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The next general membership meeting will be held
Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM

4800 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach FL 33405 (across from the Science Center)

January Program — Petrified Wood

Petrified wood is a snapshot of an ancient plant, captured forever in stone. Among the most fascinating and beautiful works of Nature's art, these highly collectible fossils can show the most minute detail of plant anatomy while mesmerizing us with their stunning colors and patterns. Alan Meltzer will display a few specimens from his large collection and tell us about these amazing rocks.

Junior Rockhounds Program — Mounting and Displaying Collections

This month, we will take a break from the science of rocks and focus on the artistic side of our collections. We will mount our samples in display cases that will make it easy to take to school or to shows. Please bring a dozen or so nice samples about the size of a quarter and a hot glue gun if you have one. Here's a peek at what we will be doing: http://www.amnh.org/ology/features/stufftodo_earth/rockcollection_do3.php

President's Message

Message from the incoming President – Michelle Renné...

First of all, I hope everyone had a great holiday and Happy 2015!

Second, I'm back! This is my third time as Prez. I am looking forward to a fantastic year for our club. There are many new changes coming up for the betterment of our club. These will be explained in the newsletters and at the meetings.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions, comments or information.

About KILN CERTIFICATIONS –

There will be 4 types of kiln use which can be done specifically for your needs:

(1) ART CLAY SILVER (2) FUSED GLASS (3) ENAMELING (4) METAL ANNEALING

There will be a binder in the shop with the description of each type, directions, and a list of certified members. I will keep you updated with the progress.

Michelle Renné

January Birthdays



Ruth Chenoweth ♦ Rhonda Grammer ♦ Sue Harrison ♦ Pamela Lambie
Samantha Lazzaro ♦ Dennis Rietwyk ♦ Charlotte Simo ♦ Mary Ann Stamper
Carol Swete ♦ Jeff Ursillo ♦ Marian Wells

You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old. ~ George Burns

Door Prizes... Raffle Items

Raffles items for this month:

Petrified wood branch ♦ pearl & crystal ring ♦ silver ring w/stone ♦ agate slices ♦ jasper slice ♦ necklace w/glass pendant ♦ jasper cabochon ♦ turquoise cabochon ♦ Herkimer diamond

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

Door prizes for this month:
mineral specimen ♦ small cabochons ♦ sea shells

We always appreciate your kind donations of hobby-related items that we can use for extra door prizes and raffle items! To donate...just drop them off at a meeting! Keith Kline, Raffle Coordinator

MICROMOUNTERS

Our group *usually* meets the first Thursday of the month from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM. Bring a microscope, minerals, questions, and (maybe a yummy treat?). We always have lots of giveaways. We will teach you to identify minerals and how to mount micro-minerals. If you don't have a microscope, we have extras and some are for sale at reasonable prices.

Please RSVP KC Foster at 561/523-4600

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.

Welcome New Members!!!

Susan Merz from West Palm Beach

Lynda Koehler from Palm Beach Gardens

Jr. Member Jonathan Satler from
Boynton Beach

Daniel Pecoraio from Lake Worth

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Sunshine Committee

Get well cards went out to Ruth Chenoweth and Jeff Slutzky.

Call **Lo Rain** and let her know who needs a little sunshine sent their way! 561/827-5793

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Minutes of the December 10, 2014 General Membership Meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by **Barbara Ringhiser**, President. New members and guests were welcomed.

Minutes: The November general meeting minutes printed in *The Rockhound* were accepted. Susan Cairl will be the acting Secretary at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's report tonight. The next report will be at the January general membership meeting.

Jr. Rockhounds: Larry Deaton reported that the Jr. Program for this month is about crystals and how to make them.

Newsletter: Barbara informed members that there are extra copies of the newsletter here tonight.

Website: No report this evening.

Membership: Susan Cairl informed members that it is time to renew club memberships. New members and renewals received in November and December of this year are purchased at the current price and will run through the end of 2015. Single membership is \$15, family membership is \$25 and Jr. Rockhound membership is \$10. We had 7 new members join at the show this year.

