



The Rockhound

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Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 pm
4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach FL 33405
(at the Science Center)



February Program - Alan Meltzer

Alan Meltzer will be February's presenter. He will be discussing agates, dinosaur gem bone and petrified wood. He began collecting in 2004 at Bryce Canyon (a story which he might just share with us....) and has been a member of the club for many years. Please join us for an exciting evening!

Junior Rockhounds Program

Question: What does the 1980 eruption of Mount St Helens in the State of Washington, the devastating 2004 Sumatra Tsunami following a 9.3 magnitude earthquake in Indonesia, and the Great Marianas' Trench (the deepest part of the Pacific Ocean, deeper than Mt Everest is tall!!) all have in common? Answer: they are all part of the Pacific Ring of Fire! But wait! How can the same thing cause fire from a volcano, water from the ocean, and a boring, deep valley under the ocean? I guess you'll have to come to the meeting to find out.

President's Message

Greetings!

"Winter" in Florida sure is tough! As we move through our cooler months, our Club Members are looking to the future...

First up, don't forget that the annual membership renewal deadline is the end of this month. I know, it sneaks up fast! Also, we will be publishing our Roster as soon as the deadline is passed, so take care of your renewal to be sure and appear in the Roster!

Also, several Club Members are working on plans for Field Trips. The mining and class seasons (William Holland, Wild Acres, etc.) will be upon us sooner than we think, and the best time for local field trips (dry and not-too-hot) is almost here! If you are thinking about planning a trip, and are interested in having company, please let the Club know. During each meeting, we have time set aside to discuss trips: when I bring up "Field Trips?" feel free to let us know where you'd like to go! Discussions from last month's meeting are leading to a trip to Ruck's Pit in March, if you are interested talk to Jen Martin who is heading that one up. If anyone would like to go mining this summer, I'll drive!

Finally, our Show Committee is already working on our 51st Show! If you are interested in helping to plan, get in touch with Walter Triche or come to our next show meeting on February 27th, 7:30 PM, at the Shop. Also, put the dates on your calendar: the Show is the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 18th & 19th, with setup in the days before. The banquet is tentatively planned for December 16th, at Atlantis Country Club – confirmation is pending, and more information will be available soon!

In the meantime, keep rockin' and rollin',

- Laura Simmons, President

January Meeting: Marvin Reingold

Our January 19th meeting featured an informative and very well-organized presentation by our own Marvin Reingold on "Inclusions". Marvin brought many of his own specimens for members to examine. Thank you, Marvin for a fantastic program. We are so lucky to have such learned members who are willing to share their knowledge with our group!



TY Park Tri-Club and Rock Swap & Sale

On January 22, members of the Club met with the Gold Coast and Miami clubs for a great picnic, swap, and sale. A good time was had by all!



January Business Meeting Minutes

The membership meeting was called to order by Laura Simmons at 20:54 on 1/19/2017.

Treasurer - Jeanette Wright reported on December figures.

Newsletter - Laura Phillips was not present. A member brought up issues with receiving monthly newsletter. Laura Simmons instructs people to get in touch with Robin Deaton to check their standing as member, and adds that anyone requiring the newsletter by postal mail rather than e-mail will need to pay \$10 yearly to help pay costs.

Website - Ingrid Webster was not present. There were no contributions to the website by other members.

Membership - Robin Deaton offers to take renewal fees and gives deadline for fees as February 28th of this year. An audience member asks about getting a copy of the roster. Laura Simmons states that the new roster will come out after the membership dues deadline expires.

Classes - Arlene Lazzaro offers her self-developed class, "Cold Forming". The class is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of February 25th/26th at the shop; the class is limited to 6 students.

Samantha Lazzaro continues to offer enameling and etching classes during her Monday open shop. Her classes are limited to 1 to 3 students. Laura Simmons' classes will resume in April.

Programs - There is a quarterly picnic at TY Park on Sunday, January 22nd. There are three participating clubs. Each club brings food, and members bring sides. Attendees are welcome to sell, trade etc. An auction and steak dinner will be in April; no date is set at this time. A possible location is the newly renovated Garden Center building, which is set to reopen early Spring.

