



The Rockhound

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**The next general membership meeting will be held
Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

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

May Program — Peace River

This month's program will be about Florida's famous PEACE RIVER !

Michelle Renne' will share many experiences from her trips there. She will have teeth, bones, etc. to show and help you identify when you go. NOW is the time to go before the rain starts !!!!

Junior Rockhounds Program — Earthquakes

Earthquakes! This month we will take a quick look at what causes earthquakes. There are four major types of earthquakes, do you know what they are? Here are a few videos to get you started: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/videos/earth/whatisanearthquake.html> See ya on Thursday!

President's Message

I guess SUMMER really is here ! Even with the rain it sure beats SNOW !

Thanks for being a member. Without you there wouldn't BE a club ! If you have any information, comments, complaints (don't give them to ME! kidding...), please contact me at 561/644-2323 by phone, text, message or email me at tfhae2@aol.com.

Last month was another prosperous Show-and-Sell for member-dealers and their customers. We had a lot of activity at the tables ! Yummy refreshments filled the voids ! Thanks to Arlene Lazarro !

The 3-club picnic at TY Park was another success. The weather couldn't have been better and due to a glitch with the park we got a HUGE pavilion with a zillion tables and our own bathrooms ! Tons of good food, as usual (thanks to Barbara Ringhiser for, again, baking a luscious ham from our club !) and many members selling, trading, giving away their lapidary treasures. LOTS of raffle prizes and a productive Bingo game.

The next one is in October so get ready !

The Peace River is low and very generous giving up a variety of fossils. I KNOW ! I'VE BEEN THERE AND AM GOING BACK AGAIN SOON !!! Anybody else interested in going ? Call me ! Once the rains start (usually in June) the water level rises and rises. Good for canoeing, bad for fossiling.

I am holding another Kiln Certification at the shop on Sunday, May 17 from 12PM—2PM.

Respectfully,

Sincerely, Michelle Renné

May Birthdays



Mary Koplin ♦ Nick MCollum ♦ Edie McGee-Peterkin ♦ Karin Sexton ♦ Deb Slutzky

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:

- Art glass pendant
- Silver wire & glass bead necklace
- Fossil coral
- Desert rose
- Silver & pink agate ring
- Half of a geode
- Turquoise cabochon
- Kyanite specimen
- 3 Herkimer diamonds

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

Door prizes for this month:

- small cabochons
- mineral specimens

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!

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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Welcome New Members!!!

Morris Rosen from Boynton Beach
Valerie Di Spaltro from Palm Beach Gardens

Sunshine Committee

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

Steak Dinner and Auction 2015

We had another fabulous dinner! Everyone was raving about the steaks.



A BIG THANK YOU to Dori & Bruce Lawson, Amber & Wesley Griggs.

They brought their large grill and cooked the steaks and helped set-up.

They also won a good chunk of the Auction offerings. There were some nice pieces.

We had 58 dinners including 8 guests.

The auction was a big hit, lots of fun, and brought in \$1419.50 for the club!

We had over 5 tables full of specimens this table was donated by Jack Stamper.



Jeff Slutzky was our auctioneer and Gale Langford was our "Vanna White".

On a sad note...

Marge DeGarmo, a long-time member of the Florida Gold Coast Gem & Mineral Society, has passed away recently. Marge and her husband Les attended most of the TY Park picnics. Marge was remembered at a short memorial service during the picnic. She will be missed by all! Our prayers and thoughts go out to Les and his family.

Peter Graves of Graves Lapidary Co in Pompano Beach Florida lost his wife recently. It was unexpected and sudden. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Peter and his family. Graves Lapidary Co. has provided the Florida Gold Coast Gem & Mineral Society with workshop space for many years.



Upcoming Shows....



August 14-16, 2015

Frank Cox Gem-Jewelry-Bead Show

10-5 daily

Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., **Melbourne**, FL 32901

<http://www.frankcoxproductions.com/schedule/>

October 24-25, 2015

St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club Annual Rock, Gem and Jewelry Show

Martin County Fairgrounds

<http://www.slcrockandgem.org/>

Oct 31-Nov1, 2015

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Sat & Sun 10-5

Strawberry Festival Expo Center, **Plant City**, FL

<http://www.tampabayrockclub.com/annualshow.html>



WireFan Bracelet Class May 31, 2015

The class starts at 10:00 breaks 12:30 to 1:30 for lunch and you should be finished by 5:00.

