

The Rockhound

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The next general membership meeting will be held Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM

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

March Program - Quartzsite Slideshow & Mineral ID

This month Debi Kachman will be sharing some nice pictures from the field trip to Quartzsite, Arizona. In addition, we'll be having Mineral Identifications. If you have a rock that you would like identified, bring them in to this month's meeting. Please limit this to 2-3 items per member.

Sorry, No Junior Rockhounds Program in March

Next month's Junior Rockhound Program will in about Geodes, so stay tuned....

President's Message

Since it's St. Patty's Month, why don't we wear GREEN? Extra Door Prize ticket to the "greenies". Bring in your favorite GREEN dessert, appetizer, snack. *NO GREEN BEER !!!* Wear your green jewelry – emeralds, malachite, jade, aventurine, etc.

Congrats to the three Scholarship Winners for 2015: Jeff Slutzky, Jenny Wright and Arlene Lazarro. They have been long time members who have volunteered, donated, shared their time and knowledge with our club. We had several applications submitted from members who have given a lot to our club. Please feel free to apply again next year.

Most of our members renewed their memberships before the fee increase and many have requested to have the newsletter emailed to them saving our club even more! To clarify, anyone that wants their newsletter mailed must now pay a postage fee of \$10 (in addition to the membership fee). Thanks to all of you. It is STILL a bargain for what you get from our club.

Thanks to Margaret Weller for a fascinating program on treasure hunting along OUR coast!

We need volunteers for the Frank Cox show at the fairgrounds on March 28-29. Contact me to volunteer!

Sincerely, Michelle Renné

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

Door Prizes...Raffle I tems

Raffles items for this month:

Pair of earrings ♦ copper wire and glass necklace ♦ 2 silver rings ♦ set of 6 stone coasters ♦ thunderegg slice ♦ Herkimer diamonds ♦ jasper slices

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

Door prizes for this month: 2 small rock slices ♦ 2 small cabochons ♦ shells

We always appreciate your kind donations of hobbyrelated items to use for extra door prizes and raffle items! To donate...just drop them off at a meeting! Keith Kline, Raffle Coordinator

*** Welcome New Members!!!

> Laurie Bye from West Palm Beach Christine Campbell from Boynton Beach Jean Garner from Boynton Beach Linda Hersh from Lake Worth Barbara Torick from Boynton Beach & Jackie Tufford from Jupiter

Sunshine Committee

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

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.

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Minutes of the February 19, 2015 General Membership Meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Michelle Renee, President.

Visitors: Barbara Torres from Boynton Beach, Linda Hirsh from Lake Worth, Lori Bye-President of Palm Beach Bead Society

Program: Margaret Weller – Treasure Hunter (after business meeting)

Treasurer's Report: Jenny Wright gave the treasurer's report.

Minutes: Michelle motioned to accept minutes. Motion seconded. All in favor.

Newsletter: Please let Deb Slutzky know if you would like to add anything to the newsletter.

Raffle: If you would like to donate anything lapidary related for the raffle or door prizes please see Keith Klein.

Website: Ingrid Webster is now the new Webmaster. She is updating to make it so much easier to use.

Upcoming: Keith informed us there is a show at the fairgrounds on the 28th & 29th of March. Michelle said we will have a table set up there if anyone would like to volunteer. Also the fossil club in Tampa is having a show at the fairgrounds in Tampa. Sat March 21st from 11-4 Archeofest at the Science Museum, call Arlene Lazzaro for details. Frank from Gold Coast Treasure Club said on the second Thursday of March they will have a silent auction at the Garden Club at 7:30.

Membership: Michelle has applications for memberships. The club is getting a computer with a new database.

Sunshine Committee: Contact Lo Rain to send a card to a member.

Classes: Arlene will be holding an Acid Etching class on Sat Feb 28th. Michelle has open shop for metal working on Sundays once a month (not a class just working) \$5 for 3 hours or \$7 for the whole day.

Field Trips: Still waiting on the Dinosaur Museum.

Shop: Lo said everything is going well at the shop. Please come down, use the equipment and have fun. Tues night, Thur afternoon or Friday night. Michelle said we may be starting either Sat or Sun times for those who can't get there during the week. We are getting more shop stewards.

Show: Barbara Ringheiser – The show this year is the 21st & 22nd of November. Table set up will be on the 19th and the vendors arrive on the 20th. At this point only 1 large booth is available. There was a show meeting in Jan and will probably be one in March. Jeff Slutzky is organizing a storage clean up in March or April. We are planning on something special for our 50th Annual Show in 2016. Lo said for 2016 we are going to do a really nice poster and/or postcard and encourages anyone who is creative to give input with creative designs, using gold as the theme, to submit to the show committee.

Social Events: Steak dinner w/action is coming up April 19th. We will be auctioning stuff from donations. Amber & Dori are lending us their grill and cooks. Jeff Slutzky will be our auctioneer. If you would like to donate for the auction please see Jeff. Lo gave us wonderful details of her trip to Quartzite. She definitely recommends going to Tuscan. Lo has a wealth of information to share.

