



ROCK TALK

Rock & Gem. St Lucie County, Florida

No.52

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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
 Website
www.slrockandgem.org

President's Message June, 2008

Well, summer is here and a new term of classes has started. From those that I've spoken to, vacations are also being taken, and quite a few of our members are headed to Young Harris, Georgia to take classes at William-Holland School of Lapidary Arts. Hopefully when those members return, they will share what they have learned with the rest of us.

At our last general membership meeting, we established a "Building and Improvement" fund and used the money we have invested in a CD to start the fund. One question that was asked was. "Do we need a new building?" That's a good question. Do we need more space and if so what would we do with it? Do we need space for more classes or just for storage? Can we take a careful look at what we already have and utilize that space better? I don't know the answers, but maybe together we can determine what is best for our club.

If things go as I have planned, I'll be headed to Franklin, N Carolina the fourth week of this month. One of the things that I intend on doing is to attend the Southeast Federation Summer Meeting that's being held in Dillard, Georgia. I'll report back to you about this at our August meeting. Also, the Florida liaison to the Southeast

Federation, Hugh Sheffield, and his wife are planning on being at our August meeting so plan to attend. There will be a presentation about amber given by Mrs. Sheffield.

Our next area of concentration will be our upcoming show. It will be the first weekend of November. Load in will be Friday, October 31st, and the show will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, November 1st & 2nd.

Take care and hope to see you at our August meeting.

Norm Holbert

COMING EVENTS

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

NO MEETING FOR JULY

Next meeting will be the 4th Sunday in August.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

If anyone wants a copy of the membership list, copies can be made at the workshop.

NEW CLASS FEES

Starting with the next session of classes, the first class fee will remain at \$35 but the 2nd and other classes taken in the same session will be \$20 each.

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club
General Membership Meeting
June 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Norm Holbert. There were 20 members present. The meeting was held in the Morningside Library.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Along with the stated check book balance, we have a CD that is collecting interest. After the report was delivered, discussion was held regarding the amount of money we have in savings. Concerns included: Do we have too much money for a non-profit organization? Should we designate funds for a building fund? Should we hire an attorney to advise us on our financial and liability status?

After discussion, Jean Wetherby made a motion to "Establish a building/improvement fund using the existing balance of our CD in Riverside Bank as the beginning balance". The motion was seconded by Judy Morrison. The motion passed with no opposition or abstentions.

Larry Hissem announced that Martha Smiley has extended an invitation to club members to come to her place in Indiantown to gather rocks from her collection. It will be organized as a field trip most likely next month and details will be sent via both email and snail mail, if needed.

Bob Young suggested that due to the expense involved in opening the work shop for each class, each class should have a minimum number of students. Jo Hiller made a motion that a minimum of five students be enrolled in order to have a class. Lyn Marino seconded it and it passed without opposition or abstention.

Dennis Ponte reported that 30 tables have been reserved so far for the show. Two large vendors withdrew because they thought we charge too much for a table. Norm stated that the Fairgrounds in Stuart have been reserved. At this time, we do not have a food vendor contracted.

Bob Young expressed his concern that the member letters with tickets enclosed was more like an assessment on the membership and should not be considered as income in the final show report. The letter enclosed with the tickets was read and Meri Jo Theobald stated that it was a request for a donation and the members are clearly given the choice to donate or not. In the past, about \$1000.00 is raised through the letter. It was decided to enter the amount received from these letters under donations, not income.

Debbie Thompson suggested that instructors should have a place in the work shop where they can expect to find correspondence from the Board or their students. It was suggested that each instructor could have a file in the filing cabinet.

Thanks to Diane Martin for the refreshments at the end of the meeting. And thanks to Hannah for always setting up the coffee. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45

Respectfully submitted
Meri Jo Theobald, secretary

CLEAN UP

Thank you to all who showed up for clean up. There was a good turnout.

Registration Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Enclosed \$ _____

Class: 1 _____

Teacher: _____

2 _____

Teacher: _____

3 _____

Teacher: _____

**Mail to: Marcia Robart
1249 SE Airoso Blvd
Port St Lucie, FL 34983**

Please Make Check Payable to: Saint Lucie County Rock & Gem Club

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

INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S

Joe Jones 336-2836
Jim Mahar 464-7809
Hannah Pollack 878-1176
Marcia Robart 340-3841
Gina Sackrowitz 873-9006

Gerry Shibona 359-0442
Debbie Thompson 460-2450
June Vaughan 220-1826
Bob Young 461-4063
Ruth Young 461-4063

An additional Silversmithing class has been added. It will be held on Saturday from 9 am to noon. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact Maric Robart at 340-3841 to sign up. There is still time to sign up for classes, we have openings in many of them.

The subject was brought up about having week long classes during the three week break between the ten week sessions. One class, say faceting, would be conducted for the whole week Monday through Friday morning and afternoon. These would be concentrated classes instead of being spread out. This is something to think about and if you come up with any ideas, write them down and bring them to the meeting in August. We need class ideas and teacher input.

LOST & FOUND

Some one found a small organza bag with silver findings in it. If you are the owner, please call Meri Jo 334-5346 to identify them.

NEW MEMBERS

Liz Loeffler
Gregg Rothstein
Jael Anderson

CLASS SCHEDULE SUMMER SESSION 2008

JUNE 30 – SEPT 6				
	<i>9AM-12N</i>		<i>1PM-4PM</i>	<i>7PM-10PM</i>
<i>MON</i>	Open Workshop <i>B. Young</i>		Bead Weaving <i>(Seed Beading)</i> <i>M.Robart</i>	Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i> <i>1:30 – 4:30</i>
<i>TUES</i>	Beg. Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i>		Wire Wrapping <i>J. Vaughan</i>	
<i>WED</i>	Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i>		Beg. Bead Weaving <i>M. Robart</i>	Bead Weaving <i>M. Robart</i> <i>5:30 – 8:30</i>
<i>THUR</i>	Stained Glass <i>J. Jones</i>		Casting <i>J. Jones</i>	Open Workshop <i>D. Thompson</i>
<i>FRI</i>	Polymer Clay <i>G. Sackrowitz</i>	Bead Knoting & Stringing <i>R. Young</i>	Glass Fusion <i>G. Sackrowitz</i>	
<i>SAT</i>	Silversmithing <i>Debbie Thompson</i>		Cabbing <i>G. Shibona</i> <i>July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2 and 9</i> <i>1:00 – 4:00</i>	

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