If you're interested the class fee is \$30.00 + materials \$20.00 for copper or \$50.00 for silver. Supply list is available if you want to bring your wire and you should bring your tools.

Some wire work experience preferred.

Class to be held at the shop it's at 3281 Lake Worth Road #B around back next to the office.



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

ADULT T-SHIRT \$16



YOUTH T-SHIRTS \$12



We have GMSPB 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 for a shirt.

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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.

2015 SFMS Workshops

One of the unique facets of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies is their Workshop Program, which offers members the opportunity to gather for week-long, hands-on seminars taught by experienced instructors.

Whether you are a newcomer to the lapidary arts and want to learn the basics, or you're experienced and want to learn something new or hone your skills, the Workshop Program has something for you.

Now offered is 1 week of instruction at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts and 2 weeks at Wildacres Retreat.

2015 WORKSHOP DATES

William Holland June 7 - 13

Wildacres August 17 - 23

Wildacres September 21 - 27

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts (www.lapidary.com) is located in the mountains of north Georgia near the North Carolina border.

Wildacres Retreat (www.wildacres.org) is a privately owned conference center nestled in the North Carolina mountains near Little Switzerland. Please visit their websites for additional information.

The June session at William Holland is coming up fast. There are still openings in most of the classes. There are several new offerings this year. Ray & Tom Benham will be teaching their Tool Making class, first time offered at the school. Leslie Wayment is teaching Wire 4 Beaders, another new offering. For the Jr. Rockhounds, there is a mineral collection/ID class with Scott and Denise Forward and Sandra Bergquist is teaching a wire/chain class.

Wild Acres is offering a Meteorite Symposium during both of their weeks. Leslie Wayment is teaching Wire 4 Beaders in session 3 and Dave Wayment is teaching Intarsia. There is a self help beaders class in session 3—bring your own projects and supplies. It's always fun to bounce ideas off friends. Did you see Tom Benham's article in Lapidary Jewelry Artist about making your own jewelry bench? Danny Griffin can show you how it's done during session 3.

One of the new services offered this year is online payment by credit card.

For more information about the classes, visit <http://www.sfmshworkshops.com/> or follow the SFMS on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southeast-Federation-of-Mineralogical-Societies/317959434999844>.

SFMS Workshops for 2015

Session 1, William Holland, 6/7-13/15

Cabochons	Pat Davis	*Channel Inlay (Adv)	Dave Wayment
Casting	Bill Harr	Tool Making	Tom & Kay Benham
Chain-Maille-Beg & Int.	Kathy Morris	Jr. Rockhounds	Scott Forward
Faceting—Beg. & Int.	Bill Roberts	Jr. Wire & Chain (12-18 Year Olds only)	Sandra Bergquist
Glass Fusing	Rich & Linda Dillon	Opals	Sarah Lee Boyce
Silver I	Nancy English	Wire for Beaders	Leslie Wayment
Seed Beads	Barbara Green	Wire—Beg & int.	Rowan Rose-Morgan

Session 2, Wild Acres, 8/17-23/15

Chain-Maille	Roy Deere	*Advanced Beading	Self Study
Beg. Flint Knapping	Michael Miller	*Adv. Flint Knapping	Michael Miller
Gem ID	Teresa Polly	Cold Connec. & Enamel	Debora Mauser
*Metalwork Special Proj.	Jeff Sheer	Jewelry Bench Building	Danny Griffin
Meteorite—Symposium	Various Speakers	Meteorite—Symposium	Various Speakers
*Silver Filligree	Shannon Stafford	*Soldered Chain-Maille	Roy Deere
Wire Wrap—Beginners	Rowan Rose-Morgan	Opal Crafting	Don McLamb
Stakes & Hammers	Annette Gibney	*Intarsia	Dave Wayment
Stone Carving	Tom & Kay Benham	Wire 4 Beaders	Leslie Wayment
		Silver Beginners	Pattie Appleby