Sunshine Committee: Lo Rain reported that she sent get well cards to Ruth Chenoweth and Jeff Slutzky. Contact Lo to send a card to a member.

Classes: Arlene will be holding Cold Connections classes starting the end of January. The first class will be the Fold Forming Bracelet with Beveled Setting with Stone class. Contact Arlene for information or to sign up.

Field Trips: Alan Meltzer discussed having a field trip to Quartzsite, in western Arizona. Quartzsite hosts a huge Pow-wow Rock, Gem & Mineral Show at the end of January, which is a preview to the Tucson show. This is a fantastic show and prices are very reasonable. Dealers go to Quartzsite to buy items to sell at the Tucson show. Alan has been attending for many years and can provide information about the show and the area. Contact Alan for information.

Shop: Susan Cairl informed members that she is giving Cabochon Classes for members who would like to learn. There is additional equipment in the shop that will be made available for member use. We now have an intarsia machine, and flat lap available. At the beginning of next year, we will have a vibratory flat lap available. The Cabochon class is a requirement to use this equipment. The class is \$60 and the materials fee is \$10. Michelle Renné will be holding a certification course on use of the kiln, so members can use it for enameling, art clay silver, and glass work. Ed Flashenburg will be holding a certification course on the big saw after the first of the year. The library is free of charge and tapes are available for viewing. Deposits are required to check out library items. There are a number of items that have been checked out for a very long time. Please return library items so that other members can use the materials. Open shops are Tuesday nights from 6-9PM and Thursday afternoons from 12:30 -3:30 PM. KC Foster is doing open shop on Friday nights 6-9 PM. Cost is \$5.

Programs: Alan Meltzer informed members tonight is the member Show and Sell.

Show: Barbara Ringhiser informed members that the show report is in the newsletter. Attendance was over 2000, over 80 vendors, mine area made about \$2,000, raffle area made over \$1100. We had 2 speakers and all seats were filled for both presentations. The expanded Jr. Rockhound area was a big success. Thank you to all the show committee members: Kelly Azor, KC Foster, Jennifer Martin, Peter Parviainen, Lo Rain, Dianna Ray, Michelle Renné, Deb Slutzky, and Jenny Wright. We will know how much money the show will be giving to the club in January.

Social Events: The next social event will be the Holiday Banquet on Saturday, December 13th at 6 PM at the Atlantis Country Club. The entrance is on Congress Road, south of JFK Hospital and North of Lantana Road. Stop at the Guard House and tell them that you are going to the country club, they can provide directions. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped hobby-related gift worth \$10. The banquet is free for volunteers who worked at least 4 hours at the show. The charge for members who have not volunteered for 4 hours is \$15 and the charge for guests is \$25. The banquet is currently full, but there are usually some cancellations, so please sign up if you haven't already and would like to attend. The next tri-club TY Park Picnic and Show and Sell will be Sunday, January 18 and starts at 10 AM. The event will be at Pavilion #9 at TY Park. Bring a potluck dish to share, your table service and drinks. There will be raffles and bingo (which pay for the pavilion), so please bring an item or two or three to donate as prizes. There is no charge to set up a table and sell club-related items. More information is in the newsletter.

Old Business:

During the meeting was the vote on the amended and restated Articles of Incorporation. A copy of the proposed articles and a copy of the current articles were sent out to members over 2 weeks ago. The amended and restated articles are much shorter than the current articles. The portions that were removed from the current articles were moved to the Standing Rules (not the By-laws as previously stated) in order to maintain how the club operates. The Standing Rules may be amended at any time without notice. We need the majority of members here tonight to vote in favor in order to pass it. We need 2/3 of the membership here tonight to vote in favor of the amended and restated articles in order to pass it. The Articles of Incorporation changes are in order to satisfy the IRS regulations of a 501 (c) (3) corporation. Our club has many benefits as a 501 (c) (3) organization, including the ability to solicit grants. In order to solicit and obtain grants, our paperwork must also meet the proper requirements of a 501 (c) (3) corporation. A ballot was provided to all members in attendance. The amended and restated Articles of Incorporation were passed unanimously. There were 38 votes in favor, none opposed. Appending the removed current Articles of Incorporation to the Standing Rules was passed unanimously. There were 38 votes in favor, none opposed.