Show - Walter Triche thanks Barbara Ringhiser for her contributions to the show. This year's show

netted \$10,000 for the club and \$1327 toward our scholarship. The next show's theme will be Shades of Green. Storage locker cleanup is scheduled for April 8th at 09:00. The next show committee meeting is set for February 27th, at 19:30 at the shop. This year's banquet will be held on December 16th at the Atlantis Country Club. Due to increasing costs, tickets will be free to incoming officers, \$10 for volunteers, and \$20 for guests.

Junior Rockhounds - There is no news.

Sunshine - There is no news.

Trips - There was a discussion about a possible trip to Rucks Pit. The Tampa fossil auction is set for February 11th, 17:00-22:00. Laura Simmons reminds anyone using Amazon to utilize Smile on Amazon.com. The club gets a small return.

The meeting was adjourned by Laura Simmons at 21:25.

SUNSHINE REPORT



Thank You:

Sue Bearse * Susan Cairl
Betty Juliano * Arlene Lazzaro
Samantha Lazzaro * Barbara Ringhiser
Laura Simmons

Prayers to:

Marta Cruz and her family

Feel Better:

Angie Dietz
Hillary Schiff

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

February

Birthstone: Amethyst

Amethyst is purple quartz and is a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the earth. The name comes from the Ancient Greek, derived from the word "methustos," which means "intoxicated." Ancient wearers believed the gemstone could protect them from drunkenness.

Amethyst, as previously mentioned, is composed of quartz, which is the second most abundant material found in the Earth's crust. Amethyst gets its color from irradiation, iron impurities and the presence of trace elements. Its hardness (a 7 on the Mohs scale) is the same as other quartz, which makes it a durable and lasting option for jewelry.



Pendant by Yael Designs

While amethyst is most commonly recognized to be a

purple color, the gemstone can actually range from a light pinkish violet to a deep purple that can read more blue or red, depending on the light. Sometimes, even the same stone can have layers or color variants, so the way the gemstone is cut is important to the way the color shows in a finished piece.

Amethyst often occurs in geodes or in the cavities of granitic rocks. It can be found all over the world, including the United States, Canada, Brazil and Zambia.

The amethyst is not only the February birthstone, it is also used to celebrate the 6th and 17th year of marriage.



Earrings by Supreme

History Amethyst, the gemstone believed by ancient Greeks and Romans to ward off the intoxicating powers of Bacchus, also was said to keep the wearer clear-headed and quick-witted. Throughout history, the

gemstone has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. English regalia were even decorated with amethysts during the Middle Ages to symbolize royalty. Amethyst jewelry has been found and dated as early as 2000 BC.

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Ring by Stuller

- from americangemsociety.org



- Rick Call
- Sebastiano Cardone
- Margo Gilson
- Gilbert Goldman
- Jeff Kachman
- Teri Kaluris
- Caleb Krailler
- Pamela Michel
- Amimei Piper
- Shir-lee Rosenberg

There is still no cure for the common birthday.

- John Glenn



February Prizes

50/50 Raffle:

Large half crystal half geode

Door Prizes:

Small tumbled specimens
& other surprises!

Raffle Drawings:

Herkimer diamonds
Earrings
Pendant
Quartz crystal specimen
& lots more goodies!



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

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 Klein, Auction Coordinator

Show Committee Meeting

**Monday, February 27
7:30 pm at the Shop**



All members are encouraged to attend!

Club Organization

The Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches is part of a national hierarchy of mineralogical societies, as shown below.



The [American Federation of Mineral Societies](http://amfed.org)—amfed.org—oversees the **Regional Clubs** shown above.

Two **Regional Clubs** are our parent clubs:

- ◆ [Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies](http://amfed.org/efms)—amfed.org/efms
- ◆ [Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies](http://amfed.org/sfms)—amfed.org/sfms

The [Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches](http://gemandmineralsociety.org)—gemandmineralsociety.org—has several **Neighbor Clubs**:

- ◆ [Florida Gold Coast Gem and Mineral Society](http://fgcgms.com)—fgcgms.com—(Broward County)
- ◆ [St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club](http://srockandgem.org)—srockandgem.org
- ◆ [Treasure Coast Rock and Gem Society](http://treasurecoastrockandgem.org)—treasurecoastrockandgem.org (Indian River County)
- ◆ [Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild](http://mmlg-inc.org)—mmlg-inc.org

All of these Clubs have extensive websites with articles, information, and newsletters of interest to all rockhounds.

