



# The Rockhound

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**www.gemandmineralsociety.org**  
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## President's Message

Greetings, Rockhounds!

It's Showtime! In less than two weeks, it will be time for our 51 st Annual Show! Please consider volunteering if you are at all able; please check out the information and forms elsewhere in this issue for more details. In addition to volunteering for a regular shift, you can also contribute by sharing an exhibit or doing demonstrations of your favorite part of our hobby.

Please remember that our November meeting will be held, as usual, on the third Thursday of the month. Our program will be a show and sale, a little earlier this year for those who like to do their Holiday shopping sooner rather than later! If you would like to have a table, please contact Jen Martin.

The December meeting has been moved earlier in the month to accommodate our election process and to minimize conflicts with the Holidays. The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13th , at the Multi Purpose Center, at 7:30 PM, and Officer Elections for 2018 will take place at this meeting. The Board has approved the slate, and it is posted elsewhere on this page. Also, as always, nominations may be made from the floor.

*Laura Simmons, President*

## Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 pm  
**4801 Dreher Trail North**  
**West Palm Beach FL 33405**  
at the Multi-Purpose Center

POT LUCK! Please bring a dish to share

## November Program: Show and Sell

*Contact Jen Martin (rid808@yahoo.com)  
if you would like a table.*

Sellers are asked to donate an item worth \$10.  
Table set-up should be complete by 7:15 pm.

## Junior Rockhounds

November's program will be the second in a series highlighting the Gems and Minerals of Florida.



## Official Announcement of Voting

In accordance with GMSPB By-laws, this is hereby an official announcement that **Voting for our 2018 Officers** will occur at the December General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, December 13th at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium's Multi Purpose Center, 4801 Dreher Trail N, West Palm Beach, FL 33405, at 7:30 PM.

## Slate of Officers for 2018

Each year, in early December, our club votes in Officers for the next year. This process includes a slate, which is developed by our Nominating Committee. In addition to the slate, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the December meeting, prior to the voting. We are pleased to present this year's slate of candidates, as follows:

**President: Lee Miller**

**First Vice President: Barbara Ringhiser (incumbent)**

**Second Vice President: Jen Martin (incumbent)**

**Secretary: Lorna Hayes (incumbent)**

**Treasurer: Jenny Wright (incumbent)**

Please remember that Elections will be held on Wednesday, December 13th , 7:30 PM, at the Science Center's Multi Purpose Center. Installation of Officers will take place at our Holiday Banquet, on Saturday, December 16th.



## Birthstone: Topaz

Through much of history, all yellow gems were considered topaz and all topaz was thought to be yellow. Topaz is actually available in many colors, and it's likely not even related to the stones that first donned its name.



The name topaz derives from Topazioz, the ancient Greek name for St. John's Island in the Red Sea. Although the yellow stones famously mined

there probably weren't topaz, it soon became the name for most yellowish stones.

Pure topaz is colorless, but it can become tinted by impurities to take on any color of the rainbow. Precious topaz, ranging in color from brownish orange to yellow, is often mistaken for "smoky quartz" or "citrine quartz," respectively—although quartz and topaz are unrelated minerals.

The most prized color is Imperial topaz, which features a vibrant orange hue with pink undertones. Blue topaz, although increasingly abundant in the market, very rarely occurs naturally and is often caused by irradiation treatment.

The largest producer of quality topaz is Brazil. Other sources include Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Russia, Australia, Nigeria, Germany, Mexico and the U.S., mainly California, Utah and New Hampshire. Measuring 8 on the Mohs scale, topaz is a rather hard and durable gem. Its perfect cleavage can make it prone to chipping or cracking, but when cut correctly, topaz makes very wearable jewelry.

Topaz is a soothing stone that has been said to calm tempers, cure madness and eliminate nightmares.

## Birthstone: Citrine

November's second birthstone, citrine, is the variety of quartz that ranges from pale yellow to brownish orange in color. It takes its name from the citron fruit because of these lemon-inspired shades.

