



# 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  
 Morningside Library Port St.Lucie Fl

### President’s Message – Feb. 2008

I can’t believe that this is the start of my third year as your president. I truly hope that I and the Board are serving the club’s best interests. If not, then you need to let me or us know by attending general membership meetings and/or Board meetings. Speaking of meetings, it was standing room only at our last meeting. I’m sure the count was forty plus members, and congratulations to Larry Hissem for winning our annual drawing for a week at either William-Holland or Wild Acres. See, it pays to attend meetings and workshop clean-ups!

Morningside Library will not be available for our March meeting (February is okay), so it was voted on to have a Silent Auction/Tailgate at the workshop on March 30<sup>th</sup> in lieu of our monthly meeting. More details of this should be in this newsletter and next month’s. Also, since Don Theobald is “Special Events” chairman, he’s in charge (I don’t think that I’ve told him that yet).

Hopefully we will have our “new” website up and running soon. Gerry Shibona volunteered to be our webmaster. We have set up an account in our club’s name so that we actually own this website. The URL is [slcrockandgem.org](http://slcrockandgem.org)

Two other items that I should mention are: Jim Goldsmith, our immediate past-president, has been appointed as a Director and assumed the responsibility of doing the ordering for the workshop.

That’s about it for now – thanks for your support of our club and our efforts.

Sincerely,  
 Norm Holbert, president

### Coming Events

- Feb. 21**....Board Meeting at the Workshop at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24**.....General Meeting at Morningside Library at 2pm.
- Mar. 29**....Clean Up

**Nov. 1-2** .....Annual Rock and Gem Show to be held at the Martin County Fairgrounds . We are looking for people to help on all committees.

### NEW MEMBERS

Fred Burkey  
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St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club  
General Membership Meeting

January 27<sup>th</sup> 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:00. There were 44 members present, including new members: Denise Hill, Mary Johnson and Carol Coughlin.

There were no minutes to approve and the Treasure's report was approved as read. We have a CD on deposit at Riverside Bank with a principle balance of \$30,000. The checking account balance as of January 1, 2008 is \$18,795.53.

The slate of officers was presented to the membership: Norm Holbert/President Hannah Pollack/Vice president Linda LeMieux/Treasurer Meri Jo Theobald/ Secretary. Warren Williams made a motion to accept the slate of officers as unanimously approved. The motion was seconded by Tim Williams and passed unopposed.

From the membership committee Marcia Robart stated that this session is very well attended and it is necessary to contact her before just showing up for a class. Policy states that you must be registered and paid before the class starts. You cannot jump from one class to another without paying for the second class. There will be a statement about club policy printed in the upcoming Rock Talk.

Norm stated that the Board had decided, with membership's approval, to supplement the teacher's stipend with an additional \$25.00 each term. Tina Setla made a motion to accept the Board's recommendation and it was seconded by Ed Gicewicz. It passed without opposition.

Gerry Shibona will take over the website and will become the Webmaster. We will own our own website and it most likely be slrockandgemclub.org. This information will be posted in the next Rock Talk as well as be sent email to all members who receive information electronically.

Norm stated that the Martin County Fairgrounds has asked us if we are returning next year, and at this time we are penciled in for the first weekend in November. After verifying the schedule of other shows, we will commit to a date.

The Board asked that discussion be held and a decision made by the Membership regarding the March meeting being replaced with an auction or a tailgate sale. After discussion, it was decided that the event would be a tailgate with a silent auction for the equipment that the club is disposing of. The event will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at the work shop. A list of items will be posted in advance. There will be minimum bids on items and a time limit will be posted. Complete details will be available in the Rock Talk.

Hannah mentioned that the subscriptions to Rock and Gem are still being accepted. Our club will realize a \$6.00 return on each annual subscription and \$12.00 on a two year subscription.

Meri Jo stated that there are still some Enjoyment Books for sale for \$35.00 each. Our profit is \$10.00 from each book sold.

Norm stated that the Club has contracted with Louie's AC to perform maintenance on the air conditioners twice a year. The first check up will be \$70 and \$50 every time after that.

Norm is asking for volunteers to conduct an inventory on all club property and volunteers to assist in making a budget for the next year.

The drawing for the week of schooling at William Holland or Wild Acres was held and the very lucky winner was Larry Hissem.

Respectfully submitted

Meri Jo Theobald, secretary

## **CLUB DUES**

Time for yearly dues of \$15.00 to cover from January to December, 2008. At this time, we have 272 members enrolled but only half have paid their membership dues. Please send your dues ASAP, so that we can get you listed in the 2008 Membership List that is due out in February. Also, we need everyone to update their e-mail addresses.

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR DUES FOR 2008.** Please get in touch with Marcia Robart and rejoin.

## **NEW CLASS**

Larry Hissem's class Rock & Mineral ID will be conducted starting April 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Marcia to sign-up ASAP in case we need to set up another class.

## **INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S**

Jo Baker	460-2450	Sue Mitchell	465-4521	Gerry Shibona	359-0442
Bill Bowman	464-7809	Hannah Pollack	878-1176	June Vaughan	220-1826
Joe Jones	336-2836	Marcia Robart	340-3841	Bob Young	461-4063
Jim Mahar	464-7809	Teri Robinson	871-6115		
Ann Metz	772-231-0218	Gina Sackrowitz	873-9006		

The instructors haven't had an increase in the amount they receive for instructing their classes so it was decided to give them each an extra \$25/class to help pay for the gas.

## **WEBSITE**

Gerry Shibona will be taking over and also making a new website for the club. The new address for the website is [slrockandgem.org](http://slrockandgem.org).

## **MARCH MEETING**

We will be having tailgate/silent auction for our March meeting. The club is looking to sell/auction off our Facetron faceting machines, kilns, cab cutting machines, and the casting heat boxes, to name a few. If anyone is interested advance bids will be taken for the Facetrans. All the particulars are going to be worked out, and you will find out in the coming newsletter. Like last year, anyone wanting to sell anything can put a table up in the parking lot. 10% of the sales will go to the club. The meeting will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for people to help with the budget and inventory for the club. Anyone interested please contact Linda Lemieux or Hannah Pollock.

## **PLEASE READ**

This winter session of classes has been extremely full and unfortunately we've had to turn away some of you from these classes. Some of the classes can take only a limited number of students. Yes, we need more room and more machines and more teachers. For the time being we have to make do with what we have. When the classes are so full it's sometimes difficult to give individual attention and we don't like to turn anyone away.

When you wish to take a class, it is necessary to sign up and pay prior to the class, which means you will need to contact Marcia Robart (772-340-3841 or [fmeal@bellsouth.net](mailto:fmeal@bellsouth.net)) to find out if there is space for you in that class.

The Open Workshops are the only classes that you can show up and pay \$3.50 per day, but you must have previously taken a class in that craft, and please don't forget to clean up at the end of class.

Remember that paying prior to that class will hold that spot. Another thing to remember is once you have paid for that class and show up for one class and decide to drop out for reasons other than emergency we cannot refund your money. Also know that if you change classes mid-stream one of those instructors does not get paid so you will have to pay for two classes.

So please bear with us and if you have a problem, help us to solve the problem. We are a club that all members have a share in and make the club what it is.

Thank you, Marcia Robart

St. Lucie County Rock & Gem & Club  
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**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