Since we did not have a full Nominating Committee this year, nominations for officers for 2015 were taken from the floor. Jenny Wright was nominated as Treasurer, Dianna Ray was nominated for Secretary, Amber Griggs was nominated for 2nd Vice President, Gayle Langford was nominated for 1st Vice President, and Michelle Renné was nominated for President. There were no other nominations from the floor. Since all nominated officers are running unopposed, a motion was made for the acting Secretary, Susan Cairl, to cast the elected ballot of the corporation for these nominees. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor and none opposed. Susan Cairl voted in favor for the entire slate of officers. The officers will be installed in the Holiday Banquet on Saturday, December 13.

Next year, we will have a full Nominating Committee and the members are Lo Rain, Larry Piper, and Arlene Lazzaro.

New Business:

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7th, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the shop. Everyone is welcome. The board meeting night has been changed to the first Wednesday of the month.

The Museum will have their last Friday night event of the year and it falls on the day after Christmas. The event starts at 6 PM. If you would like to participate and promote our club at this event, contact Barbara Ringhiser.

Barbara thanked members who volunteered at events like the museum and schools. KC Foster did an event at Okeehelée Middle School. Lo Rain, Dianna Ray, and Ron Ketelaar did the STEM night at Pine Jog Elementary. Jenny Wright and Ron Ketelaar worked with the cub scouts at the Science Museum for their Geology Belt Loop. KC Foster and Arlene Lazzaro are planning on participating in GEMS (Girls that Excel in Math and Science) on Tuesday, January 27th if anyone would like to participate.

Geology Day at the Boy Scouts was started by Bill Grimes, a member of our club. For the first 2 years, the club provided 90% of the volunteers that staffed the Cub Scout program and 10% of the Boy Scout program. The first year about 600 Cub Scouts and 100 Boy Scouts went through the program.

Since Dianna Ray will be Secretary, we need a replacement to help out with Refreshments along with Arlene Lazzaro. See Barbara if you are interested.

Now that Susan Cairl is the Head Shop Steward, we need a volunteer for Membership Secretary. See Barbara if you are interested.

Alan Meltzer informed members that there is a nationwide crack-down on artifact and fossil collecting. Federal and State laws are being passed to make collecting illegal. Many of these laws are being enforced and many collectors have been arrested. ALAA (American Land Access Association) is an organization that protects public lands for public use and educates about legislation. The Florida Antiquities Act deemed that fossils were considered antiquities and therefore they were a national resource of the State of Florida and meant to be preserved. The ALAA has a website with more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next general meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM and will be held at the former Garden Center (across from the Science Center).

Submitted by Deb Slutzky, Secretary



Congratulations to the Officers for 2015!

The officers were installed during the Holiday Banquet at the Atlantis Country Club on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

Our officers for 2015, from left to right, are:

Jenny Wright—Treasurer
Dianna Ray—Secretary
Amber Griggs—2nd Vice President
Gayle Langford—1st Vice President
Michelle Renné—President

The Holiday Banquet was a festive affair. We had a very large turnout, 74 attendees!! The Atlantis Country Club proved to be an excellent venue and location for the event. More pictures will be posted to the website this month!



The Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches is now registered with smile.amazon.com.



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization “The Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches” every time you shop, at no cost to you. Due to our 501 (c) (3) corporation status we are eligible for this program. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price (0.5%) to The Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. You can use this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6196330> to access smile.amazon.com for The Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches.

What Does the Eastern Federation Do For You?

By Fred Schaefermeyer, EFMLS President 1990. Revised 2014

The Eastern Federation is an umbrella group comprised of 130+ rock, mineral and fossil clubs in the eastern portion of the U.S. Each member club operates independently, but the Federation provides many services to them. Here are some of the benefits that your clubs' membership in the Federation brings to you.

