



# The Rockhound

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**The next general membership meeting will be held  
Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

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

## June Program — Mountain Expeditions

This month we will be going to the mountains. John Speier's recent expeditions have taken him to Georgia, North, and South Carolina's. Not only will he be telling about all the goodies you can find in these states, but he's bringing samples for our viewing pleasure. By the time his presentation is over you will want to go on your own expedition this summer. Who's ready for a little mountain vacation?

## Junior Rockhounds Program — Rock Hardness?

Have you thought about how chalk writes on a sidewalk, but steel doesn't? The answer is that it all depends on a mineral's hardness. This month we will be learning about the Moh's Hardness Scale. Feel free to bring in some of your rock specimens and find out what its hardness is. (note: we will be intentionally scratching them, so don't bring your best samples). Here are web pages to read more: [http://www.amfed.org/t\\_mohs.htm](http://www.amfed.org/t_mohs.htm) & <http://www.gemologyonline.com/mohs.html>

## President's Message

Hey Members,  
Welcome to summer!  
Hopefully it will be a quiet one weather-wise!

I'm sure some of you are planning GREAT vacations. Make sure you take LOTS of pictures to share your stories. We will have a program on all of you!

Yes, I've been to the Peace River 3 times now.

I hope to get a couple more times in before the rains start. Going to Englewood Beach once the river gets too high. Anyone interested contact me. It's a day trip.

I've found lots of teeth there – Venice Beach has been lousy.

Any member with a birthday in June gets an extra door prize ticket!

For our "Snowbirds," enjoy your summer and see you when you return!

Rock on (wherever you are!)  
Michelle Renne'

## June Birthdays



Carl Bengtson ◊ Don Chenoweth ◊ Edward D'Amato ◊ Alice Frey ◊ Catherine King  
Thomas Kuchinsky ◊ Donna Sypniewski ◊ Crece Vojtjas ◊ Cecile Williams

*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:

3 Herkimer Diamonds  
2 Fossil Ferns  
Slices for Cabochons  
Sodalite Copper Wire Necklace  
Silver Ruby Ring  
CZ Stud Earrings  
**And More Surprises!**

*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!*

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.

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## Sunshine Committee

Call **Lo Rain** and let her know who needs a little sunshine sent their way!

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## 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.slrockandgem.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>

## Wire Sculpture Class June 28, 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. **Call Debi K.**



## May Classes were fun!

Susan Cairl has been quite busy giving Cabochon instruction Friday night.



Arlene Lazzaro did a new cold connections class called Explosion Pendant.

It was a lot of fun!

Debi Kachman had a WireFan Class.

Nice work ladies!



Arlene will offer class again if enough students interested!

Class fee \$40+\$35 Materials!  
All included!

Please contact her directly.





Rock in style!  
T-shirts are available  
for sale at the  
membership meeting.

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.

## Business Advertising

Would you like to advertise your business in the Gem and Mineral Society of The Palm Beach's newsletter?



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## 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, Laura Simmons\*

Call Laura before going!

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.

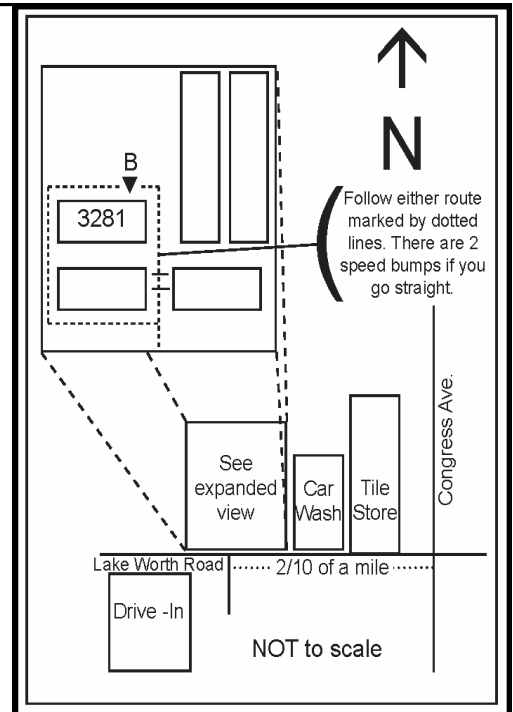
\*Always call the shop steward before going to the shop to let them know you are coming! If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop Steward, to arrange for open shop time.

## 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



# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Laura	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 Laura	24	25 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	26 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	27
28 <u>CLASS:</u> Wire Sculpture 10AM-5PM Debi	29	30 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Laura	<p><b>**CALL BEFORE GOING TO OPEN SHOP!!</b></p> <p>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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## 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	\$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	\$50 + est. \$85 materials fee (depending on cost of silver)	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cabochon sessions Six 3-hr sessions	Susan Cairl	\$60 + \$10 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Chain Making: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Japanese Exploration (Beg)</li> <li>◇ Snake Chain (Adv)</li> <li>◇ Turkish Round (Adv)</li> </ul>	Jen Ursillo	\$30 + \$25 materials fee \$30 + \$25 materials fee \$30 + \$25 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	\$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	\$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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Alien Prong Ring</li> </ul>	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.

## 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

Laura Simmons  
Dennis Rietwyk

Shop Phone:  
561/585-2080

## 2015 OFFICERS

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

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Jr. Rockhound Program	Larry Deaton
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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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