



# The Rockhound

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The next general membership meeting will be held  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

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

## December Program - Show & Sell

Come do your holiday gift shopping at our Member Show and Sell!

A variety of gift suggestions will be available.

Anyone interested in a table please contact Michelle.

A \$10 value lapidary related item would be appreciated.

## Junior Rockhounds Program - Spirit of Giving

Hi Junior Rockhounds!

In keeping with the spirit of giving and receiving this month, we will be exchanging gem and mineral gifts with other Junior Rockhounds. Please bring a rock or mineral sample that is about 1 inch in size that you would like to trade with other members. If you can, consider bringing two or three so you can trade with more than one friend.

**Don't forget the January 9th activity we are sponsoring at the Royal Palm Beach Library January 9th at 2:30 in the afternoon. The address is 500 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach.**

## President's Message

Dear Rockhounds,

Well, this is my last newsletter blurb and General Meeting as President.

I hope you have had as much fun as I have! Thanks to those of you have been there for assistance and support. But my personal life needs more of my time than I have been able to give it for quite a while so I am having to cut back on a few activities.

I will remain a member as I have since 1984. Geez, how time flies!

The Holiday dinner is almost here. Please see the details in the newsletter.

Rock On!

Michelle Renne', President

**\*DECEMBER'S MEETING WILL BE AT THE SCIENCE CENTER ON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> AT 7:30 P.M. SHARP!**

## December Birthdays



Christina Campbell ♦ Larry Deaton ♦ Tanya Epstein ♦ Harriet Flashenburg  
Gale Langford ♦ Ellen Lirio ♦ Paul Perryman ♦ Irene Platt  
Eileen Reingold ♦ John Rollins ♦ Andrew Sissom  
Jackie Tufford ♦ Jen Ursillo ♦ Eloise Wilhelms

*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:**

Herkimer diamonds  
A pair of crystal earrings  
Silver & gemstone rings  
Magnetic beaded necklace  
Soapstone specimen  
Unidentified green mineral specimen  
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:**

Mineral specimens  
Small cabochons  
Other surprises!!!

*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

### Sunshine Committee

Our sympathies to: **Scott Cooley**

Be well wishes to: **Marvin Berkowitz & Ingrid Webster**

***Thank you to all who helped serve food at the scholarship  
table Saturday & Sunday, we couldn't do it without you!***

A special thank you to **Patrick Kleinkort** for adding two  
books to our library.

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

#### A Recovering American Soldier

Please take a moment and make a soldier's day by  
sending them a card.

**C/O Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C.,  
20307-5001**

### 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.

**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

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## Member Highlight - Lo Rain & Debi Kachman



**A special thanks from everyone in the club goes to Lo & Debi!**

Lo brought homemade salads, snacks and drinks. She also helped with scholarships and donations.

Debi helped with signs and supervised all areas for the four days.

Both Lo and Debi stayed at the Gem & Mineral Show from the beginning on Thursday to the end on Sunday.

**Thank you Lo and Debi for being Rockstar Members!!!**

## Gem & Mineral Show Door Prize Winners

Congratulations to Bre for winning this beautiful amethyst cathedral piece and gem tree!



The exit door prize goes to Tim S. Congratulations on winning these great specimens!



# 49th Annual Gem & Mineral Show 2015

## Junior Rockhounds collecting at the mine!

Thank you to all volunteers!



## December 2015 Show Wrap Up

Well it was a year with a lot of changes but we managed to get through it with a very successful show. As usual we won't have the final numbers until next month. But I think we can safely say we will be able to give the club more from the show than we did last year.

### **Here are some of the highlights**

- Attendance was a little lower than last year probably due to the weather on Sunday. Attendance was about 1800. (it was a little under 2000 last year)
- More vendors, close to 85
- Mine area, made over \$2500 (possibly a record amount, last year it was about \$2000)
- Scholarship raffle, over \$1400 (definitely record territory, last year \$1100)
- Jr. Rockhound area and had lots of happy faces
- The display cases were great, thanks to the people who took the time to display and create the cases. Congratulations to Samantha Lazzaro who won the \$25 prize for best display case.