Session 3, Wild Acres, 9/21-27/15

* Advanced Class

(Non SFMS/AFMS Members Add \$50 to all Tuition Fees) Please mail application and fees (or \$50 Nonrefundable deposit*) to:

SFMS William Holland Workshop

Rosemary van Wandelen

William Holland Registrar

3051 Keyport St

Deltona, FL 32738-5356

386-860-5586 Home

386-479-1509 Cell

alternate Email: sfms.wh@gmail.com (call for details)

(* At Education Committee's Discretion)

SFMS Wildacres Workshop

Paula Griffin

Wildacres Registrar

PO Box 430 Double

Kingston, TN 37763

865- 248-8393

865- 406-8801

Email: waregistrar2015@gmail.com

Tuition Cost per Person

Occupancy \$370

Single Occupancy \$530

Day Student \$200

This year we can accept credit card payments online. Ask your Registrar for more information.

This is a wonderful perk of belonging to the SFMS. Join in and support your Federation.

2015 SFMS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

WILLIAM HOLLAND

WILDACRES

June 7-13, 2015

August 17-23, 2015

September 21-27, 2015

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY, USE NO ABBREVIATIONS

(Student #1)

Name _____ M F

Club (spell out) _____

Address _____ (Apt) _____

(City) _____ (ST) _____ (Zip) _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

American Federation Region _____

Can you walk up a flight of stairs? Y N Do you use a Walker Y N Cane Y N Wheelchair/Scooter Y N Age group <70 >70
Do you smoke? Y N Do you need a handicap room? Y N Are you an early riser or a night owl?

Dietary Considerations or Allergies? _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY, USE NO ABBREVIATIONS

(Student #2)

Name _____ M F

Club (spell out) _____

Address _____ (Apt) _____

(City) _____ (ST) _____ (Zip) _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

American Federation Region _____

Can you walk up a FLIGHT of stairs? Y N Do you use a Walker Y N Cane Y N Wheelchair/Scooter Y N Age group <70 >70
Do you smoke? Y N Do you need a handicap room? Y N Are you an early riser or a night owl?

Dietary Considerations or Allergies? _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Student	1 st Choice	Taken Before?	2 nd Choice	Taken Before?
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Accommodations Single Double Roommate _____
Day Student Campground (William Holland)

(Non SFMS/AFMS Members Add \$50 to all Tuition Fees)

SFMS William Holland Workshop

Rosemary van Wandelen

William Holland Registrar
3051 Keyport St
Deltona, FL 32738-5356
386-860-5586 Home
386-479-1509 Cell
Email: sfms.wh@gmail.com

Tuition Cost per Person
Double Occupancy \$370
Single Occupancy \$530
Day Student \$200
Campground \$320
(call for details)

Please mail application and fees (or \$50 Nonrefundable deposit*) to:

SFMS Wildacres Workshop

Paula Griffin

Wildacres Registrar
PO Box 430
Kingston, TN 37763
865-248-8393
865-406-8801 alternate
Email: waregistrar2015@gmail.com

Tuition Cost per Person
Double Occupancy \$370
Single Occupancy \$530
Day Student \$200

(* At Education Committee's Discretion)

Only use this form if you will be paying online

2015 SFMS Workshop Online Payment Form

William Holland

June 7-13, 2015

Wildacres

August 17-23, 2015

September 21-27, 2015

Name: _____

Email: _____

(This Email address is where the invoice will be sent)

Registrar use only

Deposit Paid: _____

Date Paid: _____

Confirmation Number: _____

Payment Amount: _____

Payment Date: _____

Confirmation Number: _____

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 6-9 PM - Shop Steward, Susan Cairl*

Contact Susan before going!

Thursday afternoons 12:30-3:30 PM - Shop Steward, Dennis Rietwyk*

Call or text Dennis before going!

Metalworking/Enamel Open Shop

Metalworking open shop is usually scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of each month from 10 AM - 4 PM.
See the open shop schedule and call Michelle Renné 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.

