



The Rockhound

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**The next general membership meeting will be held
Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

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

July Program - Caribbean Turquoise

We're going to the Caribbean this month! Dominican Republic to be exact. Carmen and Ben Ballalo, originally from there, are coming down from Melbourne to share their knowledge and treasures from that beautiful Island. They are going to dazzle us with LARIMAR!!!! Also known as Caribbean turquoise or blue pectolite. Those of you who are familiar with the gorgeous stone know how it mesmerizes you! So bring your wallets because they will have some for sale!

Junior Rockhounds Program News

Congratulations to Miss Danielle Deaton, one of our club's own Junior Rockhound members, for her selection to the USA All-American Elite Select fastpitch softball team. Danielle is one of 12 young ladies selected to represent the Atlantic Regional Team from the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Dani is one of three pitchers for her team in the 11 year old and under division of the National tournament being held this week in Orlando. Although Dani won't be at our club meeting this week as she attends the tournament, we can all cheer for one of our own members and wish her well.

President's Message

Fellow Rockhounds,
Now that summer is in full swing I hope you are all having happy, safe vacations!
School will start again before you know it! Sorry kids.....

On a sad note, for those who didn't get the email, we recently lost a very special long-time member, Ron Ketelaar. He will be missed! Besides being a really nice, talented guy, he was always volunteering for one thing or another from Science Museum demos to being an important key person at the annual shows. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

We are gearing up for next year's slate of Officers for the Board. If anyone is interested in any of the positions or has any questions about them, feel free to ask any of us. The Nominating Committee will announce the prospective slate at the September meeting and will take "offers" at any time.

Hope to see many of you at the July meeting.
Rock on!

Michelle Renne' - Prez

July Birthdays



Marta Cruz ♦ Dorothy Lawson ♦ Jennifer Martin ♦ Debbie Anderson
Kathryn Foster ♦ Lori Louzy ♦ Laura Simmons ♦ Dirk Summerlot ♦ Ingrid Webster
♦ Suzanne McCollum

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

Door Prizes... Raffle Items

Raffle Items For This Month:

3 Herkimer Diamonds
Crystal Candle Holder
Facet Quartz Specimen
Beaded Necklace
Leather Bracelet
A Pair of Stud Earrings

*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
Shells

*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

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

Sympathy card to the family of Ron Ketelaar
Bee well to Jenny Wright
Thank you for the books and grit and oil for the shop
-Mike

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



Upcoming Shows....



Visit the American Federation Website for details...for SFMS sponsored shows

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/club-shows-123.html>

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp>

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<http://www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/clubs/florida.shtml>

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>



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 (561/702-7057) for a shirt.

Business Advertising

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

If so, contact Jackie at: jackietufford@gmail.com

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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*

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.

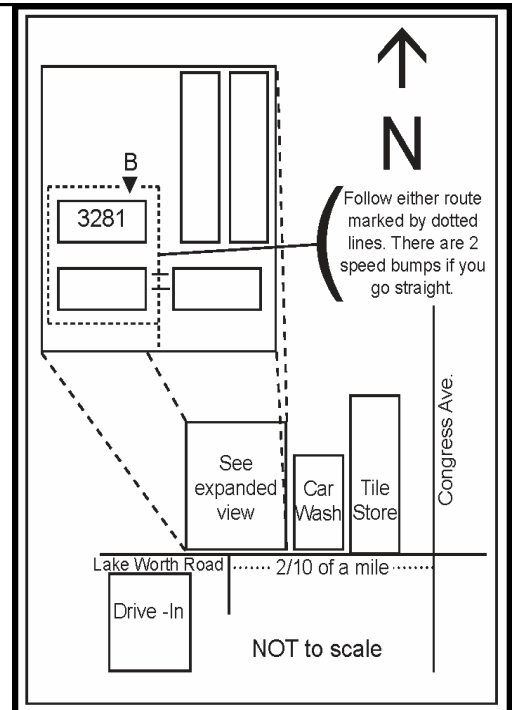
SHOP REPORT

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



Minutes of the June 18, 2015 General Membership Meeting

The general meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by
Michelle Renee, President.

Visitors:

Miller & Hayes, Lady looking for metal detectors club she stayed and enjoyed the program.

Pledge

Birthdays: None

Program:

Amber – This month we have John Speiers – President of the Miami club - North Carolina Gem Mining
Next month is Carmen and her husband – a dealer of Larimar from Melbourne

Refreshments:

Next month will be a pot luck

Program: John Speiers

Treasurer's Report:

Jenny Wright gave the treasurer's report. Starting next month we will combine all the accounts for the show and the club and will give a grand total for all the accounts. All are public record.

Newsletter:

Jackie is doing a great job.

Sunshine Committee:

Lo Rain is our "Sunshine Ambassador" Caleb Krayler Graduated High School, Dianna Ray moved, Debbie Anderson just a hello, Frank Nash get well - he had a heart attack

Classes:

Arlene Lazzaro did a class "copper explosion" and will do another if anyone is interested. The class she took at William Holland was wire wrapping and she will be giving a class toward the end of July (A bracelet and a ring in silver and gold).

Debi Kachman has pictures from Arlene's class, Amber and Dianna took Debi's wire fan bracelet class, and Debi will teach a wire sculpture class on June 28th.

Lo Rain will be giving a class on Knitted Pearl and Viking Knit.

Laura will be teaching Viking Knit, chain mail (beginners and advanced), and metal smithing.

Shop:

Laura Simmons says things are busy at the shop and Lo said there are slabs for sale.

Show:

Michelle Renee said Amazon earned \$5.00. We really need people. Jeff Slutzky is moving and Barbara is going to stay on for 1 more year. Holiday Dinner is at Atlantis Clubhouse. Debi Kachman says we really need to come up with great ideas for our 50th anniversary, please get involved.

Nominating Committee

Lo Rain is staying on, Paul Perryman is not, but Arlene Lazzaro is joining. If you are interested in getting on the board for any position, please get a hold of the nominating committee.

Social Events:

Debi Kachman – TY Park in October

Open Metal Shop

Michelle Renee will be there this Sunday from 10 – 4, please call her first.



Meeting is adjourned @ 9:40 pm.

Next General Meeting:

Thursday, July 16th, 2015 at 7:30 PM and will be held at the former Garden Center (across from the Science Center).

Submitted by Dianna Ray, Secretary

July 2015

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26 Viking Knit Class (further details at the meeting). Lo Rain	27	28 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Laura	29	30	31	

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AVAILABLE CLASSES

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	COST	DATE/TIME/NOTES
◇ Introduction to Chainmail ◇ How to Use the Jumpringer ◇ Introduction to Metalsmithing ◇ Viking Wire Weave	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: ◇ 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: ◇ Explosion Pendant ◇ 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 + \$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.

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

President*	Michelle Renné
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Treasurer*	Jenny Wright

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Show Chairman*	Jeff Slutzky

COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Field Trips	KC Foster
Hostess	Samantha Lazzaro
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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