**None of this would have been possible without the help and dedication of the show committee members and volunteers.**

**I would like to thank each of you for making our show a success.**

### **Your show committee members are:**

Kelly Azor(Demo Area and had the Special Olympics fill the spinning wheel prize bags), KC Foster (set up the Display cases and this year we had new plexiglass), Jennifer Martin (filled all those bags for gem mining and the fossil dig ), Peter Parviainen (set up and worked in the mine for 4 days), Lo Rain (signs on the fences, in charge of shopping for the lunch on Friday and serving it to the vendors and workers, set up the scholarship prize drawing area, made sure the prize winners got their prizes and collected donations from the vendors), Diana Ray (made sure we had enough volunteers, kept track of them and contacted everyone about the holiday dinner), Michelle Renne (in charge of the holiday dinner), Jenny Wright (in charge of the information area and filled in at the show wherever there was a hole), Barbara Ringhiser, Deb (produced the show program) & Jeff Slutzky.

I want to give a special thank you to Dennis Rietwyk for learning the mine construction and stepping up to supervise the mine operation/storage unit coordination for next year. An additional thank you to Chris Norris and Morris Rosenberg for help with the mine setup.

We can never have too much help.

Also a special thank you to Debi Kachman who hung signs on the fairgrounds fences, supervised the fairgrounds workers to get all the tables set up, and stayed until all the vendors left on Sunday.

*Jeff Slutzky & Barbara Ringhiser*

*Show Chairs*

## Upcoming General Meeting Events

### New Officer Nominations

#### Current/2015 - Future/2016

##### President

Michelle Renne'                      Laura Simmons

##### 1st Vice President

Gale Langford                      Gale Langford

##### 2nd Vice President

Amber Griggs                      Jennifer Martin

##### Secretary

Dianna Ray                      Dianna Ray

##### Treasurer

Jenny Wright                      Jenny Wright

Every position needs a buddy partner. If you are interested in being an officer's buddy or an officer for a position, let the committee know! We always need more members to be

### Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your Gem & Mineral membership with the club!

Please see Robin Deaton at the next meeting or contact her at the address below.

#### Robin Deaton

[membership@gemandmineral.org](mailto:membership@gemandmineral.org)

## Upcoming General Meeting Events

### Pirate Treasure Party

January, 27th 2016 at 7:00 PM

Ye best be I ook'n I like a Pirate ye scurvy dogs....or you'll wal k the pl ank. wel l maybe not but you won't get to dig into our treasure chest!

**Please come early between 6:45 and 7:00 to start your Treasure Hunt.**

The first 50 pirates will receive a treasure map.

**Contest:** Take what you found on your treasure hunt, use some or all of it to make a masterpiece (whatever you want). You can add what you like then enter it with me by the August General Meeting.

There will be a Pirate display case at the 50th Annual Gem and Mineral Show in November not all, but the best will be displayed and the winner will receive their prize when you pick up your pieces after the show.



## HOLIDAY BANQUET

Saturday, December 12, 2015

6 p.m. ATLANTIS COUNTRY CLUB, ATLANTIS, FL 33462

Get your appetites ready for our Holiday Banquet!!!

Remember, volunteer for 4 hours the show weekend (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) you get a free dinner pass. More than 4 hours of your time would be greatly appreciated!

Non-volunteers and guests will pay \$15 each.

The cost is around \$40.00 per person, so I need an accurate count by Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. **I don't want to waste Club money!**

### MENU

There will be NO appetizers!

That would cost over \$1,000, but there will be a cash bar.

Garden and Caesar salad

Suncoast chicken with sundried tomatoes and  
Mandarine orange sauce

Broiled Mahi Mahi

Carver - New York sirloin & turkey breast

Scalloped potatoes, Pasta primavera, Snow peas  
with red peppers

Cheesecake, apple cobbler, chocolate cake

Rolls and butter

Coffee, hot & iced tea

There will be a \$10 value "Lapidary-related" gift  
exchange.

**\*Please put "man, woman or either" and your  
name on a gift tag.**





## Gem Shop Holiday List

Give this holiday season to the shop!



### Items needed are:

- Shop Rags
  - Dawn Blue Dish Soap
  - Bathroom Cleaner
  - Bathroom Scents
  - Hand Soap
  - Toilet Paper
- \* Donations are always appreciated too!  
Please bring items to the next general meeting or contact Susan Cairl



# The Great Bead Escape Retreat 2016

Registration is now open for the Great Bead Escape!

March 30th – April 3rd, 2016

The 2016 retreat will be at the  
Cerveney Conference Center in Live Oak, FL.



Our retreat is about learning something new, trying something different, making some wonderful new friends, all while making beautiful jewelry. Most of our classes are perfect for the beginner or someone that wants more practice in a certain area. We will be offering some advanced classes in 2016.



You asked and we listened, you will have a choice of taking either 7 or 5 classes of your choice. Please see the registration page for complete price breakdown. We have again chosen to limit each class to only 6 students. This will guarantee that every attendee will receive personal attention throughout their retreat weekend.

