Open Workshop</b> V. Thinath
		<b>Beaded Flowers</b> S. Michell	
FRI	<b>Silver Workshop</b> D. Thompson	<b>Glass Fusion</b> G. Sackrowitz	<b>Open Workshop</b> D. Thompson
	<b>Wire Wrapping</b> D. Hill	<b>Bead Stringing/Knotting</b> R. Young	
SAT	<b>Silversmithing</b> D. Thompson	<b>Cabbing</b> G. Shibona 8 Weeks	

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

**First Class Mail**

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