



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

## President's Message December, 2008

Believe it or not, I've just spent the last couple of days working on our 2009 Annual Show. It seems that we just had a show a month or two ago!

I was hoping that our show would be the first full weekend of November, but the Melbourne club got to those dates before we did. That means that our show is going to be Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> (load in on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>). I secured the Martin County Fairgrounds again for our show. In the last newsletter I wrote about the PSL Civic Center at \$2,500.00 per day (3days). That's way too expensive. Over this past weekend, I went to the home show that was held at the Fenn Center on Virginia Ave. in Ft. Pierce. Nice facility, but again the costs are high. Their non-profit rental rate is \$120.00 per hour. You have to use their security (sheriff deputies) at \$32.00 per hour, and pay the wages for 3 of their people (Manager and custodians) at high hourly rates! That's was the reasoning why I secured the Martin County Fairground.

Congratulations go to Lew Martin for winning a free week at William-Holland or Wild Acres! I can't think of a more deserving person. His comment to me was something to the effect of "I guess it pays off to attend meetings and clean-ups." Remember that for every meeting and clean-up that you attend, you

get entered into this annual drawing.

Take care, and hope to see you at a meeting.

Norm Holbert

## COMING EVENTS

**Feb. 19.....** Board Meeting at the Workshop at 7:00 p.m.

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

**March 21.....**Tailgate at the workshop from 8 am to 12 pm

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joanne Eggert  
 Laura Bulawski  
 Helen Kloock  
 Jean Wiseman  
 Sandy Tharpe

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club  
General Membership Meeting  
January 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 , Norm Holbert presiding. There were 27 members present, including new members Ed Dedecker and Joanne Eggert.

The minutes of the last recorded meeting, which was the November 2008 meeting were approved as written in the Rock Talk.

Linda LeMeiux presented the Treasurer's report. It was approved as presented. The balance in the checking was \$22,344.76 and we still hold our CD which has a value of over \$35,000. Norm reported that the fees for our condo association are \$100.00 a month. We prepaid the year's assessment in advance.

Membership Chair Marcia Robart reminded us that the annual dues are now due and you will be dropped from the roster February 1<sup>st</sup> if they are not paid. The dues are still only \$15.00 per person and membership entitles you to take any classes that are offered. You will no longer receive a newsletter if your dues are not paid.

The chain making class with our visiting instructor, John Runkle will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> in the workshop. The class is full, but anyone interested in attending a second class should let Marcia know and we are trying to arrange another session with Mr. Runkle, if he is available.

Hannah Pollak asks us all to please leave the work space arranged as depicted on the small plaque found at each work station. Please leave your area not only clean, but cleaner than you found it. If you are using any machinery for grinding or polishing you MUST wear protective eye wear. Please secure long hair behind your neck before using any grinding or polishing machines. Roll up long sleeves as they could become tangled in machinery.

Special Events Chair Don Theobald opened discussion about the Club holding either an auction or a tailgate/yard sale. Janet Worshinski made a motion for the club to have a tailgate/yard sale in our parking lot on March 21, 2009 from 8-12. Barbara Mangrum seconded the motion and it passed without opposition. Don made a motion that each space will cost \$10.00 and it was seconded and passed without opposition. Don will be in charge of arrangements and he can be reached at 334-5346. The Club will have a spot in the sale and proceeds from our table will benefit the Club. Donations for the table can be brought to the workshop.

Lew Martin was the winner of the William Holland Scholarship.

Debbie Thompson thanked Barbara Mangrum for a well run and informational session on enameling. Vince Thinath suggested that members bring items they made in their classes to share at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15. Thank you to George Moore for the delicious cake he made for the refreshment table.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meri Jo Theobald

## **CLASS POLICY**

If you plan on taking a class, you need to inform Marcia Robart (340-3841) at least one week prior to the start of classes. The reason for this, is that if there are less than three signed up the class will be cancelled and when you show up for a class you did not pre-register for - you will be the only one there. If you wait until after the class has started, it's too late.

Also, if you have signed up, paid for your class and cannot attend, you need to cancel one week prior to class to get a refund. There will be no refund if you attend a few classes and then drop out.

If you know that you will not be at class on a certain day, **PLEASE** let instructor know. No one wants to sit in an empty room waiting for someone to show up.

## **WILLIAM HOLLAND DRAWING**

Lew Martin was the winner for the week at William Holland Lapidary Arts School in Georgia. This includes room and board and class, but does not include supplies. If you would like a chance for next year, you must attend a meeting and your name is submitted. Also, of course, if you help out on clean up day your name is submitted..

## **SUNSHINE**

Sue Ritter has volunteered to be our Sunshine person. Thanks Sue.

## **INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S**

Jo Baker	460-2450	Marca Robart	340-3841	June Vaughan	220-1826
Earl Henderson	334-7585	Gin Sackrowitz	873-9006	Bob Young	461-4063
Denise Hill	460-2450	Gerry Shibona	359-0442	Ruth Young	461-4063
Joe Jones	336-2836	Vince Thinath	283-4491		
Jim Mahar	464-7809	Debbie Thompson	460-2450		
Hannah Pollack	878-1176	Jim Urick	33405081		

## **SPECIAL CLASSES**

A Chain Maille class has been scheduled for March 7 & 8. There were spots for 20 people and unfortunately it filled up right away. An Enameling Class was scheduled for March 4, 11, 18 & 25. It was for 8 people and has already filled up. To find out about these specials classes, please come to the monthly meetings and check the website ([www.slrockandgem.org](http://www.slrockandgem.org)).

## **NEW INSTRUCTOR**

Jim Urick has just joined us as our newest instructor. Get to know Jim during the Spring Capping Session on Saturdays. He will be teaching the last 5 weeks of the class.

## **LIVING GREEN**

After the current bunch of foam cups is depleted, please expect to bring your own cup to the worksop for coffee break.

**CLASS SCHEDULE SPRING SESSION 2009    APRIL 6– JUNE 13**

	<i>9AM-12N</i>	<i>IPM-4PM</i>	<i>7PM-10PM</i>
<i>MON</i>	<b>Open Workshop</b> <i>B. Young</i>	<b>Bead Weaving</b> <i>(Seed Beading) M.Robart</i>	<b>Silversmithing</b> <i>J. Baker</i> <b>6:00 – 9:00</b>
<i>TUES</i>	<b>Beg. Cabbing</b> <i>H.Pollack</i>	<b>Wire Wrapping</b> <i>J. Vaughan</i>	<b>Faceting</b> <i>J.Mahar</i>
<i>WED</i>	<b>Cabbing</b> <i>H.Pollack</i>	<b>Beg. Bead Weaving</b> <i>M. Robart</i>	<b>Bead Weaving</b> <i>M. Robart    5:30 – 8:30</i>
			<b>Cabbing</b> <i>G. Shibona    6:00 – 9:00</i>
<i>THUR</i>	<b>Stained Glass</b> <i>E. Henderson</i>	<b>Casting</b> <i>J. Jones</i>	<b>Open Workshop</b> <i>V. Thinath</i>
<i>FRI</i>	<b>Silver Workshop</b> <i>D. Thompson</i>	<b>Bead Stringing/Knotting</b> <i>R. Young</i>	<b>Open Workshop</b> <i>D. Thompson</i>
	<b>Wire Wrapping</b> <i>D. Hill</i>		
<i>SAT</i>	<b>Silversmithing</b> <i>D. Thompson</i>	<b>Cabbing</b> <i>G. Shibona/J. Urick</i>	

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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