[www.thegreatbeadescaperetreats.com](http://www.thegreatbeadescaperetreats.com)



## 2016 EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres

*The Eastern Federation of Mineralogical  
and Lapidary Societies, Inc.*

Hi Everyone!

I'm delighted to be able to share with you the dates for our 2016 EFMLS (Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies) Workshops at Wildacres plus the names of our two invited speakers-in-residence.

**Session #1** will be May 9–15 (Monday-Sunday) and will feature a return engagement by renowned glyptographer (gem carver) Helen Serras-Herman. She's an excellent and passionate speaker and warm and lovely individual who will be "on the mountain" with her husband Andy.

**Session #2** will be September 5–11 (Monday-Sunday) and will feature a return engagement by renowned mineral collector and dealer Alfredo Petrov. He's an interesting fellow who spends his time traveling between Japan, the United States, Europe and South America either selling minerals at important mineral shows or hunting for mineral treasurers.

A listing of our spring 2016 classes and their descriptions will be in the December issue of EFMLS News which was sent to all clubs yesterday and will be uploaded to the EFMLS Wildacres website shortly. The fall class schedule will be available in the January EFMLS News and on the website sometime in December.

**Please check out the website at: [www.amfed.org/efmls/](http://www.amfed.org/efmls/).**

Help us spread the word!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at one or more of the exciting and always wonderful EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres.

- Steve Weinberger

**Please check out the website at: [www.amfed.org/efmls/](http://www.amfed.org/efmls/)**

Contact Carolyn Weinberger to sign up.

**Carolyn Weinberger:**

[efmlswildacres@gmail.com](mailto:efmlswildacres@gmail.com)

## 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

Monday afternoons (starting August 3) 10:30am-5pm, Samantha Lazzaro\*

Tuesday nights 6-9 PM - Shop Steward, Laura Simmons\*

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

Friday nights 6-9 PM - Shop Steward, Susan Cairl\*

#### 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.\*

Metalsmithing, Chainmail, Jumpringer & Viking Wire Weave open shops  
contact Laura Simmons.

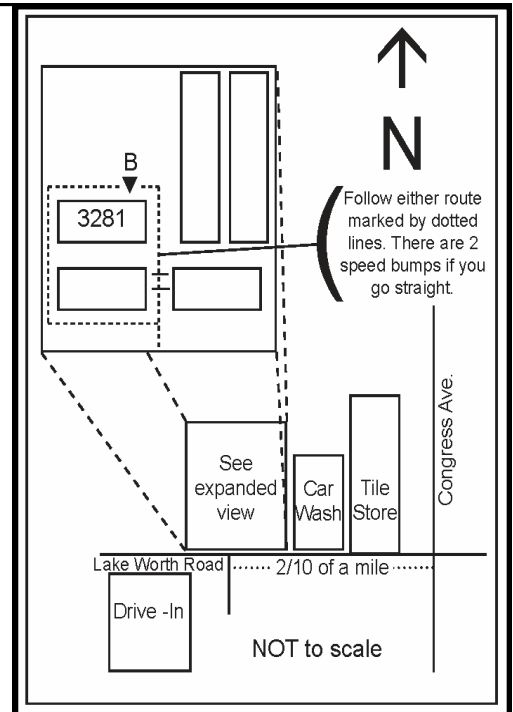
\*Always call the shop steward before going to the shop to let them know you are coming! If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop Steward, to arrange for open shop time.

## 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



## December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			<b>Board Meeting 7:30 PM Shop</b>	Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	<b>Miami Gem and Mineral Show! 10am-5pm</b>
6 Happy Hanukkah 	7 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha Lazzaro	8 <b>MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM</b> 	9	10 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis Rietwyk	11 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan	12 <b>Holiday Banquet! 6pm</b>
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# January 2016

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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	\$75 + \$20 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.
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

President\*  
1st Vice President\*  
2nd Vice President\*  
Secretary\*  
Treasurer\*

Michelle Renné  
Gale Langford  
Amber Griggs  
Dianna Ray  
Jenny Wright

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Past President\*  
Show Chairman\*

Susan Cairl  
Robin Deaton  
Jackie Tufford  
Barbara Ringhiser  
Jeff Slutzky

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

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Librarian  
Programs  
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Refreshments  
Sunshine Committee  
Social Events

Samantha Lazzaro  
Larry Deaton  
Shop Steward on Duty  
Amber Griggs  
Keith Kline  
Arlene Lazzaro  
Lo Rain  
Debi Kachman

\*Denotes a Voting Member of the Executive Committee.

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