



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

President's Message

March, 2009

It's difficult for me to realize that it is already March. It seemed like only a few weeks ago I was stowing away the Christmas ornaments and tree up in the attic. Well, it's here and so will our getting to be annual tailgate get-together. That also reminds me that arrangements have to be made for our picnic with the Treasure Coast Rock and Gem Club at Pepper Park.

Something occurred at our last meeting that I think should happen more often (not every meeting!). Someone suggested that we purchase a set of booklets with wire wrap designs. Several members spoke up saying that they even knew the person that compiled the booklets. If there is an item that would benefit a class or our club in general, you have to speak up. Don't just mention it in passing to someone. Bring it up at a meeting or let one of the officers or board members know. The idea of us getting a rolling mill for the workshop was also discussed at the last meeting. We are going to be researching mills, and talking about getting one at the next meeting.

That's about it for now. I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,
Norm Holbert

COMING EVENTS

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

March 22General Meeting at the workshop from 2:00 pm 4:00 pm

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

FOR SALE ITEMS

If you have an item to put up for sale we can post it in the Rock Talk. Contact Marcia 340-3841 or fmeal@bellsouth.net with your information and we'll print it in the Newsletter. It needs to be in by the end of the month prior to the Newsletter going out.

GREENWISE

If you want coffee, you need to bring your own coffee cup. They will no longer be supplied by the club.

2009 SHOW RAFFLE

Put on your thinking caps and let your artistic juices flow. Our next show is Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 at the Martin Co. Fairgrounds. We have decided to use artwork provided by our very talented members.

If you are willing to submit something you have made for judging to be used in our club raffle, we will need to have the item at the club no later than Oct. 1st. They will be judged, and a small fee will be offered for each article chosen. Please include a description and price of the item.

Submit your name ASAP so that we know the interest is there. Thank you and please submit the following info: NAME, PHONE #, DESCRIPTION OF ITEM, and COST to Marcia Robart at 772-340-3841 or by email: fmeal@bellsouth.net.

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club
General Membership Meeting
2/22/2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President Norm Holbert. There were 34 members in attendance. The minutes were approved as printed in the Rock Talk.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented by treasurer Linda LeMueix.

From the workshop committee Hannah Pollack asked again that when you finish at one of the work stations, you arrange the tools according to the picture on the desk. Please clean up after yourself and assist your instructor in cleaning the room up after each class. She also asked that when you use the cat litter to absorb oil from your stone after using the oil saw, DO NOT rinse the cat litter into the sink. Let the cat litter absorb the oil then brush or wipe it into the trash can. Leave it in the cat litter long enough to do the job correctly.

At the last Board meeting, the need to replace the 10 inch saw was discussed. However, our resident repair Guru, Lew Martin, was able to take it apart and rebuild it and replaced the bearings. Thanks to him, we will get many years of use from it.

Clean up will be on March 21st, following the tail gate sale.

The tail gate will be on March 21st, from 8-12. Spaces will rent for \$10.00 each. If you have donations to the club's table, you can bring it to the workshop and put it to the attention of Don Theobald. It does not have to be lapidary in nature and the money will go towards the Club's profit. (please read more about the tail gate in the Rock Talk.)

Jim Goldsmith has a faceting machine that he has offered to sell to the Club or to any member of the Club. Contact him directly if you are interested.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase a complete set of Jesse Donnan's Wire Craft Series for the workshop, at a cost of \$198.00. The motion passed with one vote of opposition.

It was asked that the Club please consider purchasing a rolling mill for use in the workshop. Gabby DuCharme will research machines and prices and report back to the Board.

Lyn Marino will be in charge of a food and bake sale table for the Club at the Tail Gate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully Submitted

Meri Jo Theobald, secretary

TAIL GATE

A tail-gate sale will be held in the parking lot of the workshop on March 21st from 8:00 till noon. Set up will be at 7:00am and we will be open for business at 8:00. The sale will be advertised in the Stuart - Pt.St. Lucie News and with signs out on US 1. Spaces for this sale will cost \$10.00 per space and spaces can be reserved by calling Don Theobald at 334-5346. You should register by March 13th so we can arrange the parking lot accordingly. You may not get a spot if you just show up the morning of the sale. You can sell what ever you want and those profits are your own.