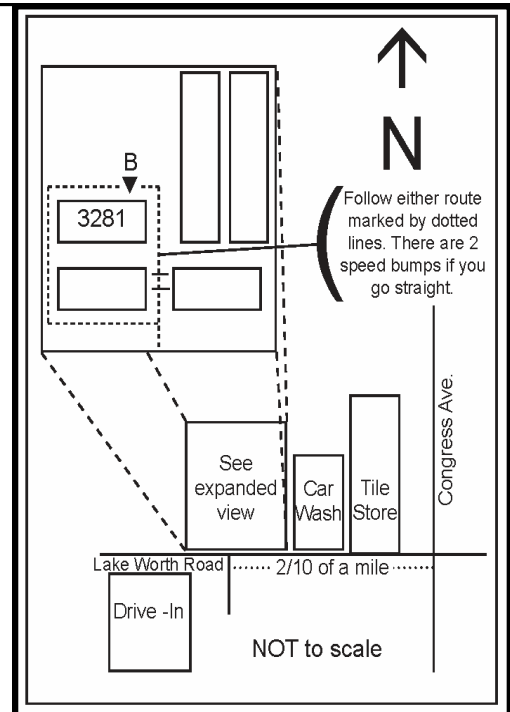
*Always call the shop steward before going to the shop to let them know you are coming! If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop Steward, to arrange for open shop time.

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



May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	2
3 TY PARK PICNIC/ ROCK SWAP & SALE 10AM -4PM	4	5 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	6 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Shop	7 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	8 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 8	9
10 	11	12 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	13	14 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	15 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	16
17 Open Shop** 10AM—4PM Metal Work & Enameling Michelle Kiln Certification 12pm—2pm	18	19 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	20	21 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk MEMBERSHIP MEETING  7:30 PM	22 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	23
24	25 	26 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	27	28 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	29 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	30
31	<p>**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.</p>					

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	1	2 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	3 Board Meeting 7:30 PM Shop	4 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	5 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	6
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21 Open Shop** 10AM—4PM Metal Work & Enameling ONLY Michelle	22	23 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	24	25 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	26 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	27
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AVAILABLE CLASSES

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	COST	DATE/TIME/NOTES
Art Clay Silver	Michelle Renné	\$50 + est. \$85 materials fee (depending on cost of silver)	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cabochon winter sessions Six 3-hr sessions	Susan Cairl	\$60 + \$10 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Chain Making: ◆ Japanese Exploration (Beg) ◆ Snake Chain (Adv) ◆ Turkish Round (Adv)	Jen Ursillo	\$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	\$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	\$40 + \$20 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Enameling	Samantha Lazzaro	\$40 + \$50 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Flat Lap	Susan Cairl	\$40 + \$10 supplies fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Fused Glass (Beginner)	Harriet Flashenburg	\$50 + \$50 materials fee	Four afternoon sessions Class taught in season only. Contact instructor to arrange.
Gem Tree	Dianna Ray	TBD	Contact instructor to arrange.
Metalsmithing: ◆ Alien Prong Ring	Arlene Lazzaro	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Non-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Right Angle Weave Cubes	Jen Ursillo	\$40 + \$50 for optional kit fee OR supply list can be provided	Contact instructor to arrange.
Wire Fan Bracelet Class	Debi Kachman	\$30 + \$20-50 materials fee (depending on metal) OR supply list can be provided	Contact instructor to arrange.
Wire Sculpture Class	Debi Kachman	\$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—\$20.00
(Over age 18)
Family Membership—\$30.00
(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

Ed Flashenburg
Dennis Rietwyk

Shop Phone:
561/585-2080

2015 OFFICERS

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

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Head Shop Steward*	Susan Cairl
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Show Chairman*	Jeff Slutzky

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Jr. Rockhound Program	Larry Deaton
Librarian	Shop Steward on Duty
Programs	Amber Griggs
Raffle Coordinator	Keith Kline
Refreshments	Arlene Lazzaro
Sunshine Committee	Lo Rain
Social Events	Debi Kachman

*Denotes a Voting Member of the Executive Committee.

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Send comments or submissions to newsletter@gemandmineral.cc