



# The Rockhound

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The next general membership meeting will be held

**Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

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

## January Program - Pirate Treasures

**Pirate Treasure will be at the General Meeting!**

“YE BEST BE LOOK'N LIKE A PIRATE YE SCURVY DOGS...OR YOU'LL WALK THE PLANK.  
WELL 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). Our guest speakers will be Frank Nash and Frank Meade to tell us about their treasures!

## Junior Rockhounds Program - Pirates!

This month we will be having a special presentation on PIRATES! Pirates featured a very prominent role in Florida's history, but were not everything you see in the movies. So come dressed up as a pirate (I will be dressed up), and let's learn about this exciting part of the history of Florida and the Caribbean islands.

## President's Message

**Rockhound – President's Message – January 2016**

Greetings and welcome to 2016 - I look forward to an active year with the Club!

We are already working on some exciting new program ideas for our meetings, and my personal goal is to get the meetings back on track and get everyone home a little earlier!

**Don't forget that this month is our Pirate Meeting! It is on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, and you'll find further details deeper in the Newsletter.** There was some confusion on the date, but January 21<sup>st</sup> is the correct day. **If you haven't already, please remember to renew your membership as soon as you can, and definitely prior to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Among many other reasons to renew, you will need to be a member of record as of the usual renewal deadline to participate in the vote to approve our new bylaws on which the Board has been diligently working.

Also in the works for the next year:

New and repeat favorite field trip destinations

New shop equipment and activities

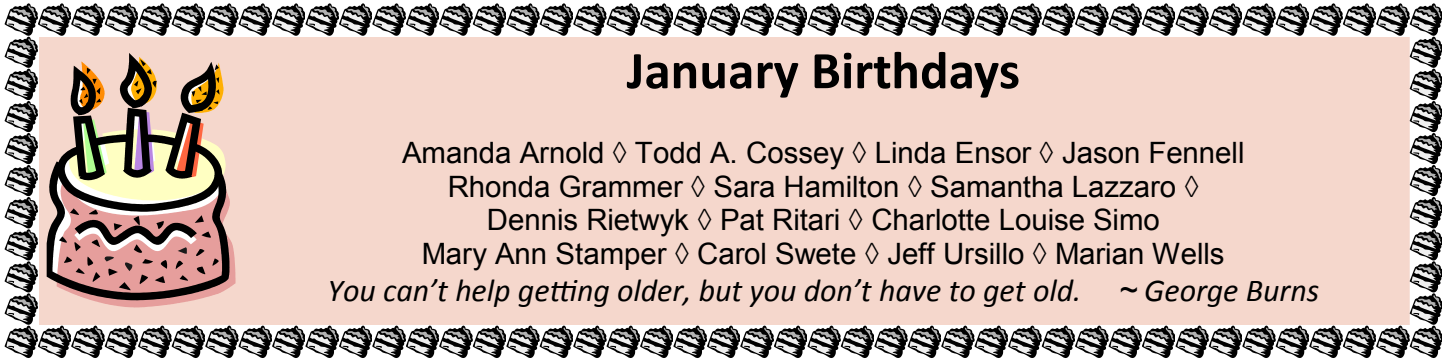
Our great social events – picnics, the Steak dinner, and Holiday banquet

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show!

See you all “out there!”

*Laura Simmons*

*President*



## January Birthdays

Amanda Arnold ♦ Todd A. Cossey ♦ Linda Ensor ♦ Jason Fennell  
Rhonda Grammer ♦ Sara Hamilton ♦ Samantha Lazzaro ♦  
Dennis Rietwyk ♦ Pat Ritari ♦ Charlotte Louise Simo  
Mary Ann Stamper ♦ Carol Swete ♦ Jeff Ursillo ♦ Marian Wells  
*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:**

- Necklace & earring set
- Stone & crystal bracelet
- Crystal earrings
- Two cabochons
- Aquamarine crystal
- Herkimer diamonds
- 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:**

- Stone slices for cabochons
- Stones for cutting
- 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*

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### Sunshine Committee

The sun is shining on all club members this month! Be well everyone!

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

**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 individual and the organization, to promote community interest in these objects.

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## Membership Renewal

Annual membership renewals for 2016 are due!

**You can make your membership renewal payment to me at the next Club Meeting on January 21st, or you can mail your payment to:**

Membership Coordinator  
Gem & Mineral Society  
P.O. Box 18095  
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-8095

### **Dues:**

\$20 for individual memberships

\$30 for family memberships (up to 2 adults and 2 children in the same household)

\$10 for student memberships

*Additional \$10, if you need the monthly newsletter printed and mailed to you*

*(E-mailed newsletters are complimentary)*

### **Robin Deaton**

*Membership Coordinator*

**RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**



## Member Highlight - Laura Simmons



A special thanks from everyone in the club goes to Laura Simmons! She is our new club president and has been a regular shop steward since last spring. Laura is scheduled at the shop on Tuesdays from 6:00PM to 9:00PM, but she is often there on other days to help members and with general maintenance. She has taught several classes, was a demonstrator at the Gem Show and has attended the Steak Dinner and Holiday Banquet events.

Thank you Laura for being a rockstar and for being our new president!

## A Special Thank You

A special thank you goes to those members who donated to the club last month.

Thank you Jenny Wright, Daniel Pecoraro, Gale Langford, Lee Miller and Lorna Hayes for your contribution!

