



# ROCK TALK

Rock & Gem. St Lucie County, Florida      No.62      May 2009

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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](http://www.slrockandgem.org)

### President's Message

May 2009

I hope everyone is coping well with our current economic situation. Situation may be a bit mild, maybe devastation is a better description. Our workshop is showing some signs of our present condition. Classes have been canceled in a couple of cases, and most classes are not filled. Spring and summer what I've been told was always a slow time, but this is "slower" than usual. The club is still doing well financially, but we may have to lower expectations of income from the workshop.

I got a letter yesterday in the mail from IRSC. It had a letter from the most recent recipient of our sponsored scholarship in it. The recipient is Alissa Nicole Oppenheimer of Port St. Lucie. The letter thanked us for our "generous scholarship." I'll post the letter on the bulletin board at the workshop, but want to quote a portion of Alissa letter. She wrote, "This scholarship will afford me the opportunity to pursue my career goals. Geology is a love interest that I have had for a long time and I am so excited to be able to study this expansive subject.

That's about it from me except that I'm planning a weekend faceting workshop for experienced cutters. Look in this issue for more information.

Sincerely, Norm Holbert

### COMING EVENTS

**May 17** .....Picnic at Pepper Park starting at 11:00 a.m  
**June 27**.....Clean up at Workshop

### FOR SALE ITEMS

Hi-Tech 6" All-in-One  
 Basically a 6 inch horizontal, flat grinder. Comes with: 180 ripple, 180, and 100 diamond discs. Also 600, 1200, and & 14000 discs.  
 Spectra laps and master lap.  
 Missing water drip tank. New these go for \$300+ Price - \$100.00.  
 Contact Norm Holbert (873-0787)

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](mailto: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.

### NEW MEMBERS

Stacy Dorr  
 Adela Tejada

### PICNIC

There will be a picnic and tailgate at Pepper Park, May 17th starting at 12:00 am. Fried chicken will be provided. You may bring any covered dish, salad, desserts etc.

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club  
General Membership Meeting  
April 26th, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:00. There were 22 members present. The minutes were approved as printed in the Rock Talk. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Our annual picnic with the Vero Beach club will be on May 17th at Pepper Park in Ft. Pierce. Our club secured the pavillion and will be reimbursed by the Vero Club. The Vero club will provide the fried chicken and members that are attending should bring a covered dish to share that will feed about 10 people. Club members from both clubs will be tail-gating their wares as well. Feel free to bring stuff to sell. The picnic will be from 12-3. It was asked if there would be an alternate location, perhaps not at the beach that could be considered for next year. If you have any suggestions, let Special Events Chair Don Theobald know.

Membership and class chairperson Marcia Robart had nothing to report.

Workshop Chairperson Hannah Pollack asked that we be reminded there is a note pad by the blackboard in the frontroom where you can record any problems in the workshop. If you do make a request or remark about a problem, please include your name so she can follow up with you if there are any questions. She commented that there seems to be an improvement in how the work benches are being cleaned after each class.

Club members visited Eddie Ruck's mine pit for a dig on April 16th. The mine was open to the public and there were vendors and displays.

Show Committee Chairman Norm Holbert stated that vendors from last year's show should have recieved their contract for the 2009 Show, which will be Oct. 31st and Nov 1, with load in on Oct. 30th. If payment in full is recieved by Oct. 3rd the table charge will be 70.00 per table. If payment is not complete by that date, the charge is 80.00 per table. If you want a contract for the show, you can make a copy of the original in the top drawer of the file cabinet in the front room. Please do not remove the contract from the workshop.

Norm informed us that the Condo association has a new President and he used unlicensed contractors to do some work and was fined for that as well as failure to secure a permit. The new president, Jerry, said it will be resolved by 5/1/2009.

We are going to redesign the space in the front room. A committee has been formed and will be chaired by Don and Meri Jo Theobald. (334-5346). If you have any suggestions or comments or would like to be part of the planning committee, please notify them.

Norm would like to use the three weeks between classes to offer a condensed class in faceting for advanced faceters. His idea would be a class every night for five consecutive days rather than one a week. Other instructors are encouraged to offer similar classes in that format. It was suggested that we find someone to do a Stone Setting Seminar during one of the breaks.

Jo Hiller asked if the club would consider purchasing a kiln for the workshop that would allow the students to learn the art of firing in their class, rather than have the glass fired off site. Discussion was held concerning the time constraints and class time needed to have a class like that.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

Respectfully submitted  
Meri Jo Theobald, secretary

## **The Weekend Faceter: #1 (June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>)**

What: A two day faceting workshop for experienced faceters.

Who: Faceters who have their own equipment (see below). Participant must have successfully completed our regular Faceting Class or its equivalent. Maximum number of participants is 10.

Where: Our workshop.

When: Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM, and Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 until 5:00 PM. We can extend the time if needed, and we're in agreement.

Cost: \$15.00 to cover costs for materials to be handed out. Each participant will receive 2 pieces of rough (quartz), a Cerium Oxide Ultra lap for polishing, and several handouts.

Description: Over the two days we will hopefully complete two matching stones that can be set in stud settings for earrings. You will dop and transfer your own stones. If you don't know how, you'll learn. There will be breaks every couple hours so bring a lunch or snacks. The first hour will be in the front room (there is a silver class that ends at noon), before you even bring in your equipment. Once we get use of the back room, you can leave your machine set up until the two day session is over.

What you will need to have: Your faceting machine, an optivisor or loupe, and cutting laps such as a fairly coarse one to rough out the stone, a 600 to cut in the facets to close to meetpoint, and a 1200 or 3000 for a pre-polish. You should have dops (2 flat, 2 cones) and a transfer jig. If you have one, a micrometer or pair of calipers will be helpful.

**You register for this class as you would any other class. Any questions, give me a call – Norm – (772) 873-0787.**

### **INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S**

Jo Baker	460-2450	Hannah Pollack	878-1176	Vince Thinath	283-4491
Denise Hill	460-2450	Marca Robart	340-3841	Debbie Thompson	460-2450
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Jim Mahar	464-7809	Gerry Shibona	359-0442	Bob Young	461-4063

**CLASS SCHEDULE SPRING SESSION 2009 APRIL 6– JUNE 13**

	9AM-12N	IPM-4PM	7PM-10PM
MON	<b>Open Workshop</b> <i>B. Young</i>	<b>Bead Weaving</b> <i>(Seed Beading) M.Robart</i>	<b>Silversmithing</b> <i>J. Baker</i> 6:00 – 9:00
TUES	<b>Beg. Cabbing</b> <i>H.Pollack</i>	<b>Wire Wrapping</b> <i>J. Vaughan</i>	<b>Faceting</b> <i>J.Mahar</i>
WED	<b>Cabbing</b> <i>H.Pollack</i>	<b>Beg. Bead Weaving</b> <i>M. Robart</i>	<b>Bead Weaving</b> <i>M. Robart</i> 5:30 – 8:30
			<b>Cabbing</b> <i>G. Shibona</i> 6:00 – 9:00
THUR		<b>Casting</b> <i>J. Jones</i>	<b>Open Workshop</b> <i>V. Thinath</i>
FRI	<b>Silver Workshop</b> <i>D. Thompson</i>	<b>Glass Fusion</b> <i>G. Sackrowitz</i>	<b>Open Workshop</b> <i>D. Thompson</i>
	<b>Wire Wrapping</b> <i>D. Hill</i>		
SAT	<b>Silversmithing</b> <i>D. Thompson</i>		

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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