



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
 Morningside Library Port St.Lucie Fl

Website
www.slrockandgem.org

President's Message May, 2008

Well it seems that summer is arriving early even for us here on the Treasure Coast. Check this newsletter for information about our picnic with our fellow lapidaries from Vero. The picnic will take the place of our monthly meeting.

Since our last newsletter, we had our silent auction/tailgate event at our workshop. The club sold off several pieces of machinery, several tables of lapidary related stuff that we either had too much of or no use for, and rented out tailgate spaces. The total we took in was just over \$3,100.00. That's not too bad for one morning's sale. The major items that brought in the money were the four faceting machines.

We replaced the old faceting machines with four brand new Graves Mark IV machines that cost us \$2870.00. Sounds like we came out ahead, but we did put a few bucks into fixing up the machines we sold, and we splurged and bought new grinding laps for the new machines. Most of the laps that are being used in faceting class were already in use when we moved into our present workshop.

Over the past couple months, club members, board members and officers have been discussing our lack of space at the workshop – space for both storage and course work. The idea of establishing a building fund and moving some of treasury into it has come up. What do you think about this and do you have any ideas that could help? Let us know how you feel about this endeavor.

Take care and hope to see you at Pepper Park – remember you can tailgate at the picnic.

Sincerely,
 Norm Holbert

COMING EVENTS

May 18.....Picnic at the workshop from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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.

MAY MEETING

Our annual picnic with the Treasure Coast Rock and Gem Club in Vero is going to be held this year at Pepper Park from 12-4 on May 18. Bring a covered dish, a beverage (non-alcoholic) and eating utensils. Chicken will be provided by the club. There will be tailgating so come join the fun.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Pamela Carrozza
 Theresa Miller
 Christina Camacho
 Sharon Hodel

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club
General Membership Meeting
April 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:00. There were 31 members present. The meeting was held in our workshop. There was one new member in attendance, Betty LeClair from Nova Scotia.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. A suggestion to invest more from the checking account into another CD was made. A motion to do this was made and seconded. No further discussion was held. There was clarification made about the \$25.00 stipend that the instructors receive for each class they teach. The idea was that the stipend will off-set the high gas prices and that an instructor will receive the stipend for each class they teach.

The annual picnic and tailgate with the Vero Beach club will be on Sunday, May 18th. The Treasurer will pay the Parks and Recreation \$150.00 to secure the pavilion at Pepper Park in Fort Pierce. Our club will provide chicken from KFC and Roni Welton will pick it up.

Ruth Young presented the proposed budget for 2008. The budget was approved as presented. There was lively discussion about increasing the fee for classes. A motion was made Jean Wetherby to retain the \$35 fee for the first class and increase the cost of the additional classes to \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Don Theobald. Discussion followed and it was voted on. The motion passed with a 21 for and 8 opposed. Motion was made to adjourn at 4:05. Refreshments were served by Marcia Robart and Debbie Thompson.

Respectfully submitted by
Hannah Pollack for Meri Jo Theobald

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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