1. Wildacres. The Federation sponsors two sessions each year in a cool mountain-top setting near Little Switzerland in North Carolina. Offered at the sessions are seminars in various facets of the earth sciences, classes in hobby related activities such as faceting, capping, silversmithing, micromounting, forging, photography, judging and many others. The cost is minimal at less than \$350 per week for a one-week session. This is a per-person cost and covers lodging in clean comfortable rooms and all meals.
 2. Slide Programs for Club Meetings. For the cost of return postage and insurance you can select any of 400 plus slide, video and DVD programs for your monthly meetings. Programs are listed in the EFMLS Directory and encompass all facets of club related hobbies.
 3. Bulletin Editors Contest. To encourage improvement and development of club bulletins/newsletters, the Federation sponsors a Bulletin Editors Contest each year where editors can enter their bulletins as well as original articles written by their members. The top three in each of several categories are automatically forwarded and entered in the AFMS Contest.
 4. Annual Show & Convention. The Federation conducts their convention each year in connection with a show sponsored by a member club. Federation business conducted at this show is open to all members of Federation Clubs in good standing. Each Club is represented with two voting members at this annual meeting. The shows are always excellent and members should attend if possible.
 5. All American Club Award Program. In keeping with the AFMS All American Club Award Program, the Eastern Federation conducts a screening/selection of club entrants and forwards the winners to the American Federation for their review and selection of the AFMS All American Club. Entering this competition provides clubs with an excellent review of their activities.
 6. AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. A program to provide recognition to one adult member (or couple) of each club and one junior member who takes the time to teach others their expertise in the earth science and hobby/craft areas or who does an exemplary job for their club. Each club selects its own recipient with the honorees being listed in the AFMS and EFMLS Newsletters.
 7. Junior Activities. The Eastern Federation has a committee that is set up to guide clubs in the establishment and operation of junior activities. The EFMLS program is tied in with the excellent American Federation Junior Activities Merit Badge program.
 8. Club Insurance. Through a program established by the Eastern Federation, Clubs can purchase low cost liability and/or accident insurance to cover their activities including field trips. Such insurance often is the difference in whether or not a club is accorded access to collecting sites.
 9. Informational and Instructional Pamphlets. The EFMLS Supplies Chairman carries a series of low cost pamphlets concerning the operation of many club activities. These, along with Federation badges and pins are available to any accredited club member for a very nominal fee.
 10. AFMS Scholarship Award Program. In furtherance of the ideals and charters of the EFMLS and their many clubs, the Federation conducts fund raising projects for monies for the AFMS Scholarship Fund. Recipients of grants are graduate students working toward Master and Doctorate Degrees in some phase of the earth sciences. As many students are helped as the interest of the fund will permit, with the principle continuing as an endowment. Each participating regional federation names an honorary scholarship recipient who in turn helps select the students for the awards. Currently Eastern can select two students per year and the grants are for a two-year period each.
 11. Show Coordinator. The Federation has a Show Coordinator who, when consulted, will help schedule shows so that nearby clubs will not schedule shows at the same time and compete for the same audience. This of course, only works when the people who are putting on the shows check with the coordinator. The Show Coordinator also sees that club show information appears in the EFMLS News.
 12. Uniform Rules Committee. In order to have fair competition throughout all clubs, the EFMLS has established a committee to set up rules for competition. This Committee works with and holds membership in their counterpart, The AFMS Rules Committee. Thus, all the competitors throughout all the Federations within the AFMS are following the same guidelines for show competition.
 13. EFMLS Newsletter. A Newsletter is published monthly, usually except July and August. Two copies of this publication is sent to each club, one to the President and one to the Editor and if your club has a Liaison Officer, one is sent to that person as well. This publication keeps the pertinent programs of the Federation "on the front burner" and apprises the membership of current happenings. If you are not getting information about the EFMLS in your own club newsletter, ask about it! Individual subscriptions are available for a nominal fee and can be obtained by writing to the EFMLS Editor. The EFMLS Newsletter can also be downloaded from the Federation website <www.amfed.org/efmls>.
 14. Communication, Coordination and Cohesion. One of the most important functions of the Federation is that of providing information to, and receiving information from their member clubs. This primarily is done through committees, the Regional Vice Presidents, Area Representatives, Club Liaison Officers, and Club Officers. The Federation must also insure coordination and cooperation between clubs as well as with the other Federations and the AFMS. This is accomplished through committee representation on AFMS committees. With good communication, coordination and cooperation, cohesion is automatic and without added effort.
 15. Publicity. Through both the EFMLS Newsletter and EFMLS website (www.amfed.org/efmls), information about your club and club show can be disseminated to a vast audience. Member clubs of the EFMLS are listed, along with contact information, on the website as are all shows that are listed in the newsletter each month.
- If you have a question about the Eastern or American Federation, contact information is on the website (www.amfed.org/efmls).

