



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

Website

www.slrockandgem.org

President's Message – March 2008

It's hard to believe that it's March already. It seems that Christmas and New Years Day was just a few weeks ago instead of months ago! We will not be having a regular membership meeting this month because we are having the silent auction/tailgate event on Saturday, March 29th from 8:30 until noon. Hope to see many of you there. The Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Club and the Tomoka Faceter's Guild have been notified of this event also. Hopefully our club will be able to sell some of our equipment to pay for new equipment that has been ordered.

If you haven't been to the workshop in the past week or two, we now have a copier in the front room. The Board gave me the go ahead (up to \$100.00) to purchase a copier. I got one at Staples using a \$25.00 off coupon, a \$40.00 rebate that eventually cost the club \$39.87.

At the last general meeting a new committee was put in place to begin looking for a "new" and larger building for our club. I don't expect that we will see or find anything within our means any time soon, but we can at least entertain the idea and who knows what just might be found. I'd like to also find a small group to see if a different arrangement of our current facility might give us more space. Any ideas are welcomed.

Switching hats for a moment, our annual club show is scheduled for the first weekend of November (1st & 2nd), at the Martin County Fairgrounds. If you want some say in anything about the show, or you want to volunteer your time, please let me know or attend any of the Board meetings.

That's about it for now – take care and hope to see you at the sale!

Norm Holbert, president

Coming Events

- Mar. 27**....Board Meeting at the Workshop at 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 29**.....Auction/Tailgate at the workshop from 8:30 a.m. to noon
- Mar. 29**....Clean Up at the workshop at 1:00 p.m.
- 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

Paula Brown
 186 SE Osprey Ridge
 Port St. Lucie, FL 34984
 772-871-1217, c.285-0450

Juana MacLean
 9550 S Ocean Dr. #207
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Jerry Little
 1271 SW Empire St.
 Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
 772-621-3654 jbl1189@bellsouth.net

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club
General Membership Meeting
February 24, 2008

Norm Holbert called the meeting to order at 2:00. There were 26 members present and 2 guests. The minutes were approved as printed in the Rock Talk.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. In addition to the amount stated as the balance in the checking account, we also have a CD on deposit earning interest.

Marcia Robart, chair of the membership committee reminds us that the dues for 2008 are due NOW. If you have not paid your dues by February 29th you will be dropped from the membership role and will not be able to take classes or receive the Rock Talk.

Norm stated that there is a correction to something that was misprinted in the Rock Talk. It should have read that Jim Goldsmith was appointed to the Board of Directors (replacing Paulette Lease) and that Hannah Pollack is in charge of ordering supplies for the Workshop.

Marcia reported that new lights for the workstations have been purchased and will be in place next week.

We have a new website and a new Webmaster. Ger Shibona is the Webmaster and our website is www.slrockandgem.org. Please check it out and make sure we have your current and correct email address.

Special Events Chair Don Theobald announced plans for the upcoming tailgate and silent auction. The club is planning on replacing some old faceting machines and there are some items around the shop that will be sold at silent auction. Originally the date of the sale was going to be March 30th from 8:30 to noon. A motion was made and seconded to move the date to Saturday March 29th for the same hours. There was one vote against and all others for the motion and it passed. The event will be advertised in the paper and fliers will be made to be posted wherever members can put them. We will seek any free notices in community publications and post the event wherever we can. Clubs in Vero Beach and West Palm Beach will be notified of the sale.

The event will be as follows: Members who want to sell their own stuff at the sale will register in advance with a \$10.00 payment, due by Friday March 28th. This is so we can arrange the spaces needed. Sellers must bring their own tables. The sale will be open at 8:30. Anything not sold will be the responsibility of the tailgater to dispose of. The equipment up for auction will be inside the workshop and bids will be taken until noon. Terms of the bidding will be posted. Following the tailgate, the clean-up in the work shop is scheduled. Lunch will be provided for members who want to help.

The annual budget will be presented at the April meeting. The joint meeting/picnic with the Vero Beach club will be in May.