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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This month, our spotlights are shining on our Club Secretary, Lorna Hayes.

Rocks have been a curiosity to Lorna since she was young. Growing up in an Air Force family, she explored many different parts of the country, collecting a rock here and there, but not getting serious about them until later.

Lorna is a nurse by trade, and some years ago, she took up jewelry making as a way to relax and be creative in her spare time. She began to learn about gemstones, but didn't really get hooked on rocks until she and her husband participated in an amethyst dig in Canada.

After moving to Florida, she was thrilled to find out about the Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, and eagerly joined the club two years ago. She has taken a number of the great classes we offer, and she and her husband have taken field trips to Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. When she retires in the next few years, she hopes to focus more time on rocks and gemstones, and is excited about working with other people who share her passion.

Thanks, Lorna, for your contributions to the Club!

Upcoming Class: Pillow Fold Formed Pendant with Air Chasing and Stone Attached

Arlene Lazzaro will be holding two classes - one on Saturday, February 25, and the other on Sunday, February 26th!

You will be working with copper sheet, fold forming using hammers and heat. The pendant will feature a pillow fold with air chasing and a specimen set. The air chasing is shown at the top of the pendant in triangle (shown here). The stone in this example is a piece of Tampa Bay agatized coral. A variety of stones will be offered.

The class fee is \$80: \$40 class fee plus \$40 materials. All is included! You will be using copper and creating prongs with metal shears and a jewelers saw. A lot will be taught!

Classes will start 10:30 AM and run till about 5 or 6 PM. Classes are conducted at the Club's Shop in Lake Worth.

More details will be sent when you enroll. Please let Arlene (516/810-3495) know ASAP if you are interested, including which day is better for you - Saturday or Sunday. The class is limited to six and both classes are almost full!



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 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 at 407/234-0444.

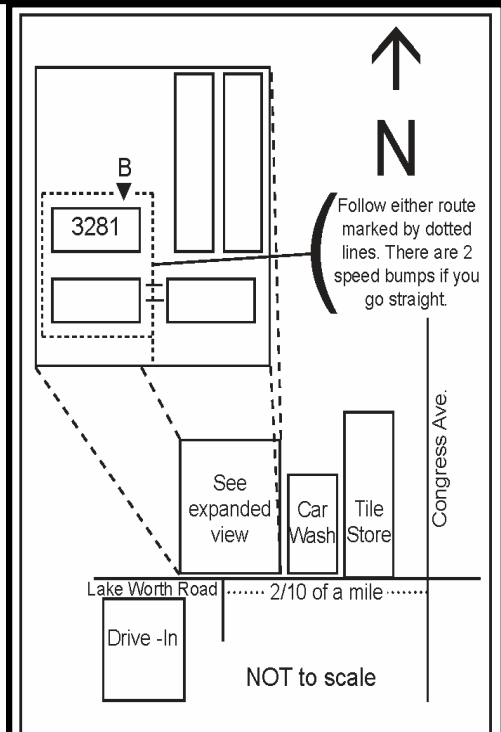
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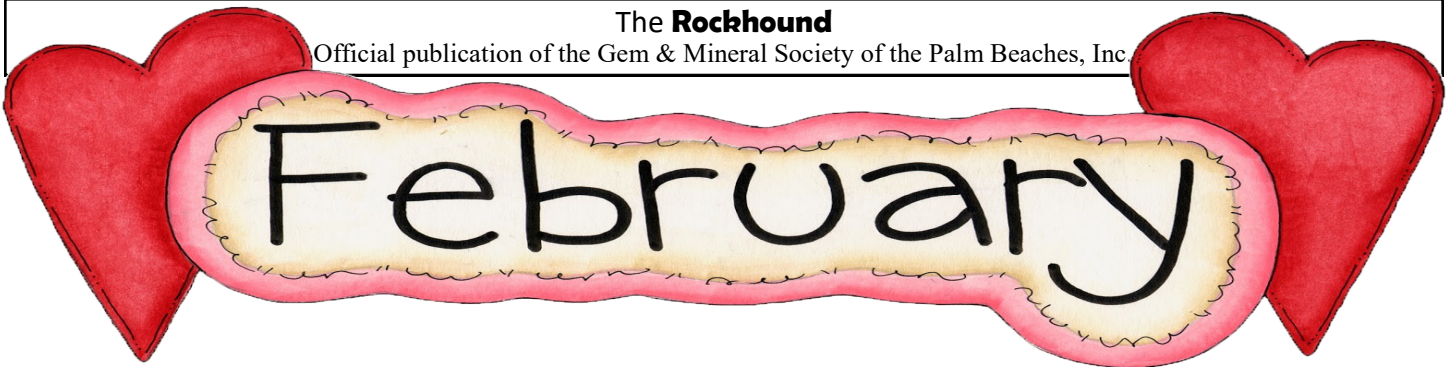
SHOP REPORT