The American Land Access Association, Who Are They and What is Their Purpose?

In 1991, the President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) appointed a select committee to recommend ways to make the Federation more effectively responsive to the political challenges of increasing regulation and decreasing access to public lands that state and federal land management agencies were imposing on amateur fossil and mineral collectors. The committee recommended that the AFMS form a separate 501(c)(4) organization whose primary purpose would be to promote the amateur collectors' interests in present and proposed policies, rules, regulations and legislation with State and Federal land managers, elected officials and legislators. In compliance with that recommendation, the AFMS directors voted to establish the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) in July 1992 at their convention in Brunswick, Ohio. The association is a 501 (c)(4) (non-profit) organization which means that all moneys raised by the association can go toward lobbying activity. Donations and memberships to ALAA are not tax-deductible.

The purpose of the association is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Their work began immediately! Within days of the July meeting, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) introduced the Vertebrate Paleontological Resources Protection Act of 1992 into the U.S. Senate. If enacted, the legislation would have ended amateur fossil collecting on all public lands managed by the Federal government except under supervision of certain degreed paleontologists in "acceptable institutions." The purpose of the association is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Their work began immediately! Within days of the July meeting, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) introduced the Vertebrate Paleontological Resources Protection Act of 1992 into the U.S. Senate. If enacted, the legislation would have ended amateur fossil collecting on all public lands managed by the Federal government except under supervision of certain degreed paleontologists in "acceptable institutions."

ALAA has become an organization that is present wherever there are hobbyist and recreational users of our public lands whose interests and concerns are not being heard or are being jeopardized by proposed policy, regulation or legislation at the local, state and federal level. From defeating the Baucus Bill in 1992 to coordinating massive public protest to the proposed US Forest Service rules (withdrawn) and the Bureau of Land Management's RS (Revised Statutes) 2477 Rights-of-Way (rewritten), the ALAA has earned the respect of public officials from Washington, DC to state capitols across the country as the voice of the amateur and recreational users of public lands. The association has also formed working relationships with many other organizations fighting for private property rights and multiple use of public lands including the Blue Ribbon Coalition as well as treasure hunters, metal detectorists, fishing and hunting enthusiasts, and mining and timber interests. With this network of contacts, the Association reaches into every State and into every Congressional District in the country on a national level. That network provides a swift and effective response to issues brought to our attention.

On another level, many officers, directors and members of the association have developed ongoing working relationships with local, state and federal officials and legislators. This other network provides us with immediate access to and an impact on many proposals for changing regulations, policy or legislation before they become set in the concrete of implementation.

ALAA is also there when there are confrontations in the field and when proposals are made for expanding federal ownership of land such as publicizing and fighting the Heritage Corridor Act, and other attempts to establish additional wilderness areas under federal control.

For more information, see <http://amlands.org/6601.html> and <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/ALAA-NewsletterOct-Dec12-21-11.pdf>.



AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION NEW MEMBERSHIP and ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION
(Must be postmarked or received by December 31 each year)

Member/Contact Name: _____
Last First

Last First

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(if different than above)

Phone Number: _____
Primary Residence Primary Business (if any)

Email Address _____
Name Address

Name Address

Member Signature _____ Date: _____

Send Completed form with renewal Dues to: Dues are: \$25.00 for individual/couple
\$50.00 for a club or society

New Member _____ (✓) Renewal _____ (✓) Amount Enclosed \$ _____

American Lands Access Association
C/O Membership Chairman ALAA Newsletter by Email _____ (✓) or Snail Mail _____ (✓)
P O BOX 54398
San Jose, CA 95154

For more information or questions on membership Email to: membership@amlands.org
Make Checks payable to: American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

A grassroots 501-C-4 Educational, non-profit organization dedicated to keeping public lands multiple use for all.

TY PARK Tri-Club Picnic and Rock Swap & Sale

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 18, 2015 from 10:00AM-4:00 PM. The event will be at Pavilion #9 at TY Park. Main dishes are provided by each club. Bring a potluck dish to share, your table service and drinks (no glass container, please). There will be raffles and bingo (which pay for the pavilion), so please bring an item or two or three to donate as prizes!! This is a fun event and a chance to relax and mingle with club members of the Palm Beach, Gold Coast, and Miami clubs. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, sell tickets, call bingo, and clean-up. There is no charge to set up a table and sell club-related items, just bring your own table and chairs. Plan to arrive around 9:30-10:00 AM to set up.... lunch will begin at 11:30 AM. 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. For more info, call Sean Branigan at 954/592-1503 or KC Foster at 561/523-4600.



Quartzsite Annual Pow Wow, World Famous Gem & Mineral Show

Quartzsite, AZ is famous for its year round rock shows at two venues: Desert Gardens and Tyson Wells, along with all the large rock shops open year-round in town. However, there's also the annual QIA Pow Wow from January 21st to January 25th. On these special Pow Wow days, the entire town seems to be one HUGE rock show, it would take days to see it all.

This is an EXCELLENT opportunity to experience a big league rock show. There will be every kind of rough, specimen and jewelry for sale and thousands of like-minded folks to meet and chat with. The shows are free and the Pow Wow brings in many vendors on their way to the annual Tucson shows. However, their Quartzsite prices are much more "friendly" and the atmosphere much more relaxed.

If you are interested in going to the shows and want more details, contact Alan Meltzer. Travel arrangements will become harder and costlier to make as the show gets closer.

Also see <http://www.desertusa.com/cities/az/quartzsite.html> for more information.

Escape into the World of Jewelry Art with the 5th Annual Great Bead Escape Retreat—March 26-29, 2015

The 2015 retreat will be held March 26-29 at Marywood Retreat Center in Jacksonville, FL.

The retreat is about learning something new, trying something different, making some wonderful new friends, all while making beautiful jewelry. Most of the classes are perfect for the beginner or someone that wants more practice in a certain area. There will be some advanced classes taught.

Our own members, Arlene Lazzaro and Samantha Lazzaro, are instructors at the retreat!

The retreat is All-Inclusive. One price will cover 5 half day classes of your choice, all materials, room and meals. The price of a private room is \$745, plus tax and a shared room is \$695, plus tax. Classes are limited to 6 students. This will guarantee that every attendee will receive personal attention throughout their retreat weekend.

For more information, see <http://www.thegreatbeadescaperetreats.com/>.



If you have something hobby-related to sell contact the newsletter editor at newsletter@gemandmineral.cc.

ADULT T-SHIRT \$16



YOUTH T-SHIRTS \$12



We have G&MSPB cotton T-shirts for sale in adult and youth sizes. Adult T-shirts are yellow and have the club emblem printed in black on the front of the shirt. Adult sizes are S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL. The price is \$16 each. Youth T-shirts are green with black printing. The back of the shirt is decorated with a graphic of a prospector's shovel with the slogan "I Got Rocked At The Last Chance Mine". The club emblem is on the front of the shirt and says "Junior Rockhound." Youth sizes are S, M, L, and XL. The price is \$12. Contact Jeff Slutzky (561/702-7057) for a shirt.