Kiln Certification: Michelle has 4 categories - art clay silver, enameling, fused glass and metal annealing. She has printouts and will be setting up times.

Old Business: Eastern Federation and Southeastern Federation links are in the newsletter.

New Business: There are 3 scholarships available and we are taking applications. These are for paid up members in good standing, people who are doing things for the club as a thank you. Please give your application to Michelle.

We need a back up refreshment person. Arlene Lazzaro is doing it but if she needs someone to fill in we need a back up. If anyone wants to bring in something please feel free.

We are increasing the membership dues. You have until Feb 28th to pay at the current rate. We would be keeping the juniors at \$10 raising the singles from \$15 to \$20 and the family from \$25 to \$30. We are trying to get everyone to get their newsletter by email and that will save us a lot of money. If you still want it hard copy in the mail we are asking for \$10 for the year.

Jennifer offered a seat to go to Ruck's Pit a week from Saturday.

Meeting is adjourned @ 8:35 pm.

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Submitted by Dianna Ray, Secretary

Save the Date

Annual Steak Dinner and Auction

The **Annual Steak Dinner** will be April 19, 2015 at the former Garden Club, where we have our monthly meetings. Mark your calendars and save your money!

The Society will supply the steaks and **you bring** your own table service (plates and silverware), drinks, and a side dish to share (we suggest salads, vegetables, or dessert). We will be serving the steaks around noon, so get there early for a good seat. It's free for paid-up members, guests are \$10.00. The auction will follow after we finish eating. The society has received a number of donations and we'll be auctioning off some of them. You can get some nice things to add to your collection or if you have things to donate please let us know.

Members Dori and Bruce Lawson and Amber and Wesley Griggs have offered to lend us a grill and also cook the steaks! Volunteers are needed to setup and cleanup. As always if you can volunteer let us know.

Debi Kachman, Social Events 561-568-8736

February 2015 Show Committee Report

We have had our show meeting on the February 25th.

The show committee volunteers for this year are:

Barbara Ringhiser, Dianna Ray, Kelly Azor, Lo Rain, KC Foster, Deb Slutzky, Michelle Renné, Peter Parviainen, Alan Meltzer, Jenny Wright and Jen Martin. We always have room for more people on the committee.

Dianna and Jenny also volunteered to start working on special activities for our 50th anniversary show next year.

For the first time in recent history we have contacted almost all vendors and are currently full and have a waiting list already. Of course things may change but it's a great start and vendors are excited about this year's show.

We will be having a storage unit cleanup/inventory on April 12th and we can use your help! Please call me to volunteer.

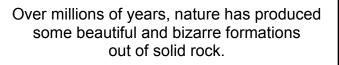
Jeff Slutzky Show Chairman Show Email: <u>show@gemandmineral.cc</u> Cell: 561-702-7057 Home: 561-753-9937

Crazy Rock Formations

Antelope Canyon, located in Navajo Tribal Park in northern Arizona, is one place with some of the most spectacular and unusual rock formations in North America.

Antelope Canyon is a slot canyon, which is a narrow canyon formed by the wear of water rushing through rock, generally sandstone and limestone. These canyons are created in many areas of the world, predominately in areas with low rainfall. A slot canyon is significantly deeper than it is wide, as shown in the beautiful pictures.

Antelope Canyon was formed by erosion of Navajo Sandstone, primarily due to flash flooding in the hot dry climate. Rainwater, especially during monsoon season, runs into an extensive basin above the slot canyon sections, picking up speed as it rushes into the narrow passageways. Over time the passageways erode, making them deeper and smoothing hard edges to form the characteristic "flowing" shapes in the rock.







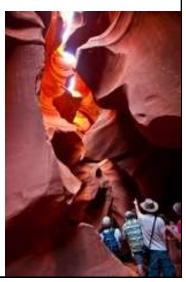
Antelope Canyon is

comprised of two sections, upper and lower, separated by miles of flat desert terrain. The Navajo name for the Upper Antelope Canyon

means "the place where water runs through rocks." The Navajo name for the Lower Antelope Canyon means "spiral rock arches."

The canyon is a popular location for photographers and sightseers. Guided tours are available to see the awesome wonder of the canyon and learn about the Navajo culture.

Sources Cited: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antelope_Canyon</u> <u>http://americansouthwest.net/slot_canyons/antelope_canyon</u> <u>http://navajonationparks.org/htm/antelopecanyon.htm</u>



If you haven't already paid your membership dues for 2015, please fill out the form below and mail to our post office box included in the form or bring it to a meeting. Thank you!

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Upcoming Shows....