## A Token of our Appreciation to Michelle Renne'

Thank you Michelle for all of your hard work and time being our Gem & Mineral President.



## Upcoming General Meeting Events

### PIRATE TREASURE PARTY

January, 21 2016 at 7:00 PM

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**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.



## Cold Connections Class: Scrapbook Bracelet



**Scrapbook Bracelet Class**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2016**  
**10:30 AM – 6:00 PM, GMSPB**

**Class: \$40 - Materials: \$35 - \$75.00 Total**  
**Instructor: Arlene Lazzaro**  
**Please RSVP to [Polka.girl4@yahoo.com](mailto:Polka.girl4@yahoo.com)**

"**Scrapbook Bracelet**" is an exercise on rivets, which will give you a unique and interesting conversation piece.

You will learn to connect 2 pieces of metal w/out solder!

At least 6 different rivets will be taught, store bought and ones you will make yourself!

No 2 bracelets are ever alike! You may also make into a necklace, if you wish!

The class is only 1 day.

Please let me know ASAP, as there are limited spaces.

I will send more information after you contact me, either by phone or e-mail.

**You *do* need to be a member to take the class. You can join that day.**

If not enough students the class will be cancelled!

I will bring samples to TY picnic if you would like to see in person!

**Arlene Lazzaro**

# 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 Cerveny 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)



## Gem and Mineral Show Report

The 2015 show was definitely a success!

The show committee is proud to present a check for \$12,000 to the club. Also, we raised \$1,445 for the scholarship fund.

Most vendors were happy with the show and guests had a very enjoyable experience.

This year, Barbara Ringhiser will serve as the show chairman and Jeff Slutzky will help with the show from across the state, taking care of advertising and working the Fairgrounds because this year will be our **50th ANNIVERSARY SHOW!!**

Lo Rain will be assisting Barbara with vendors and Debi Kachman is joining the Show Committee.

**There will be a show meeting on Monday, January 18th at the show at 7:30pm.** Anyone that would like to make suggestions or be on the show committee is welcome to attend.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

**Barbara Ringhiser**  
bar5678@aol.com

*Barbara Ringhiser*  
*Show Chairman*

## Last Chance Mine & Camelot Foster Homes

Camelot Community Care is an agency that licenses foster homes in PBC. Jennifer Martin is their foster parent recruiter and trainer. She goes out in the community to participate in events and to get the word out about the need for more foster homes in PBC.

For both last year and this year's show, the club donated the special passes for children placed in Camelot foster homes. It's a wonderful enrichment activity for children who don't always have a chance to enjoy such opportunities.

Both years, the club has allowed Jennifer to set up a table with recruitment materials. She also supervises a separate table where the children can color rocks. While there is a modest charge for the Last Chance Mine activities, the rock coloring is free.

Some members might have seen Jennifer's display at the show and know about the rock coloring, but very few know that the club donates passes every year to the kids.



The club donated 15 special passes to foster children at the agency. The passes entitled the children and accompanying adult access to the show free of charge. It also allowed the children access to all the events at the Last Chance Mine. The tables in this picture on the right, contain information about how to become foster parents. There is also a free rock coloring craft in the foreground. The kids loved it!

## HOLIDAY PARTY 2015

The Holiday party was fabulous again.

We collected quite a few cards we sent to the veterans, which we're sure they appreciated.



Everyone seemed to have a great time and enjoy the food!  
Our first view of the new officers for 2016.



# Library Event

The Royal Palm Beach Library Event with Dr. Larry Deaton



## Shop Donations

The shop always needs items for weekly classes and projects.

### Items needed are:

- Shop Rags
- Industrial Paper Towels
- Dawn Blue Dish Soap
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Bathroom Scents
- Hand Soap
- Toilet Paper

\* Please bring items to the next general meeting or contact Susan Cairl



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

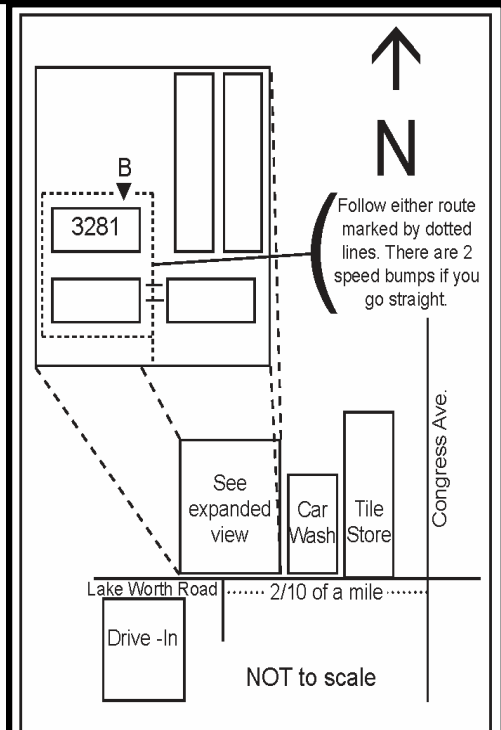
**\*Always call the shop steward before going to the shop to let them know you are coming! If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop Steward, to arrange for open shop time.**

## 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



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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	\$75 + \$20 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.
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.

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### 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 Coordinator  
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  
Samantha Lazzaro

Shop Phone:  
561/585-2080

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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.

### WEBSITE

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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6196330>

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