



# ROCK TALK

Rock & Gem. St Lucie County, Florida	No.69	March 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.slcrockandgem.org](http://www.slcrockandgem.org)

## President’s Message – March, 2010

We had a fairly nice turnout at the last membership meeting. We passed out the budget for the coming year and hopefully in this issue of the *Rock Talk* you’ll find the dates for two of our annual events – the tailgate sales at the workshop and the picnic with The Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society (Vero) at Pepper Park.

Most of you know that I work part-time for a local jewelry shop. The owner sent me and three other employees to Tucson for the annual rock, gem, jewelry, mineral and fossil shows. This was my first time in Tucson and I have to say that it’s overwhelming to say the least. There are at least thirty shows going on all over Tucson. I got to about six of them (several more than once). I primarily was looking for facet rough. What I found was that little was available and the prices were higher than expected. The only “deals” were on large parcels costing several thousand dollars – way too much to cut and way to much to spend. I found some rough and faceting supplies, and was able to see many people from companies that I have dealt with in the past. I also attended the Hob Nob, a faceters’ get together held at the Old Pueblo Club. There I was able to see many faces of well known names in faceting. If you have never gone to the shows in Tucson, it’s an experience that any rock hound, lapidary, beader, etc. would enjoy provided you have a very comfortable pair of walking shoes.

This is for our instructors – what is needed for your class(es) that we

don’t already have? What needs to be replaced or repaired? There are dollars set aside in our budget for repair, replacement and purchasing of new equipment. List your wants on the clip-board in the front room or let Hannah know. Don’t just mention it and think that someone is going to take care of your desires. Make sure it is recorded – item, supplier, catalog number, etc.

Lastly, I want to thank two of our members who go above and beyond - Bill Bowman for his efforts in re-finishing the benches in the back room, and Lew Martin for fabricating the rolling mill stand (and all his efforts in keeping our machines running).

Hope to see you at the next meeting.  
Norm Holbert

P.S. – I believe that this is my fifth year as president, and I feel like I’m getting “stale.” I think it’s about time to seriously look for someone to take over the position of president for next year.

## COMING EVENTS

**March 25** ..... Board Meeting at the Workshop at 7:00 p.m.  
**March 28**.....Clean up at Workshop at 10:00 a.m.  
**March 28**.....General Meeting at the workshop from 2:00 pm 4:00 pm  
**April 10**.....Tailgate at the workshop from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**May 16**.....Picnic at Pepper Park starting at 11:00 a.m  
**Oct 30 & 31**.....St LucieRock and Gem Show at Martin County Fairgrounds.

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club  
General Membership Meeting  
February 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 2:00. There were 24 members present and one visitor, Debbie Chisholm. There were two new members in attendance.

The minutes were approved as printed in the Rock Talk. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Marcia announced that the classes for next session are posted on the board in the workshop. If you want to sign up, please complete a slip and include class title, time, day and payment. No classes will be held and classes with limited space may fill up before you get your payment in. We are trying to eliminate the need for money to exchange hands on opening day of the classes. The schedule is also available on line at [www.slrockandgem.org](http://www.slrockandgem.org).

Ann Metz announced she will be going to William Holland for their clean up and invited any interested party to ride up with her. The dates for that clean up are March 15-19. Contact Ann if you are interested.

Special events chair, Don Theobald announced the tail gate sale will be in the workshop parking lot on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Spaces will rent for \$10.00. You can sell any personal items as well as lapidary items. The Club also has a table and will take donations for sale in our booth. They can be brought to the workshop the week before the sale, or give them to Don personally. We don't have room to store stuff in the workshop while classes are in session.

Our picnic with the Vero club will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Pepper Park location. It will begin at noon and we will make sure all members leave together to avoid the situation like last year. Club members can bring stuff to sell there as well.

The subject of establishing a Jr. Rockhound group was discussed again. We will consult with Jacksonville's club as they have a very active junior club. Concerns included liability for the student and ages that should be allowed in the workshop. We are still investigating the need and availability for insurance on the club Board and members. We are also checking on insurance for the contents of the workshop.

President Norm Holbert presented the proposed budget for 2010. After discussion Meri Jo Theobald made a motion to accept the budget as presented and the motion was seconded by Judy Morrison. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

On Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> we will have the clean up of the workshop and follow it with the general meeting. A light lunch will be served to those who clean up and stay for the meeting.

Larry Hissem announced that there are no items for the monthly raffle. In the past John and Lori Bella have graciously donated items. They operate a store in downtown Stuart and Larry suggests that if you frequent their store, thank them for their support of the club.

Lew Martin made a stand for the rolling mill in the workshop. He noted that as is, it is top heavy and likely to tip over. He asks that no one use it until he secures the stand to the floor. Thank you Lew for your ongoing contributions to making the workshop a great place.

Thank you to Judy Morrison and George Moore who supplied the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted, Meri Jo Theobald, secretary

## INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S

Ray Claus	240-9012	Denise Hill	460-2450	Marca Robart	340-3841
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Earl Henderson	334-7585	Hannah Pollack	878-1176	Jim Urick	334-5081
Dave Hara	545-7275	Sue Ritter	879-0411	Bob Young	461-406 3

## NEW MEMBERS

Janet Reuther

## JUST A FEW THANK YOUS

Thank you Michael Burwick for the fantastic donation glass and other items to our club. It is very much appreciated by all. This glass will be on sale at the Tailgate to be held on April 10th at the workshop.

Thank you to Peggy Gibbs for her donation of glass.

Thank you to Sue Ritter for the donation of cabs.

Thank you to Judy Morrison for the refreshments for the February meeting.

## CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT

We now have new sets of tools for use in silver, wirewrapping and open workshop. Our thanks to Jenny Shibona for the purchase of the tools and cases they come in and the cost to the club. Thanks also goes to Denise Hill for taking the time to mark all the tools. Please keep them in their proper place.

## FOR SALE

Used Graves Cab Mate 6" diamond saw with a GE motor.

Saw, Grind, Sand, and Polish on this *all-in-one* cabbing machine. The versatile Cabmate offers clean operation, 2 speed motor, compact size (only 10-1/2" x 19-1/2" of space required), and it weighs only 30 lbs.

Comes with one diamond bland. The motor is in perfect order. Some rust from use and no use. The other pieces are available at <http://www.rockpeddler.com/pg7.htm>. Asking \$250.00. Please call Vina @ 772-519-0533.



**CLASS SCHEDULE WINTER SESSION 2010 APRIL 5 – JUNE 12**

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

St. Lucie County Rock & Gem & Club  
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