



# ROCK TALK

Rock & Gem. St Lucie County, Florida      No.65      September 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 September 2009

Our busiest time of the year is now upon us. Our annual club show is only about eight weeks away. Marcia has (again) taken it upon herself to be the new "Show Chairman." Luckily, she appears to have the help and cooperation of a core of people to help her. If you can afford some of your time and effort to help, please contact her.

At our last meeting, a vote was taken to send a donation to the William-Holland School of Lapidary Arts to pay for the renovations being done to "our" room in Sparks Lodge. Our club originally sponsored the room when the building was first built. I have contacted the school about this and our club will receive three free weeks of instruction at the school for our donation. Our Board will determine if we want to donate the total sum at one time or spread it out over three years.

It is truly fortunate for us that we are able to afford to do this sort of thing. Within the last four to five years, we have given an annual scholarship to Indian River State College, donated to a club devastated by Hurricane Katrina, and given to two separate Explorer Posts. Now we are donating to William-Holland. We should be proud of our accomplishments.

Although we are fortunate to be able to donate, spending money is not our goal. Whenever we have to buy or replace a piece of equipment for our shop, a lot of consideration is taken. Well, it appears that we may have to replace another piece of equipment. Somehow our "jump ring maker" is missing. Someone removed it from the cabinet in the front room and

never returned it. It may be "only" a couple hundred dollars, but that's actually a considerable amount. Why someone would deny the rest of us from having the use of this piece of equipment so that they can selfishly have use of it full time is beyond my thinking. I suppose that this person's parents never taught that sharing is a good thing, and this is one of our members,

Well, I'll get off my soapbox and get this to Jenny so you can get your newsletter.

Sincerely, Norm Holbert

### COMING EVENTS

- Sept 24.....** Board Meeting at the Workshop at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 27 .....**General Meeting at the workshop from 2:00 pm 4:00 pm
- Oct 3 .....**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

Danielle Chabot  
 Barbara Faehnle  
 Bruce Barniville

### RETURNING MEMBERS

Anita Barniville

### 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  
April 26th, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 2:15. There were 22 members present. The minutes of the June 2009 meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Linda reported that the Income Tax has been completed and submitted.

Marcia Robart is now the Show Chairman. She is circulating a notebook that contains sign-up sheets for various jobs in the show. She said the deposit has been paid for the Fair Grounds and the fee for usage will be the same as we paid last year.

Marcia posted the new schedule on the blackboard in the workshop for next session. Please sign up as soon as you can as the session will fill up fast. Discussion was held about opening the workshop on Sunday for the members who cannot get there during the week. It was suggested that we add it to the schedule and see how many members commit to it.

Hannah is asking that the Jump Ringer be returned to the workshop. It is never club policy to borrow equipment from the workshop and the person using it was misinformed. Please return it as soon as possible. Also, she remarked that the students in the workshop are getting a little lax about cleaning up after themselves. Please pay more attention to leaving your space neater than you found it. She suggested we apply the Golden Rule to cleaning up.

Gerry Suggested that we purchase some stones for the cabbing students so that their first night in class will result in a finished stone. The material will be purchased by the cabbing instructors from Jim Mahar and the first stone will be given to the student and the additional materials will be for sale.

Discussion was held on how to financially reward the instructors for their time. We cannot call it salary, as it opens a tax issue. The honorarium is currently based on student enrollment and we are trying to find a fair way to balance the classes that can take many students and the classes that only accommodate a few students. Any suggestions will be appreciated. A motion was made by Judy Morrison and seconded by Jo Baker to reinstate the \$25.00 gas allowance until further notice for the instructors, to begin this session when honorariums are distributed. The motion passed with one opposed.

Gerry suggested that the club consider allowing students under the age of 18 to take classes if they are enrolled in the same class as their parent. We will research how other workshops handle insurance issues and liability issues and consider adding courses for juniors.

In June, Norm visited William Holland Lapidary School. He presented an appeal from the school for clubs and individuals to sponsor renovations being done. It costs \$3000.00 for a complete renovation of a room in Sparks Hall. Tina Selta made a motion for our Club to donate \$3000.00 for a renovation of our room we sponsored before. The motion was seconded by Meri Jo Theobald and passed with no opposition.

It was suggested that name tags are worn by all members that will be working the show. It was also suggested that it would be helpful for instructors to have the students wear name tags in the class.(Please see the article in the Rock Talk about getting a name tag if you don't already have one)

There was discussion about the site for next year's picnic and it was decided that if you have a suggestion, please research it and present it to the Board for consideration.

Sue Ritter reported from the Publicity Committee that she has been obtaining quotes for advertising on the radio for the show.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Meri Jo Theobald, secretary

**INSTRUCTORS TELEPHONE #'S**

|             |          |                 |          |              |          |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Dave Hara   | 545-7275 | Hannah Pollack  | 878-1176 | Jim Urick    | 334-5081 |
| Denise Hill | 460-2450 | Sue Ritter      | 879-0411 | June Vaughan | 220-1826 |
| 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.

