



The Rockhound

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President's Message

Greetings, Rockhounds!

Summer is upon us again in South Florida! Those of us who live here year-round might be starting to wish we had somewhere to go to beat the heat, and may be a bit jealous of our part-time residents. Soon enough, though, Fall will be upon us - and with it our Club's busy season!

Elections, the Show, and our Holiday Banquet are all in the works! Our Nominating Committee is spinning up, and will be looking for persons willing to fill several Officer/ Board positions. Among the available positions will be President, as I will have completed a two-year term. I won't be going far though - I'll be filling whatever duty is needed of me, going forward! If you are interested in serving as an elected officer, please speak with a member of the Nominating Committee.

The Show Committee is diligently working to plan our 51st Show, which will be held (as always) the weekend before Thanksgiving. There are a number of improvements in the works, and everything is going well! If you are interested in helping out with the planning, get in touch with our Show Chairman, Walter Triche. Also, we'll be looking for Show Staff volunteers as we get closer.

Finally, I want to take the time to say "Thank You" to everyone who gives of themselves, their time, and their resources to make this club run. Each of us has a role to play, and it wouldn't be the same without each of you.

*Thank You All!
- Laura Simmons, President*

Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 20 at 7:30 pm
4801 Dreher Trail North
West Palm Beach FL 33405

*** at the new Multi-Purpose Center ***

July Program: Richard Alexis

Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Richard Alexis first came to Florida in 1959 to attend high school in Miami, but he didn't end up staying (at least not at that time). He had a leather-working shop in the Catskill Mountains for 40+ years and incorporated cabochons into those designs. At the time, he didn't cut his own, preferring to purchase already finished pieces.

Fast forward several years..... Richard is now a full-time Florida resident. He was a member of the Ft. Lauderdale Gem and Mineral Club when he took his first cabbing class. It ignited his passion for taking rough material and turning it into a thing of beauty. Richard has been a vendor at our club's show in November for some years with his company Art of Stone. While everyone knows how lovely faceted rubies and diamonds can be, Richard has learned with his work to find the beauty in lesser known rocks and minerals. It is on these that Richard will speak. Please join us at our July meeting.

Junior Rockhounds

To Be Decided!

If you are interested in assisting with Juniors' Programs, even on a one-time basis, please let Laura Simmons know. Programs should be 15-20 minutes long, and can involve any hobby-related topic. They can be a traditional presentation, a craft or other hands-on activity, or even watching a video together and possibly leading a discussion about the video's topic.

JULY

Birthstone: Ruby

Ruby is the red variety of the mineral corundum, colored by the element chromium. All other colors of gem-quality corundum are called sapphire, which means color is key for this royal stone.

Accordingly, the name “ruby” comes from rubeus, the Latin word for red. In ancient Sanskrit, ruby translated to ratnaraj, which meant “king of precious stones.” These fiery gems have been treasured throughout history for their vitality.

The chromium that gives ruby its red color also causes fluorescence, which makes rubies glow like a fire from within. Paradoxically, chromium is also what makes this gem scarce because it can cause cracks and fissures. Few rubies actually grow large enough to crystallize into fine quality gems, and these can bring even higher prices than diamonds.

Burma’s Mogok Valley historically produced the finest ruby material, famous for its deep blood-red color with purplish hues. These Burmese Rubies, also called Pigeon’s Blood Rubies, command a premium over



brownish or orange-tinged varieties from other regions.

The Mong Hsu region of Myanmar began producing rubies in the 90s after discovering that heat treatment improved the color saturation. Other

ruby deposits exist in Vietnam, Thailand, India, parts of the Middle East, East Africa and even the United States.

Tough and durable, ruby measures 9 on the Mohs scale. Diamond is the only natural gemstone harder than ruby.

Ruby’s strength and red fluorescence make it valuable for applications beyond jewelry. Both natural and synthetic rubies are used in watchmaking, medical instruments and lasers.

Due to its deep red color, ruby has long been associated with the life force and vitality of blood. It is believed to amplify energy, heighten awareness, promote courage and bring success in wealth, love and battle.

- from americangemsociety.org



Our Newest Members:

**Marcela Castillo Siu
Bennett Cramer**

**Eric and Vanessa Essery
Eileen Godwin**

**Eleanora Heiner, Junior Member
Scott & Jenifer Hicks and Juniors**

**Blaize, Zephyr & Rainey Hicks
Debbie Kasdan**

**Bruce and Nancy Sirkus
Angelena Sloan, Jay Tun and daughter**

**Angelena Slone
Meredith Snieder**

**Ron Stull
George Thomas**



Andree Bogues

K.C. Foster

Dorothy Lawson

Jennifer Martin

Michael Perkins

Laura Simmons

Gene Torres

Ingrid Webster

AGE IS SOMETHING
THAT DOESN'T MATTER,
UNLESS YOU ARE A
CHEESE.