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 407/234-0444	\$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 561/644-2323	\$50 + est. \$85 materials fee (depending on cost of silver)	Contact instructor to arrange.
Cabochon sessions Six 3-hr sessions	Susan Cairl 561/293-1298	\$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 516/810-3495	\$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 561/644-2323	\$40 + \$20 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Enameling	Samantha Lazzaro 561/372-2359	\$40 + \$50 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Flat Lap	Susan Cairl 561/293-1298	\$40 + \$10 supplies fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Fused Glass (Beginner)	Harriet Flashenburg 561/733-1466	\$50 + \$50 materials fee	Four afternoon sessions Class taught in season only. Contact instructor to arrange.
Gem Tree	Dianna Ray 561/707-6753	TBD	Contact instructor to arrange.
Metalsmithing: ◇ Alien Prong Ring	Arlene Lazzaro 516/810-3495	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Non-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné 561/644-2323	\$40 + \$15 materials fee	Contact instructor to arrange.
Wire Fan Bracelet Class	Debi Kachman 561/568-8736	\$30 + \$20-50 materials fee (depending on metal) OR supply list can be provided	Contact instructor to arrange.
Wire Sculpture Class	Debi Kachman 561/568-8736	\$30 + \$20-50 materials fee (depending on metal) OR supply list can be provided	Contact instructor to arrange.

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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.*

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check or money order to:

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Beaches, Inc. and mail to:

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

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Available from:
Ace Marking Devices (\$12.00)
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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

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Laura Simmons 407/234-0444
Dennis Rietwyk 561/255-0292
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<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6196330>

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Send comments or submissions to newsletter@gemandmineralsociety.org

GMSPB Membership Application for 2017

Check ONE Only: *

___ Individual Membership \$20.00
___ Family Membership \$30.00
___ Junior Membership \$10.00
___ Life Membership

Bring to Meeting/Workshop or Mail to:

GMSPB - Membership Chairman
P.O. Box 18095
West Pam Beach, FL 33416

Check ONE Only:

___ New Membership
___ Renewal Membership

Newsletter Preference:

___ Email (free to any member)
___ Snailmail/Both (additional \$10 / address/year)
Additional charge is to cover printing & postage

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY OF THE PALM BEACHES or GMSPB

Please fill out the membership application in its entirety. Anyone applying for membership or any member that would like to renew their membership must fill out this application and provide us with your name(s), address, telephone number and email address (if you have one). We need a mailing address and telephone number for contact purposes. Any information provide will be kept private and secure and will not be shared with any outside persons, organizations or entities. Members information may be published in the annual Society Roster for the sole distribution to other Society members. In accordance with the club's bylaws and operations procedures, membership acceptance is at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches.

* In accordance with the Society's Bylaws, an Individual Membership consists of any single adult 18 years of age or older. A Family Membership is to include up to two (2) adults and minor children (under the age of 18) residing in one household, receiving one single newsletter. A Junior member is a child under the age of 18 joining with the permission of a parent or guardian.

NAME: _____

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Month & Day of Birth: _____

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CITY, STATE ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

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Family

CHILD'S NAME _____ mm/dd/yyyy of Birth _____

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(Minor's Information required so that we may include them for Eastern Federation Dues and third-party liability insurance).

By signing below, I hereby submit my application for membership into the Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Amt. Enclosed: _____ Cash Check

Check # _____

Date Received: _____