Upcoming Shows....



January 24 – 25, 2015

Panama City Gem & Mineral Society Annual Panama City Gem and Mineral Show

Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4

Bay County Fairgrounds, 2230 East 15th St., **Panama City, FL 32401**

February 7-8, 2015

Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club 38th Annual Show

Sat & Sun 10-5

Kiwanis Island Recreation Center, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd, **Merritt Island, FL 32952**

February 28, 2015

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society Annual Show

Hours: 9:00am - 4:30pm

First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr., **Lakeland, FL 33801**

March 6-7-8, 2015

The Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale

Fri & Sat: 10—6, Sun: 10-5

The Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Ave. N., **Largo, FL 33773**

March 21-22, 2015

Tampa Bay Fossil Club Annual Fossil Fest

Sat 9-6, Sun 10-4

Florida State Fairgrounds, Intersection of I-4 & Hwy 301 just East of **Tampa**

SHOP TALK

Open Shop Schedule

Open shop fees: \$5 for 3 hours, or \$7 for over 3 hours.
No charge to visit the shop to use the library.



Cabbing Open Shops

Tuesday nights 6-9 PM - Shop Steward, Susan Cairl*
Contact Susan at 561/293-1298 before going!

Thursday afternoons 12:30-3:30 PM - Shop Steward, Dennis Rietwyk*
Contact Dennis at 561/641-3214 before going!

Friday nights 6-9 PM—Shop Steward, KC Foster*
Contact KC at 561/523-4600 before going!

Metalworking/Enamel Open Shop

Note: January 18th open shop has been cancelled due to the TY Park Picnic on that day.

The next metal working open shop is scheduled for February 15 from 10 AM - 4 PM.

Call Michelle Renné at 561/644-2323 to confirm.*

This is not a class. Members that have taken Arlene's class or are knowledgeable about metal working or silversmithing are welcome, but there will be no instruction during the open shop. NO saws or cabbing machines will be used. Feel free to bring a lunch and beverage. Call Michelle with any questions.

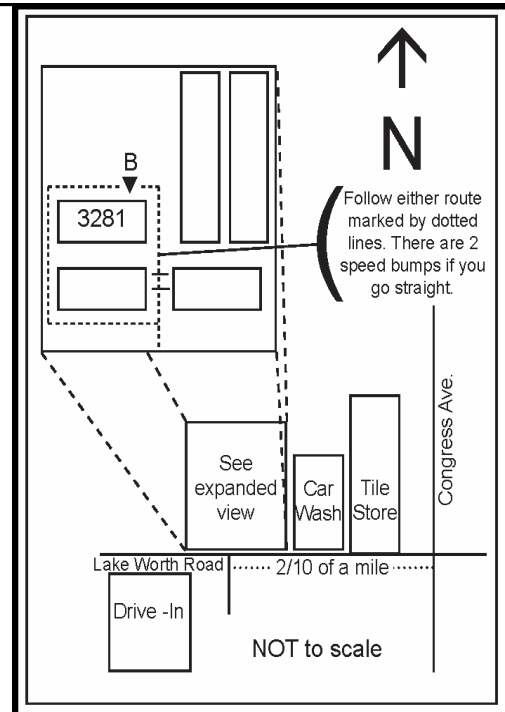
*Always call the shop steward before going to the shop to let them know you are coming! If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop Steward, to arrange for open shop time.

SHOP REPORT

Special bulletin: We have an Intarsia machine and Flat Lap available for use at the shop! To use these machines, members must be certified to use the cabbing equipment in the shop. Just ask the shop steward on duty to get the machine out for you. Some additional instruction will be given by the shop steward.

- ◆ Please remember to sign a new liability waiver on your first visit to the shop and get a copy of the new shop rules.
- ◆ When visiting the shop for any reason, always sign in and out of the log book and fill in all information completely including date, times, reason for visit and any fees paid.
- ◆ Drinks and food are allowed in the shop, but please clean up after yourself and do not leave food or wrappers in the shop.
- ◆ Feel free to bring a project to work on, socialize, use the library, or watch a tutorial on the TV....just have fun!