- BILLIE BURKE



Buzzle.com

June Program: Sara Ayers-Rigsby and Andres Rigsby



Sara is the Director for the Southeast/Southwest Regions with the [Florida Public Archeology Network](http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org) in the Anthropology Department at FAU. She offered an informative presentation about prehistoric rock quarries in Florida. Andres gave us a fascinating demonstration of flint knapping techniques. Their presentations were well received by all in attendance. Thank you Sara and Andres!



Glass Blowing Classes

Our own Michelle Renné organized classes on June 10 and 24 for our members to learn glass blowing at Benzeiten Galleries in Lake Worth. Attendees included Michelle, Maryann Kolenchek, Paul Perryman, Chrissy Piazza, Larry Piper, Barbara Ringhiser, and Jenny Wright with her mother Terry and daughter Emily.

Below is Paul Perryman working his magic at the studio.



Michelle is planning another class in August or September. Our club gets classes at half price for \$50! You can make two round ornaments, a vase, a tumbler, a bowl, or a paper weight.

If you're interested in taking the class, please contact Michelle Renné at 561/644- 2323.

Upcoming Events

June 20 through July 23 - Boca Raton, FL: Boca Raton Museum Art School Gallery Exhibit 5x5+1. "An exhibit of five artworks by six artists who represent a cross section of activity and individual accomplishments in the Boca Raton Museum Art School." One of those artists is *our very own Marta Cruz!* The Opening Reception is on Tuesday, June 20, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Exhibit runs through July 23.

Saturday, July 8 - Fort Myers, FL: GMSPB Field Trip to The Shell Factory. This trip is very casual with no set meet-up time or organized tours. The location opens at 10 am. Transportation is on your own, unless you make prior carpool arrangements. You may email Jennifer Martin at rid808@yahoo.com. She will be keeping an informal list of those who might be attending. Please include your names and contact phone number. No pressure to hang out together as a group, but we can if we want to. Additional info is available at shellfactory.com.

Thursday, August 3 - West Palm Beach, FL: GMSPB Field Trip to the Solid Waste Authority. 10 am - noon. This is a fun trip in our own backyard. They give tours, have nature walks and have display cases with fossils and shells they found while constructing the site. Plus, it's FREE! If you're interested in going, contact Jen Martin - rid808@yahoo.com or 561/281-5466.

September 4-10 - Little Switzerland, NC: Wildacres Fall Classes. Registration for the entire week - six talks from their speakers, a variety of classes, good food, and more - for just \$410 per person. See details on Pages 9-12.

Sunday, September 24 - Fort Lauderdale, FL: Tri-County Picnic at TY Park. Members of three local clubs meet in Pavilion #9 from 10 am - 4 pm. Look for complete information in the August and September newsletters.

June Business Meeting Minutes

The Club's Business Meeting was held on 6/15/2017.

President Laura Simmons opened the meeting at 20:56.

Treasurer Jenny Wright gave the Treasurer's Report balances.

President Laura Simmons gave an update on open positions. We continue to look for a new Webmaster and a new Junior Rockhound Coordinator. Susan Cairl is covering and catching up on membership as we look for a new Membership Coordinator.

Arlene Lazzaro and Samantha Lazzaro will be offering classes shortly. Arlene will email the dates and class info. The Shop will be having a slab sale. Date will be announced.

The program for July club meeting will be Richard from Fort Lauderdale, who will give a presentation about cabachons.

There was no new social news. Lo Rain Dudley thanks everyone for donations at the Show and Sell and raffle donations.

Planning for the November show is on track. The Show Committee meetings are on hold for summer.

Field trips are scheduled for the Shell Factory in Naples on July 8th. Members are to meet at the site there. A Solid Waste Authority trip is being rescheduled and will be announced at a later date.

Marybeth Wiggins from FAU thanked the Club for the scholarship fund award.

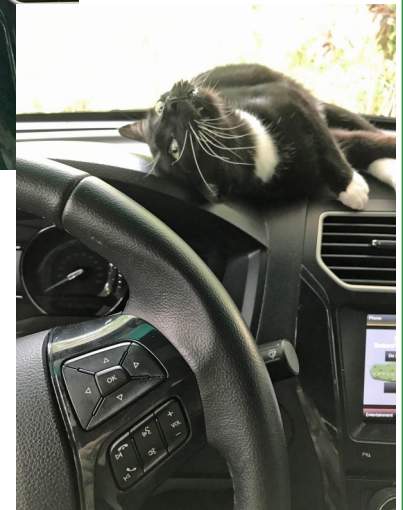
Laura Simmons announced a going out of business sale at Crystal Life.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:21.

GMSPB HOUNDS ROCK!



Meet Boots!



Boots is the constant companion of Barbara Ringhiser.