**NEW CLASS**

Jim Urick is offering an Open Workshop on Sundays. This will be for Cabbers and Silversmithers. The class will run from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Remember that in order to take Open Workshop you need to have taken a class in that particular field.

**RAFFLE PRIZE**

It was mentioned back in March that we would like to have you submit an item to be used for the raffle at the show. So far only two people have come forth. If you plan to submit something, please let Marcia know - [fmeal@bellsouth.net](mailto:fmeal@bellsouth.net) or 772-340-3841

**NAME TAGS**

At the General Membership meeting, it was decided that name tags should be worn by students in the workshop while in class and also by club members who are working at the show. In order to make this easy for our members to get to know each other.

You will find envelopes in the workshop on the counter in the front room. Please write your name as you want it imprinted on your name tag and insert your payment of \$5.00 (checks payable to SLCR&G Club) in the envelope. Either place your envelope in the box in the cabinet or give it to your instructor. Your name tag will be delivered to the workshop.

**FOR SALE ITEMS**

Lapidary Equipment for Sale – Larry Hissem – 772-335-2554

- 1) Buffer, Pholisher – 28-1/2” Long X 21” Wide X 13” high – lots of buffer wheels, of varying sizes, excellent motor, double ended shaft, buffing area is lighted.....**\$300.00**
- 2) Lots of small hand tools – crimpers for bezel setter's, carving for silver and gold – **priced as marked**, silver wire and gold wire twister
- 3) Electro-plating machine – needs fluids.....**\$75.00**
- 4) Hand Scale.....**\$20.00**
- 5) Wax Mandrel.....**\$20.00**
- 6) Two ovens if you know how to fix them.....**\$50.00 each**
- 7) Showcases – aluminum 4” deep with side guards, no reach arounds for hands..... **\$50.00 each**  
With clear sides and top
- 8) Lots of amethyst crystals – from small to golf ball size.....**\$.40 per gram**
- 9) Wax Caster.....**\$20.00**
- 10) 6” Diamond saw, uses only water to cut geodes or resize.....**\$200.00**
- 11) Genie like grinder 6” X 1-1/2” wheels – 100 grit diamond – 360, 600, 1200 and (1) 8”X2” 14,000 die wheel, remove the 14,000 wheel & put an 8” flat lap plate in it's place – there are all kinds of flat laps you can use – it also has a 10” diamond saw on the left end of the case.....**\$500.00**
- 12) 10” Diamond saw – good blade & vise, feed is by weights.....**\$500.00**
- 13) Lots of findings s/s bell caps, nickel silver buckle backs, lots of neckless bezels, lots of plated chains, all kinds of rough slabs- **PRICED AS MARKED** – African Tigerey 1/2” square ready to mount in men's rings **\$1.25 each**

**CLASS SCHEDULE SUMMER SESSION 2009 OCT. 5– DEC. 12**

|             | <i>9AM-12N</i>  | <i>1PM-4PM</i>  | <i>7PM-10PM</i>                                     |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| <i>MON</i>  | <b>Open Workshop</b><br><i>B. Young</i>   | <b>Bead Weaving</b><br><i>(Seed Beading) M.Robart</i> | <b>Silversmithing</b><br><i>S. Ritter</i>           |
| <i>TUES</i> | <b>Beg. Cabbing</b><br><i>H.Pollack</i>   | <b>Wire Wrapping</b><br><i>J. Vaughan</i>             | <b>Faceting</b><br><i>J.Mahar</i>                   |
| <i>WED</i>  | <b>Cabbing</b><br><i>H.Pollack</i>  | <b>Beg. Bead Weaving</b><br><i>M. Robart</i>          | <b>Bead Weaving</b><br><i>M. Robart 5:30 – 8:30</i> |
|             |   | <b>Polymer Clay</b><br><i>G. Sackrowitz</i>           | <b>Cabbing</b><br><i>G. Shibona 6:00 – 9:00</i>     |
| <i>THUR</i> | <b>Stained Glass</b><br><i>E. Henderson</i>   | <b>Casting</b><br><i>J. Jones</i>                     | <b>Open Workshop</b><br><i>D. Hara</i>              |
| <i>FRI</i>  | <b>Silver Workshop</b><br><i>S. Ritter</i>  | <b>Glass Fusion</b><br><i>G. Sackrowitz</i>           | <b>Wire Wrapping</b><br><i>D. Hill</i>              |
|             |   | <b>Wire Wrapping</b><br><i>D. Hill</i>                |   |
| <i>SAT</i>  | <b>Silversmithing</b><br><i>s. Ritter</i>   | <b>Cabbing</b><br><i>J. Urick</i>                     |   |
| <i>SUN</i>  | <b>Open Workshop</b><br><i>(Silversmithing &amp; Cabbing)</i><br><i>J. Urick 10:00 - 1:00</i> |   |   |

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 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