The pale yellow color of citrine closely resembles topaz, which explains why November's two birthstones have been so easily confused throughout history.

Citrine's yellow hues are caused by traces of iron in quartz crystals. This occurs rarely in nature, so most citrine on the market is made by heat treating other varieties of quartz—usually the more common, less expensive purple amethyst and smoky quartz—to produce golden gems. Brazil is the largest supplier of citrine. Other sources include Spain, Bolivia, France, Russia, Madagascar and the U.S. (Colorado, North Carolina and California). Different geographies yield different shades of citrine.

With a hardness of 7 on the Mohs scale, citrine is relatively durable against scratches and everyday wear-and-tear—making it a lovely option for large, wearable jewelry.



Citrine is sometimes known as the "healing quartz" for its ability to comfort, soothe and calm. It can release negative feelings, spark imagination and manifest fresh beginnings. It's even called the "merchant's stone" for its tendency to attract wealth and prosperity.

-from [americangemsociety.org](http://americangemsociety.org)

## October Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held on October 19, 2017, and was opened at 19:35 by Jennifer Martin.

Jenny Wright gave the Treasurer's report. Total assets were reported as \$39,819.15.

Newsletter Editor Laura Phillips was not present. Richard Tracy, also not present, will be our new Webmaster. He will be at our next meeting.

Susan Cairl covered membership, classes and shop. Memberships need to be renewed for the upcoming year and Susan has completed the membership roster, which was passed out at the meeting. The shop has a new air conditioner in back room. Susan listed many of the classes available at shop. The list of classes and instructors is always available in monthly Rockhound newsletter. Susan encouraged members to contact instructors if they are interested in classes listed or not listed.

Lo Rain announced a contest for centerpieces at this year's holiday dinner. She asked for at least ten volunteers. There will be prizes for first three winners and one person at each table will win a centerpiece to take home.

Jennifer Martin announced the upcoming programs. Tonight she will be showing a Nova program on gems. The November program will be a Show and Sell for members. Tables are \$10 or a piece of equal value. Sign up is required.

December will be a potluck and social. The TY picnic has been moved to January 14th. Details are in the newsletter. Bring a potluck dish. Members can set up a table free of cost. Bring your own utensils, no glass. There is \$1.50 entry fee.

Walter Triche gave an update on the show progress. The next Show Committee meeting will be on October 23, 19:30 at the shop. All are welcome. Volunteers are still needed for set up and show booths. A show case was set up and members were encouraged to do an exhibit case. Members need to sign up to have a case.

The installation of club officers will be at the holiday banquet on December 16th. Members who volunteer at the show for four hours or more will pay just \$10 for the holiday dinner. Non-members pay \$20. The banquet is limited to 80 people, with volunteers having first priority.

Birthdays were listed. A video presentation was given of our Facebook page, and a report of the recent field trip to LEW Museum. The business meeting was adjourned at 20:14.

## TY PARK Tri-Club Picnic and Rock Swap & Sale

Sunday, January 14 from 10:00AM-4:00 PM  
Pavilion #9 at TY Park (see map)

- ◆ Relax and mingle with members of the Palm Beach, Gold Coast, and Miami clubs
- ◆ Bring a **potluck dish** to share, your **table service** and **drinks** (no glass containers)
- ◆ Bring **items to donate** to Raffles and Bingo, which pay for pavilion
- ◆ Arrive around 9:30-10:30 if you wish to set up a table to sell club related items (no charge), just bring **table** and **chairs**
- ◆ Lunch begins at 11:30
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help set-up, sell tickets, call bingo, and clean-up.
- ◆ For more info, call Sean Branigan at 954/592-1503 or KC Foster at 561/523-4600

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-95 go West on Sheridan Street. Go North (right turn) on North Park Road. The Park entrance will be on the right (east) side. *Park admission is \$1.50 per person.*







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For more information:  
[canaveral-mgs.com](http://canaveral-mgs.com)



To our Newest Members

Rebecca Nerio and Virginia Flores of Lake Worth  
Jorma Huttunen of West Palm Beach

## Show Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, November 14  
7:30 pm at the Shop**

It's almost time for our annual event!  
All members are encouraged to come and help us plan  
for another outstanding show.