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



January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	Board Meeting 7:30 PM Shop	Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk 561/641-3214	Open Shop** 6-9PM General Work KC Foster 561/523-4600	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298		Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk 561/641-3214 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM 	Open Shop** 6-9PM General Work KC Foster 561/523-4600	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
TY Park Tri-Club Picnic & Rock Swap/ Sale 10-4		Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298		Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk 561/641-3214	Open Shop** 6-9PM General Work KC Foster 561/523-4600	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	4 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Shop	5 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk 561/641-3214	6 Open Shop** 6-9PM General Work KC Foster 561/523-4600	7
8	9	10 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	11	12 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk 561/641-3214	13 Open Shop** 6-9PM General Work KC Foster 561/523-4600	14 
15 Open Shop** 10AM—4PM Metal Work & Enameling ONLY Michelle 561/644-2323	16 President's' Day 	17 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	18	19 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk 561/641-3214 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM 	20 Open Shop** 6-9PM General Work KC Foster 561/523-4600	21
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AVAILABLE CLASSES

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	COST	DATE/TIME/NOTES
Art Clay Silver	Michelle Renné 561/644-2323	\$50 + est. \$85 materials fee (depending on cost of silver)	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cabochon winter sessions Six 3-hr sessions	Susan Cairl 561/293-1298	\$60 + \$10 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Chain Making: ♦ Japanese Exploration (Beg) ♦ Snake Chain (Adv) ♦ Turkish Round (Adv)	Jen Ursillo 561/412-6634	\$30 + \$25 materials fee \$30 + \$25 materials fee \$30 + \$25 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cold Connections Class Series: ♦ Fold Forming Bracelet w/Beveled Stone Setting ♦ Scrapbook Bracelet (rivets) ♦ Metal Etching & Air Chasing Bracelet ♦ 3D Pendant w/Druzy Stone Slice NEW!	Arlene Lazzaro 516/810-3495	\$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.
Enameling on Copper	Hazel Levin 561/439-6915	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Two 3-hr sessions 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.
Metalsmithing: ♦ Alien Prong Ring	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.
Right Angle Weave Cubes	Jen Ursillo 561/412-6634	\$40 + \$50 for optional kit fee OR supply list can be provided	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.

Learning is fun and so is spending time with other club members!
A portion of every class cost goes back to the club and helps defray
the cost of running the shop.
Help the club, meet friends and have fun—sign up for a class today!!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Junior Membership—\$10.00
(Under age 18)
Single Membership—\$15.00
(Over age 18)
Family Membership—\$25.00
(Includes 2 adults and children under age
18 in a single household)

*Membership expires on December 31st
each year and is due by the end of
February of the new year.*

To renew your membership, make your
check or money order to:

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm
Beaches, Inc. and mail to:

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

NAME TAGS

Available from:
Ace Marking Devices (\$12.00)
3308 S. Dixie Hwy.
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
561/833-4073

SHOP FEES

Up to 3 hours shop time - \$5
Over 3 hours shop time - \$7

SEE CALENDAR FOR OPEN SHOPS

SHOP STEWARDS

Head Shop Steward:
Susan Cairl 561/293-1298

Ed Flashenburg 561/733-1466
KC Foster 561/523-4600
Dennis Rietwyk 561/641-3214

Shop Phone:
561/585-2080

2015 OFFICERS

President*	Michelle Renné	561/644-2323
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2nd Vice President*	Amber Griggs	561/472-4998
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Treasurer*	Jenny Wright	561/634-1427

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Field Trips	KC Foster	561/968-5287
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Librarian	Shop Steward on Duty	
Programs	Amber Griggs	561/472-4998
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Sunshine Committee	Lo Rain	561/827-5793
Social Events	Debi Kachman	561/793-6777

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Send comments or submissions to newsletter@gemandmineral.cc