There will be a space the Club will sponsor and will get the profit from. We are seeking donations for that table. We would like to include lapidary items as well as white elephant things. Clean out your tool boxes and check out your stuff. You know, all those things that sounded like a good idea once. Let them become someone else's project! Bring your donations to the workshop and make sure they are marked for the Club's sale. Big items can be taken to the storage unit with proper planning. Just let Don know.

There will also be food for sale at the Tailgate – Lyn Marino will be in charge of this. Also, we will be having a baked goods sale that day. If you are interested in donating any baked goods for the sale, please bring them the morning of the sale.

YOU MAY NOT BRING YOUR PERSONAL SALE ITEMS TO THE WORKSHOP. BRING THEM ON MARCH 21ST WHEN YOU SET UP YOUR SPACE.

Every one is looking for a bargain these days and we should have a nice response.

Workshop cleanup will follow the sale and we will provide lunch for those who stay to work.

USING THE WORKSHOP

This might be something that will “make waves” among our members. The workshop belongs to us, the members of our club. To manage the use of the workshop, our club offers classes that teach us skills. Many members take the same class time after time which is great for both the learning and social aspects of working along side one another. Here’s the rub, should members be using the workshop for their own personal gain?

Let me use myself, a faceter, as an example. Suppose that I have a customer that wants a pear shaped amethyst. For one reason or another, my faceting machine isn’t working. I go over to the workshop, let myself in, and use one of the club’s machines to cut the stone I need and will get paid for. That doesn’t seem ethical to me. I use the club’s machine, diamond cutting discs, electricity, etc. Or I do the same type thing (faceting), but ask an instructor if it’s all right for me to be there while he or she is teaching a class that has nothing to do with faceting. We have regularly scheduled classes and open workshop for that purpose.

If you have an opinion you’d like to express concerning this subject, I’ll put it on the agenda for our next meeting.

Norm Holbert

INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S

Jo Baker	460-2450	Hannah Pollack	878-1176	Debbie Thompson	460-2450
Earl Henderson	334-7585	Marca Robart	340-3841	Jim Urick	334-5081
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Joe Jones	336-2836	Gerry Shibona	359-0442	Bob Young	461-4063
Jim Mahar	464-7809	Vince Thinath	283-4491		

Registration Form

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____ **Enclosed \$** _____

Class: 1 _____ **\$35.00** **Teacher:** _____

2 _____ **\$20.00** **Teacher:** _____

3 _____ **\$20.00** **Teacher:** _____

4 _____ **\$20.00** **Teacher:** _____

Mail to: Marcia Robart
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MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$15.00 ARE DUE
JANUARY

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

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

CLASS SCHEDULE SPRING SESSION 2009 APRIL 6– JUNE 13

	<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) M.Robart</i>	Silversmithing <i>J. Baker</i> <i>6:00 – 9:00</i>
<i>TUES</i>	Beg. Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i>	Wire Wrapping <i>J. Vaughan</i>	Faceting <i>J.Mahar</i>
<i>WED</i>	Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i>	Beg. Bead Weaving <i>M. Robart</i>	Bead Weaving <i>M. Robart 5:30 – 8:30</i>
			Cabbing <i>G. Shibona 6:00 – 9:00</i>
<i>THUR</i>	Stained Glass <i>E. Henderson</i>	Casting <i>J. Jones</i>	Open Workshop <i>V. Thinath</i>
<i>FRI</i>	Silver Workshop <i>D. Thompson</i>	Glass Fusion <i>G. Sackrowitz</i>	Wire Wrapping <i>D. Hill</i>
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<i>SAT</i>	Silversmithing <i>D. Thompson</i>	Cabbing <i>G. Shibona/J. Urick</i>	

St. Lucie County Rock & Gem & Club
 6901 Heritage Drive
 Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
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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