



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
 at Rock & Gem Workshop

Website
www.slrockandgem.org

President's Message

October 2009

Okay, here we go – it's show-time. Marcia has gone over and above getting everything in place for our show. Does that mean that no more help is needed – NO ! Help will be needed on Friday setting up, displays put together, demonstrators scheduled, equipment moved, bathrooms cleaned, etc. Also, do you have items that you can donate for the silent auction? If you haven't already offered your help and want to, contact Marcia.

I want to thank the membership for their response to our request for donations for the show. Use the tickets that were sent to you. Give them to family and friends to increase attendance. At our next meeting, there will be signs available to be put out.

Hopefully we will profit enough off our show to pay for the scholarship we give to Indian River State College. It may be close since we lowered our entrance fee (donation) and many of the vendors took us up on paying in full before the show and saving them ten dollars per table on their rental cost.

Well, that's about it for now. Hope to see you at our next meeting and at the show.

Sincerely,
 Norm Holbert

COMING EVENTS

Oct 22 Board Meeting at the Workshop at 7:00 p.m.
Oct 25.....General Meeting at the workshop from 2:00 pm 4:00 pm
Dec 19.....Clean up at Workshop at 9:00 a.m.
Oct 5-Dec 12.....Fall Classes
Oct 31 & Nov 1.....St Lucie Rock and Gem Show at Martin County Fairgrounds.

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Havens
 Nancy Stone
 Irene Hebert
 Ian Hurley
 Desiree Stonebraker

EMAIL

If your email has changed and you are not getting the ROCK TALK, you need to email Jenny to let her know.

St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club
General Membership Meeting
September 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:05. There were 28 members present and there were two guests, Terri and Arnold Ellman. The minutes were approved as printed in the Rock Talk and the Treasure's report was approved as presented.

Committee reports were as follows:

Special Events Chair Don Theobald will submit a slate of officers from the Nominating committee at the November meeting.

Workshop Chair Hannah Pollack reported that clean up of the work shop will be on October 3rd and encouraged as many members as possible to attend. Meri Jo Theobald donated a rolling mill to the workshop. Gabby DuCharme will research the machine and find out if there is a manual for it. It was suggested that if any member has knowledge of how to use of a rolling mill that perhaps they would be willing to hold an instructional seminar open to club members.

Membership Chair Marcia Robart reported that we are registering for the next session and suggested that members get their registration in as soon as possible.

Webmaster Ger Shibona reported that the website has several links of interest and also contains a \$1.00 off coupon for our upcoming show.

At the August meeting it was approved to donate \$3,000.00 to William Holland Lapidary School for the renovation of our sponsored room. We were notified that in exchange we do receive three weeks of instruction from Wm. Holland. It will be up to the membership how the weeks are distributed and we welcome any ideas.

Meri Jo and Don Theobald attended the annual Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies and reported that the Federation is suggesting that each club have a member receive the Lodestar Publication and thumbnail the articles and submit that information to the club's newsletters. The Federation also encourages the participation of Junior members and in light of that we are proposing a change in our by-laws to allow members under age 18 to take classes in our work shop. The official proposal for change will appear in the October Rock Talk.

Show Chair Marcia Robart reported that there will be a clean up at the Fair Grounds the day before the load in of the show vendors. Volunteers are also being sought for the set up of the show on October 30th. The posters are available for the members to distribute and the dollar off coupons are also ready to distribute. The food vendor for the show will be the same as last year. We are waiting to receive his contract. Security has not been locked in yet. We are still waiting to hear from the security company we used last year. Dennis Ponte reported that so far he has reservations for 58 tables and Marcia had a reservation for seven more. There are about 15 vendors at this time.

Sue Ritter has been doing a spectacular job with publicity and reported that Hannah will be featured on WQOS in an interview with the host. This is at no charge to the club.

A thank you was extended to all the wonderful members who brought the refreshments for the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15

Respectfully Submitted

Meri Jo Theobald.

INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S

Dave Hara	545-7275	Hannah Pollack	878-1176	Gerry Shibona	359-0442
Denise Hill	460-2450	Sue Ritter	878-0411	Jim Urick	334-5081
Joe Jones	336-2836	Marca Robart	340-3841	Bob Young	461-4063
Jim Mahar	464-7809	Gina Sackrowitz	873-9006		

CLASS ATTENDANCE

If you find you cannot attend the class that you are signed up for, it is necessary to cancel at least one week prior to the start of the class. There are certain classes, especially faceting and cabbing, that have equipment for just so many people. If you don't show for that particular class, somebody else may have wanted that class but couldn't because it was full.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION OF THE ST. LUCIE CO. ROCK AND GEM CLUB

If a person under the age of 18 wants to join the St. Lucie Co. Rock and Gem Club and take classes in the workshop, they will be allowed only when accompanied in the same class by a participating sponsor over the age of 18 who accepts responsibility for that minor member. Acceptance into the class is at the approval of the instructor.

Signed by:

Larry Hissem

Meri Jo Theobald

Jenny Shibona

Norm Holbert

Gerard Shibona

WANTED: Articles for the display cases at our show.

We will be setting up the displays on Friday Oct. 30th. We would love to feature your works of art in the central display area. They are securely locked and inventoried for display. We need examples of all the classes that we teach here in our work shop. Please call Meri Jo at 334-5346 to arrange for delivery of articles if you can't bring them to the show set up.

HELP!!!

We need more help at the Admissions, Raffle, Membership and Children's Corner tables. Demonstrators are still needed for Faceting and Wirewrapping. Please come out help us put on a good show!!! Please call Marcia at 340-3841 if you can help.

NEWSWORTHY

Sue Ritter was interviewed by Mike Redling, a freelance writer for the Stuart News. This interview will appear sometime during the week of October 19th. It will be a feature story about the show and club. So please look out for this.

Also, our own Hannah Pollack and Linda LeMieux were interviewed by Willi Miller of WQCS (88.9 FM). This interview was aired on Friday, October 9th at 1:00 pm or 7:00 pm.

CLASS SCHEDULE FALL SESSION 2009 OCT 5 – DEC 12

	<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>	
<i>TUES</i>	Beg. Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i>		Faceting <i>J.Mahar</i>
<i>WED</i>	align="center"> Open Workshop Cabbing <i>H.Pollack</i>	Beg. Bead Weaving <i>M. Robart</i>	Bead Weaving <i>M. Robart 5:30 – 8:30</i>
		Polymer Clay <i>G. Sackrowitz</i>	Cabbing <i>G. Shibona 6:00 – 9:00</i>
<i>THUR</i>		Casting <i>J. Jones</i>	Open Workshop <i>D. Hara</i>
<i>FRI</i>	Silversmithing <i>S. Ritter</i>	Wirewrapping <i>D. Hill</i>	Open Workshop <i>D. Hill</i>
<i>SAT</i>	Silversmithing <i>S. Ritter</i>		
<i>SUN</i>	Open Workshop Cabbing/SilverSmithing <i>J. Urick 10 - 1</i>		

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