



ROCK TALK

Rock & Gem. St Lucie County, Florida No.68 January 2010

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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 – Feb., 2010

Here we are again at the start of another year – 2010, can you believe it's here already! What's in store for our club this year? I wish I could see into the future, but I suppose that's not in the cards for me. I have several goals that I want to achieve this year pertaining to the club. These goals are mostly concerning insurance and liability issues. The insurance issues have been approached several times by previous club officers and myself, but it gets really confusing and agents expect "you" to do all the work while all they want to do is collect the fees. Anyway, I or we will again see what we can come up with.

I was hoping that our annual show would be on the first full weekend of November this year as it had been for many years, but Melbourne has already taken those dates. That puts us once again at Halloween weekend. This will be the fourth year in a row that our show is associated with Halloween. We may as well use a Halloween theme to promote our show from now on. If you haven't already heard, our last show, under the direction of Marcia Robart, was a great success.

Ideas, desires, wishes, and criticism are always welcomed (well maybe not too much criticism), and helps the Board of Directors improve our club. Your input is needed.

One of the benefits of my part time job cutting stones is that my "boss" is sending me to Tucson the first week of February for the gem show. This will be my first time and I truly

expect to be overwhelmed. I'll put an article in the next "Rock Talk" about my trip to the largest rock, gem, and jewelry show in the United States.

Our January meeting was well attended and several new members showed up. I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,
 Norm Holbert

COMING EVENTS

Feb 18 Board Meeting at the Workshop at 7:00 p.m.
Feb 21.....General Meeting at the workshop from 2:00 pm 4:00 pm
Oct 30 & 31.....St Lucie Rock and Gem Show at Martin County Fairgrounds.

EMAIL

If your email has changed and you are not getting the ROCK TALK, you need to email Jenny to let her know.

REMINDERS

*****DUES NEED TO BE PAID BY THE END OF JANUARY*** if you have not paid your yearly dues, this is your last newsletter.**

HOLIDAY PARTY

Just a quick thank you to Pat Starr for arranging a place for the Holiday party and to Denise Hill for organizing it. Everyone that attended had a great time. Lets hope we can talk both of them into doing this again next year.

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club
General Membership Meeting
January 24, 2010

The meeting was brought to order. Three guests were introduced as possible new members. Stu Shaw and Catherine King, new members were introduced.

Linda reported \$17,869.92 was in the account. A motion was made and accepted.

Mary Jo was not present to report on findings regarding junior members.

Norm brought up the fact that it is necessary to be signed up and paid for classes two weeks prior to the start of classes.

Due to the fact that Melbourne has already made arrangements for their show to be held the first weekend in November, we will be hosting our show on October 30 and 31.

Hannah reported that students need to be more conscious of cleaning up after their classes. She also needs to be informed of any changes done in classes. She reminded us of the clipboard list, in the front room, informing her of any needed items.

We had the drawing for the William Holland week for 2010 and Gabby DuCharme drew the winning name and it was Royce Sisson. Norm mentioned our annual January drawing for a free week at William Holland or Wild Acres. General meeting attendance and help at our clean-up day at the end of the 10 week sessions gets your name submitted for the drawing.

William Holland sent 2 certificates instead of the 3 they were supposed to send for the donation we made for renovations. This will be looked into. It was suggested that we might raffle one of these weeks.

At the board meeting it was voted to keep our funds where they are and make some renovations to the front room. A possibility Don Theobald suggested was to purchase a wide TV screen to place at one end of the room for watching Lapidary CD's.

Lew Martin says the cabbng machines are in good working condition and that it is not necessary to purchase new ones, but to replace wheels and parts where necessary. The wheels can be sent away to be refurbished.

There was discussion about what to do with the rolling mill, and where to put it safely.

It was suggested that we might put up a booth at fairs at the men's and women's world. This way we could get information about the club out to the people.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52

Respectfully Submitted

for Meri Jo Theobald by Marcia Robart.

INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S

Jay Dumas	408-3552	Marilyn Papendick	781-7348	Gina Sackrowitz	873-9006
Earl Henderson	334-7585	Hannah Pollack	878-1176	Gerry Shibona	359-0442
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Denise Hill	460-2450	Marca Robart	340-3841	Bob Young	461-4063
Jim Mahar	464-7809				

CLEAN-UP

Thanks to all who helped with the clean up on Dec. 20. Yours were submitted for the William Holland Drawing.

NEW MEMBERS

Charles & Deanna Raffay	Linda Dengler	Susan & Tyrone Roberts
Catherine King	Anna Marie Klimovich	Stuart Shaw
Barbara Fuller	Nancy Meier	

IMPORTANT CLUB POLICIES – PLEASE READ

Please take time to read these policies regarding REGISTRATION, PAYMENT, CLASS, WORKSHOP, AND TEACHERS, and put them where you can refer to them when necessary.

REGISTRATION: When filling out a class Registration form, please provide class details. e.g, if you wish to take cabbing, indicate which day and teacher. There are apt to be several cabbing classes and we need to know which one. Also, please include a local phone number, and/or email for contact purposes. Registration forms AND payment must be RECEIVED TWO WEEKS PRIOR to class. Registration forms will NOT be processed without payment. If unsure about class availability call Marcia at 772-340-3841.

DUES AND CLASS PAYMENT: When paying for your classes and dues, you need only to make one check. Dues are \$15 and classes are \$35. If taking a second class in the same session the second class is \$20. Remember to include the class registration form. Please do not include payment for supplies; supplies are separate. Ask your instructor.

CLASS NO SHOWS: If your class has five or less students and you can't make it to the workshop on a particular day, please Call your instructor, or the clubhouse at 773-462-6597. Many times instructors have patiently waited for no one to show up. This isn't fair to the instructor.

CLASSES: At the beginning of each session you are asked to read and sign a safety awareness sheet. Also, each class member is responsible for cleaning up in and around their work area 15 minutes before the end of each class.

WORKSHOP CLASSES: While an instructor is present, workshop is not a teaching class. The sole intent is to allow those having taken the Intro class to apply the knowledge of their particular field of interest. If you do not sign up for the full 10 weeks, the cost per class is \$3.50.

CLASS SCHEDULE WINTER SESSION 2010 JAN 4 – MARCH 13

	9AM-12N	IPM-4PM	7PM-10PM
MON	Open Workshop B. Young	Bead Weaving (Seed Beading) M.Robart	Open Workshop D. Hara
		Enamel Workshop M. Papendick - \$15 supplies	
TUES	Beg. Cabbing H.Pollack	Wire Wrapping J. Vaughan	Faceting J.Mahar
WED	Cabbing Workshop H.Pollack	Beg. Bead Weaving M. Robart	Bead Weaving M. Robart 6:00 – 9:00
		Polymer Clay G. Sackrowitz	Cabbing G. Shibona 6:00 – 9:00
THUR	Stained Glass E. Henderson	Casting J. Dumas	
FRI	Silver Workshop S. Ritter	Glass Fusion G. Sackrowitz	Open Workshop D. Hill 6:00 – 9:00
		Wirewrapping D. Hill	
SAT	Silversmithing S. Ritter	Cabbing J. Urick	
SUN	Open Workshop Cabbing/SilverSmithing J. Urick 10 - 1		

Lampwork Class – Ann Royer - 772-600-5139 - \$35.00

March 22-26 (5 days) 9am – 5 pm Bring your lunch

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