*Bernice Berkowitz \* Blue Evans  
Joanna Grimes \* Paul Juliano  
Keith Klein \* Lynda Koehler  
Lee Miller \* Larry Piper  
Marvin Reingold \* Matt Tinker  
Barbara Torick \* Mitchell Turk  
Mary Warner*



Age does not diminish the extreme  
disappointment of having a scoop  
of ice cream fall from the cone.  
-T.S. Eliot

## Glass Blowing Classes

Saturday, December 2, 10 am - Noon

Michelle Renné is organizing another great class on glass blowing!

Club members get classes at half price for just \$50! You can make two round ornaments, a vase, a tumbler, a bowl, or a paper weight.



If you're interested in taking the class, please contact Michelle Renné at 561/644-2323.

Note: The class that was originally scheduled for November 11 has been cancelled.

## What is a Geologist?

Geologists are 'scientists' with unnatural obsessions with rocks.

Often too intelligent to do monotonous sciences like biology, chemistry, or physics, geologists devote their time to mud-worrying, volcano poking, fault finding, bouldering, dust-collecting, and high-risk colouring. One of the main difficulties in communicating with geologists is their belief that a million years is a short amount of time and their heads are harder than rocks.

Consequently, such abstract concepts as "Tuesday Morning" and "Lunchtime" are completely beyond their comprehension. (This difficulty generates problems particularly when dealing with the girlfriend/boyfriend/spouse and attempting to explain why you were "gone for so long" or why something is taking "so long to occur.")

- from [uncyclopedia.wikia.org](http://uncyclopedia.wikia.org)

## HOLIDAY BANQUET



Saturday, December 16 at 6:00 PM  
Atlantis Country Club  
190 Atlantis Blvd Atlantis FL 33462

\$10 for members who volunteer 4 hours or more  
at the show

\$20 for non-volunteers and guests  
80 person maximum



CASH BAR

GIFT EXCHANGE

\$10 value - lapidary related

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 11 - West Palm Beach, FL: Field Trip to Norton Museum of Art. See information on Page 9.

Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19 - West Palm Beach, FL: Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead, and Fossil Show. Saturday 9 am - 6 pm. Sunday 10 am - 5 pm. See information on Page 8.

Saturday, December 2 - Lake Worth, FL: Glass Blowing Class. 10 am - Noon. See information above.

Friday, December 16 - Atlantis, FL: GMSPB Holiday Banquet. See information on the left.

Sunday, January 14 - Hollywood, FL: Tri-County Picnic at TY Park. 10am - 4pm. See information on Page 3.

Know of an event that might be of interest to other club members? Send information to Laura Phillips, the Newsletter Editor, and we can put it in the next newsletter!



# FIELD TRIP!!!

Norton Museum of Art  
Saturday, November 11  
12:00 Noon

The Norton Museum is undergoing extensive renovations which means admission is currently FREE! Even with the construction it's a fantastic place to visit. We are incredibly lucky to have this "gem" in our own backyard!

Whether you enjoy classical art, modern sculpture or exquisite jade pieces from the orient - this trip is for you!

Club members will meet at 12:00 pm at the museum information desk.

More information is available on their website [www.norton.org](http://www.norton.org).



## Club Purpose

To associate persons of the Palm Beach area of Florida who are interested in earth sciences, to work together as an organization in the gathering, cutting, displaying, and studying of rocks, shells, artifacts, and any kind of scientific objects of interest to the individual and the organization, to promote community interest in these objects.