March 13-15, 2015 Bead Time Bead Tour Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3 Elks Lodge, 700 NE 10th St, **Pompano Beach**, FL 33060 <u>www.beadalgo.com</u>

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** <u>www.tampabayfossilclub.com</u>

March 28-29, 2015 Frank Cox Gem - Jewelry-Bead Show 10-5 daily South Florida Fairgrounds, 9078 Southern Blvd., **West Palm Beach**, FL 33411 <u>http://www.frankcoxproductions.com/schedule/</u>

April 10-12, 2015 Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society Annual Rock, Mineral, Gem & Jewelry Show Fri 1-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5 Florida National Guard Armory, 2809 South Fern Creek Ave, **Orlando**, FL 32806 <u>www.cfmgs.org</u>

April 10-12, 2015 Annual Venice Shark's Tooth Festival Fri 4-9, Sat 10-9, Sun 10-5 Venice Airport Festival Grounds, 120 E. Airport Ave., **Venice**, FL 34285 <u>http://www.sharkstoothfest.com/</u>

April 18-19, 2015 Miami Mineralogical & Lapidary Guild Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show Sat & Sun 10-6 Evelyn Greer Park 8200 SW 124 St **Pinecrest**, FL <u>www.miamirockandgem.com</u>

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



If members have something hobby-related to sell contact the newsletter editor at <u>newsletter@gemandmineral.cc</u>.



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.

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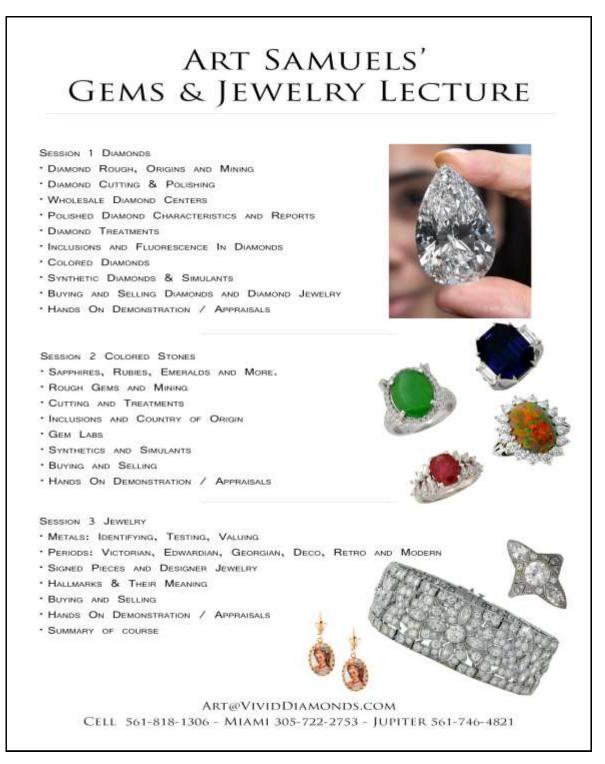
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You can use this link <u>http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6196330</u> to access smile.amazon.com for The Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches.

Art Samuels, Graduate Gemologist, GIA has kindly offered to present his Gems & Jewelry Lecture to members of our club along with the Gold Coast and Miami clubs. Art is the owner of Provident Jewelry stores in West Palm Beach and other Florida locations. Art is a nationally recognized expert in his field with over 25 years experience and serves as the Chairman of the Board of The Diamond Bourse of the Southeast USA and a Director of Miami's Diamond Dealers Club.

Any members interested in the one day class, please contact Michelle Renné at 561/644-2323. The date, location, and time are to be determined. Art will hold the classes for free, but there may be a class charge if we have to rent a room to hold the classes.



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* Friday nights 6:30-9:30 PM - Shop Steward, Susan Cairl* Contact Susan at 561/293-1298 before going!

Thursday afternoons 12:30-3:30 PM - Shop Steward, Dennis Rietwyk* Call or text Dennis at 561/255-0292 before going!

Metalworking/Enamel Open Shop

The next Metalworking open shop is scheduled for March 22 from 10 AM - 4 PM. Call Michelle Renné at 561/644-2323 to confirm the open shop.*

This is not a class. Members that have taken Arlene's class or are knowledgeable about metalworking 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.

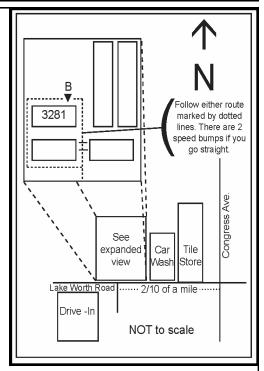
*Always call the shop steward before going to the shop to let them know you are coming! If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop Steward, to arrange for open shop time.

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





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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.
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 561/714-4242	TBD	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!!

President*

Secretary*

Treasurer*

1st Vice President*

2nd Vice President*

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 FFFS

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 Dennis Rietwyk 561/255-0292

> Shop Phone: 561/585-2080

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561/472-4998
561/714-4242
561/634-1427

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Show Chairman*	Jeff Slutzky	561/702-7057

COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Field Trips	KC Foster	561/968-5287
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Programs	Amber Griggs	561/472-4998
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Refreshments	Arlene Lazzaro	516/810-3495
Sunshine Committee	Lo Rain	561/827-5793
Social Events	Debi Kachman	561/793-6777

*Denotes a Voting Member of the Executive Committee.

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