Norm stated that the Board approved the purchase of an all in one copier for the workshop. The instructors will have access to the paper and perhaps a nominal fee per copy for non-instructional use.

There was discussion raised about holding the meetings in the future in the Workshop. Bob Young made a motion and Debbie Thompson seconded it. The motion was made to hold future meetings in our workshop. Discussion followed and in the end the motion was not passed with a vote of one for and 25 against. It was decided to continue to use the library until they charge us for it.

Don suggested that given the size of the club and the size of the workshop, that it may be time for an exploratory committee be formed to look into a larger workshop. Names mentioned were all club members who are in the Real Estate business.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Meri Jo Theobald, secretary

INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S

Jo Baker	460-2450	Hannah Pollack	878-1176	Debbie Thompson	460-2450
Joe Jones	336-2836	Marcia Robart	340-3841	June Vaughan	220-1826
Jim Mahar	464-7809	Gina Sackrowitz	873-9006	Bob Young	461-4063
Sue Mitchell	465-4521	Gerry Shibona	359-0442	Ruth Young	461-4063

WEBSITE

Each site or node on the World Wide Web is a point of light, a source of information, a book on the shelf of a global library. The St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club can yet again be seen as one of those points of light at slcrockangem.org. You can currently get an overview of the clubs purpose, course descriptions and schedule, a handful of links to some interesting rock/mineral related sites, past Rock Talk Newsletters and club officer email address list.

You're all invited to help the rest of us get the most out of our web site. Suggestions for improvement, or links to exciting lapidary related web sites, are invited, as are complaints or compliments.

Send all web site content related suggestions to webmaster@slcrockangem.org, and of course, send everything else to your favorite club officer.

MARCH MEETING

We will be having a tailgate/silent auction for the March meeting. It will be held on March 29th from 8:30 to noon. Spots are \$10.00 each with payment due to the club by March 28th. You must bring your own table and are responsible for taking everything back with you that does not sell. The items to be auctioned off by the club will be located inside the workshop and bids will be taken until noon. Clean up of the workshop will be held right after this event and all volunteers are welcome to help. Lunch will be provided for all those who help with the clean up.

Registration Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Enclosed \$ _____

Class: 1 _____

Teacher: _____

2 _____

Teacher: _____

3 _____

Teacher: _____

Mail to: Marcia Robart
1247 Arioso Blvd
Port St Lucie, FL 34983

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

CLASS SCHEDULE SPRING SESSION 2008

MAR 31 – JUNE 7						
	<i>9AM-12N</i>		<i>IPM-4PM</i>		<i>7PM-10PM</i>	
<i>MON</i>	Open Workshop <i>B. Young</i>		Bead Weaving <i>(Seed Beading) M.Robart</i>		Silversmithing 6:00 – 9:00 <i>J. Baker</i>	
<i>TUES</i>	Beginning Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i>		Wire Wrapping <i>J. Vaughan</i>	Gem ID <i>L. Hissem</i>	Faceting <i>J.Mahar</i>	
<i>WED</i>	Intermediate Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i>		Beg. Bead Weaving <i>M. Robart</i>	Glass Fusion <i>S. Mitchell</i> 8 weeks	Bead Weaving <i>M. Robart</i> 5:30 – 8:30	Cabbing <i>G. Shibona</i> 6:00 – 9:00
<i>THUR</i>	Stained Glass <i>J. Jones</i>		Casting <i>J. Jones</i>	Beaded Flowers <i>S. Mitchell</i>	Open Workshop <i>D. Thompson</i>	
<i>FRI</i>	Polymer Clay <i>G. Sackrowitz</i>	Bead Knot & Stringing <i>R. Young</i>	Glass Fusion <i>G. Sackrowitz</i>		Wirewrapping <i>M. Theobald</i>	Casting <i>J. Jones</i>
<i>SAT</i>			Cabbing <i>H. Pollack/G. Shibona</i> 10 weels			

Late Registration is ok but CALL to see if class is still available. (Marcia Robart 340-3841)

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