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# October Prizes

## 50/50 Raffle

### Door Prizes

Small mineral specimens

### Raffle Drawings

Small mineral specimens

Amethyst crystals

Pyrite crystal



Come to the meeting by 7:30 PM to get a free ticket for our great door prizes!

We always appreciate your kind donations of hobby related items to use for extra door prizes and raffle items! To donate...just drop them off at a meeting!

Keith Klein, Auction Coordinator

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## Member Highlight: *Ilene & Don Tassig*

Originally from Long Island, New York, Ilene was an actress and singer. Don played baseball for the major leagues. He played for the San Francisco Giants, the Saint Louis Cardinals and the Houston *Astros when they were known as the Colt 45's. They* sold their business, a squash court, to move to Jupiter, Florida 17 years ago.

Don and Ilene have been members of the GMSPB *for about six months. While Ilene doesn't recall* exactly when they became rockhounds, she has always been crafty, starting with beaded jewelry and tie dye. They have been to William Holland several times and have worked some flumes in North Carolina. Ilene has taken classes with the gem and mineral club in Port Saint Lucie.

Both Don and Ilene like to hike and are planning future trips. They now deal in polymer clay jewelry and cabochons, and have a table at Sailfish Marina and Harborside in Jupiter, pictured at the left.



## *This is Boo!*

This is Boo - Jennifer Martin's African Grey parrot.

He is 24 years old. He originally belonged to Jen's mother, but she adopted him when she moved to an assisted living facility 2 years ago.

African Greys can live to about 50 years in captivity, so that puts Boo at middle age.

He was domestically bred in Florida, but these birds are native to - you guessed it - Africa.

Boo knows many words and phrases and has an impressive repertoire of sounds. He is very smart. He talks with the dog, dances with Jen and mimics the microwave sound so closely that I think I have forgotten something in it. He has an enormous personality and is a huge part of the Martin family!



*Do you have a pet that we could feature next month? Please send a picture and a little information to Laura Phillips at [laura@ahphillips.com](mailto:laura@ahphillips.com).*

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### **VOLUNTEERTIME FOR THE ANNUAL SHOW!!!**

November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the weekend of our annual show, will be here before we know it!! Our 51<sup>st</sup>!!!! That means it is time to start thinking about volunteering NOW. Here's a list of volunteer positions and the duties required. YOU can make a difference! Without you, our society members, it would be impossible to fill the many time periods necessary to make the 2017 show the best show yet! Over 100 volunteer shifts need to be filled. **The club cannot run without the proceeds from the show!!**

### **PLEASE LET US COUNT ON YOU.**

#### **THURSDAY Set-up crew - NOVEMBER 16TH**

Approximately 6 people are needed to move tables around and set up each booth area. We will be supervising Fairgrounds help in the placement of tables according to our floor plan. Also, we will be able to do the Society's setup on Thursday. We have hired help to do the heavy lifting, but we still need members to assist in directing helpers on where unloaded materials go at the fairgrounds. Materials such as our display cases, from the storage unit, must be loaded in the rented truck, and brought to the Fairgrounds, unloaded and set-up. We will also be setting up the flume.

#### **FRIDAY SET/UP/SUNDAY TAKE DOWN - NOVEMBER 17th and 19th**

As many volunteers as we can get are needed to set-up during the day on Friday and to take-down after the show from 5:00 PM on Sunday. Friday, the display cases need to be assembled, as well as many odds and ends jobs too numerous to go into here. On Sunday, after the show is over, everything must be packed up, loaded in the truck, and delivered back to the storage area. Again, we have hired help to do the heavy lifting, but we still need members to assist in directing helpers on where materials go to be loaded into the truck. We also will need some people to go to the storage location to direct the hired help on where to put the unloaded materials

#### **TICKET TAKERS, NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> and 19th**

Two people are needed for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities include taking tickets at the entrance doors, tearing the ticket in half, depositing one half in the box, and giving the second half to the guest. This position requires either sitting on a stool or standing. Requirements include a pleasant, friendly, helpful, courteous, and kind personality. At times, ticket takers are very busy. This is a very important position because ticket takers are the "first impression" that people get of our society.

#### **INFORMATION TABLE - NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> and 19th**

Three people are necessary for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities include answering questions concerning the show, checking in volunteers and giving them their badges and providing information about our society's activities. Information attendants should be able to direct visitors and provide information about everything from who is in charge, to where a particular dealer is located. This position requires sitting at the information desk. The ability to be pleasant and helpful, without getting flustered, is important.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND PRIZE DRAWING - NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> and 19th**

Two people per 2-hour time slot are needed. Responsibilities include encouraging people to purchase tickets for the prize drawing of the many items available. It is extremely important to be friendly, inviting, cheerful, and encouraging without being insistent. This position requires some standing. The main objective is to point out the items that may be won with only a \$1.00 ticket

#### **SHOW SECURITY - NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> and 19th**

Two to four people are needed for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities are to observe people, watch for those acting in a disorderly manner (for example, drunk, smoking, or shoplifting), and report it to Show Chairman, Committee Chairperson, Fairgrounds Security, or Armed Security. Show Security guards should NEVER confront or accuse anyone. They ONLY report the incident. Greeting the public in a friendly manner is also important. This position requires walking around or standing. **PLEASE DO NOT SHOP OR SIT DOWN AND EAT DURING YOUR SHIFT.**



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### DEMONSTRATIONS- NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

People are needed to demonstrate their skills during each 2-hour time slot. The area is large enough for several demonstrators to present simultaneously. This is the opportunity to greet the public and show-off by participating in beading, stained glass, wire wrapping, chain making, or any other lapidary skills. If you are interested in volunteering to demonstrate at the show, please contact demonstration coordinator Kelly Azor-Anderson at 561-635-7619

### LUNCH ON SET-UP DAY - NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

Lunch will be served to the dealers, society members, and fairgrounds workers on Friday, set-up day. We need someone who will shop for the supplies (we have a list - sandwich makings, drinks, salad, plates, utensils, donuts, coffee, etc.) Everyone makes their own sandwiches. You would be advanced funds for shopping. Serving is buffet style. We need a couple of volunteers there to oversee the buffet between 9am and 5pm - 2 hour shifts.

### MINING/ FOSSIL DIG/ GEODE CRACKING/ SPINNING WHEEL GAME – NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

We need the following people *for each 2-hour time slot* to run the mining area effectively. Duties include:

- 2 people working together to collect money and use an iPad for credit card payments, enter inventory on an iPad and give out tickets
- 1 person to crack geodes
- 1 person for working the Spin-the-Wheel game and for keeping the table stocked with prizes. The game involves a table marked with squares that correspond to numbers on the wheel. The player wins the prize in the square matching the number on the wheel.
- 1 person to identify fossils and gemstones at the flume area. Volunteers will be briefed on what fossils and gemstones are available in the dig and mine. There will be cards available with fossil samples and rough gemstone samples to aid in identification if participants request the information.
- 1 person to help visitors select geodes.
- 1 person to fill bucket bags and fill buckets as needed.
- 1 person to keep the flume running smoothly, moving used gravel, handing out screens, etc.

*This is a very active area and these volunteer positions, with few exceptions, are not sedentary positions.*

Please remember, if you commit to an assigned position, please perform those duties *unless asked to temporarily work in in an extra busy area.*

If you really want your choice of positions, remember to contact us early, it is first come first serve.

The form can be turned in to any of the persons listed below, in whichever manner is easiest for you.

Turn the form in at any upcoming Membership meeting, Email, phone or mail

Dianna Ray  
561-707-6753  
countrycutie29@aol.com

Walt Triche  
561-628-1031  
wtriche@gmail.com

Lee Miller  
561-329-8872  
wilfredl2244@yahoo.com

By mail: GMSPB Volunteers  
PO Box 18095  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

(use additional sheet if necessary)

Please circle the shifts for which you are available:

Thursday, Nov. 16 (set-up)	9-11am	11am-1pm	1-3pm	3-5pm
Friday, Nov. 17 (set-up, lunch)	9-11am	11am-1pm	1-3pm	3-5pm
Saturday, Nov. 18	9-11am	11am-1pm	1-3pm	3-6pm (3 hours)
Sunday, Nov. 19	10 - Noon	Noon - 2pm	2 - 5pm (3 hours)	5 - ?pm (take down)

# Remembering the 2016 Show





# SHOP TALK

## Open Shop Schedule



Open shop is available for members use only, but visitors are welcome to stop by during open shop hours. Open shop fees are \$5.00 for the first 3 hours and \$7.00 for time over three hours.

Important! Members must complete a 6 class Certification Class before using the cabbing equipment. This class runs for six consecutive weeks for 3 hours each week to provide safety instructions and cabbing techniques. If you received training elsewhere, you will still need to demonstrate your proficiency before using shop equipment. For information on cabbing certification please call Susan Cairl @ 561-293-1298

### Open Shop Hours:

- Mondays 10:30am - 5:00pm, Samantha Lazzaro, Shop Steward - 631-764-6556
- Tuesdays Evenings by Appointment - Laura Simmons, Shop Steward - 407-234-0444
- Thursdays 12:30pm - 3:30pm, Dennis Rietwyk, Shop Steward - 561-255-0292
- Fridays 6:00pm - 9:30pm, Susan Cairl, Shop Steward - 561-293-1298

“Stuff Happens” so please call first to verify the shop will be open as scheduled. If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Steward, to confirm.

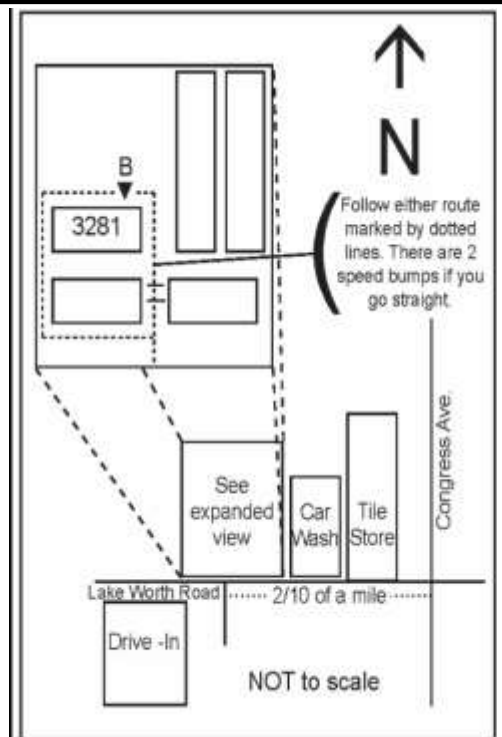
## Shop Report

Open shop is available for lapidary, metal work, enameling, fused glass, classes and to use the library. You must be certified to use the kiln! For kiln certification and classes, please call Samantha Lazzaro.

At the present time, kiln use is limited to Monday Open Shop Hours. For beginning silversmith classes, please call Laura Simmons. Additional classes will be announced as they become available. When visiting the shop please know:

- ◆ You will be asked to sign a one-time liability waiver and be given a copy of the shop rules
- ◆ Always sign in and out of the log book and complete the information on the sign in sheet
- ◆ Drinks and food are permitted in the outer room only
- ◆ There is no fee to use the library or reference videos available in the shop

The street address of the shop is:  
3281 Lake Worth Road, Suite B, Lake Worth, FL 33461



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha 561/372-2359	Open Shop** 6-9 PM <b>RSVP ONLY!</b> Laura 407/234-0444	<b>1</b> BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM @ Shop	<b>2</b> Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis 561/255-0292	<b>3</b> Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	<b>4</b>
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<b>12</b>	Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha 561/372-2359	Open Shop** 6-9 PM <b>SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING</b> 7:30 PM at Shop	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM @ Science Center	Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	<b>18</b> GMSPB SHOW 9 AM - 6 PM
<b>19</b> GMSPB SHOW 10 AM - 5 PM	Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha 561/372-2359	Open Shop** 6-9 PM <b>RSVP ONLY!</b> Laura 407/234-0444	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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## CALL BEFORE GOING TO OPEN SHOP!!

Always call the shop steward before going to the shop.

Open shop sessions may be cancelled or changed due to scheduling conflicts.

If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop

Steward, to arrange for open shop.

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10	11 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha 561/372-2359	12 Open Shop** 6-9 PM <b>RSVP ONLY!</b> Laura 407/234-0444	13 <b>MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b> 7:30 PM @ Science Center	14 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis 561/255-0292	15 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	16 <b>HOLIDAY BANQUET</b>
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## CALL BEFORE GOING TO OPEN SHOP!!

Always call the shop steward before going to the shop.

Open shop sessions may be cancelled or changed due to scheduling conflicts.

If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop

Steward, to arrange for open shop.



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### AVAILABLE CLASSES

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	COST	DATE/TIME/NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Introduction to Chainmail</li> <li>◇ How to Use the Jumpringer</li> <li>◇ Introduction to Metalsmithing</li>   <li>◇ Viking Wire Weave</li> </ul>	Laura Simmons 407/234-0444	\$30 + \$10 materials fee \$10 + \$5 materials fee \$50 + \$30 materials (copper) or \$60 materials (silver) \$30 + \$15 fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Art Clay Silver	Michelle Renné 561/644-2323	\$50 + est. \$85 materials fee (depending on cost of silver)	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cabochon sessions Six 3-hr sessions	Susan Cairl 561/293-1298	\$75 + \$20 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cold Connections Class Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Explosion Pendant</li> <li>◇ Fold Forming Bracelet w/Beveled Stone Setting</li> <li>◇ Scrapbook Bracelet (rivets)</li> <li>◇ Metal Etching &amp; Air Chasing Bracelet</li> <li>◇ 3D Pendant w/Druzy Stone Slice NEW!</li> </ul>	Arlene Lazzaro 516/810-3495	\$40 + \$35 materials fee \$40 + \$35 materials fee \$40 + \$35 materials fee \$40 + \$40 materials fee \$40 + \$40 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Embellished Multi-Metal Jewelry	Michelle Renné 561/644-2323	\$40 + \$20 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Enameling	Samantha Lazzaro 561/372-2359	\$40 + \$50 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Flat Lap	Susan Cairl 561/293-1298	\$40 + \$10 supplies fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Fused Glass (Beginner)	Harriet Flashenburg 561/733-1466	\$50 + \$50 materials fee	Four afternoon sessions Class taught in season only. Contact instructor to arrange.
Gem Tree	Dianna Ray 561/707-6753	TBD	Contact instructor to arrange.
Metalsmithing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Alien Prong Ring</li> </ul>	Arlene Lazzaro 516/810-3495	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Non-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné 561/644-2323	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Wire Fan Bracelet Class	Debi Kachman 561/568-8736	\$30 + \$20-50 materials fee (depending on metal) OR supply list can be provided	Contact instructor to arrange.
Wire Sculpture Class	Debi Kachman 561/568-8736	\$30 + \$20-50 materials fee (depending on metal) OR supply list can be provided	Contact instructor to arrange.

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each year and is due by the end of  
February of the new year.*

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Gem & Mineral Society  
P.O. Box 18095  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-8095

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West Palm Beach, FL 33405  
561/833-4073

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Over 3 hours shop time - \$7

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