He is four years old and weighs less than eight pounds, but there's a big personality in this small package!

Boots loves to get in the car and visit. He likes to drink water out of faucets and hang out in high places.

Who is **your** four-legged (feathered, finned, or whatever) rocking buddy?

We currently need submissions for RockHOUND of the month. If you would like him or her featured as our next RockHOUND, please send photos and a description to the newsletter editor, Laura Phillips, at laura@ahphillips.com.



SUNSHINE REPORT

*Thank you for your donation:
Donna Sypniewski from the
Winchexter family of N.C.*

Feel better: Susan Cairl

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

561/827-5793

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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July Prizes

50/50 Raffle

Door Prizes

*Small tumbled stones
Small specimens and more!*

Raffle Drawings

*Jewelry-making items
Quartz crystal specimens:
rose, smoky and clear
Amethyst chunk
and other good stuff!*

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



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Member Highlight: Dan “Big Jake” Jacobson



The spotlight this month is on our member Dan Jacobson, also known as Big Jake. Dan has an interesting story that many of us can relate to.

Dan is a successful attorney who practiced law here in South Florida for over 35 years. About six years ago, he took a life-changing trip to Alaska, living in the wilderness and panning for gold. It was so exciting to him to see gold, real GOLD, in his pan.

When he came back to Florida, Dan decided to purchase some gold mining claims in Alaska, eventually opening his [Big Jake’s Alaska Gold Panning](#) operation.

Before doing that, though, Dan closed his law practice, sold his house, and actually drove to Alaska.

Dan currently spends his winters here with us in Florida, and his summers mining in Alaska. When he’s in Florida, he works at local fairs, running a gold panning and gemstone booth. He drives back and forth between Florida and Alaska, stopping along the route to look for rocks and gems. He’s had some good success on his journeys. This year, he collected emeralds and aquamarine in North Carolina, agate in Texas, fire agate and chalcedony in New



Mexico, red and black jasper, chrysocolla, and quartz crystals in Arizona, malachite and azurite in Nevada, topaz in Utah, fire opal in Idaho, jade in British Columbia, and amethyst in Ontario!

The picture on the right shows Big Jake's operation. You can see the washplant with the water coming through



it. All the way in the back left is the water pump at the far end of a settling pond. They pump the water up to the plant and load the gravel with the excavator sitting right above it. The plant washes the gravel down and the gold stays in the sluce box which is underneath the shaker. The rest of the gravel goes into the pond, and they dig it out and eventually put it back to recontour the land. Then they plant grasses and willows so in a few years it doesn't look like it's ever been mined.

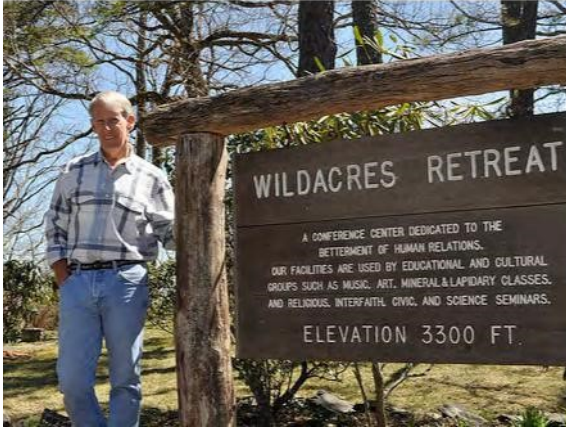


Big Jake's mining operation is located on the border of the Yukon in Canada and Alaska, about 60 miles west of Dawson City, Yukon. The mine gathers a fair share of gold, and is also rich with garnets. This year, they found over 100 ounces of gold in a short period of time, including this gold nugget that weighs about 2.25 ounces.

If you see Dan at local fairs (such as the South Florida Fair), you'll see he's offering many of his finds for sale, including gold pay dirt bags, gold nuggets, and gemstone bags.

A Lovely Mini-Vacation Awaits

by Steve Weinberger, Wildacres Chair



Recently one of our major US airlines had an ad campaign that advertised “Wanna Get Away?” Well I’m asking you the same question....”Wanna Get Away?”

I have the perfect destination in mind for you - the rolling mountains of North Carolina! Why not “get away” and join the fun and happy folks at the September EFMLS Wildacres Workshop?

Held at the Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland, NC, our workshop features a well-known Speaker-in-



Residence as well as a variety of classes all taught by experienced, excellent instructors.

“Tuition” for the entire week of the session is just \$410 per person and includes your room and board. The only additional out of pocket expense you’ll have is for the materials fee for the class or classes you take during the week.

All of our EFMLS Workshops at Wildacres are relaxing, educational and fun. Located on a private mountain just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, the retreat is quiet. There’s no traffic whizzing by, no horns honking, or blaring radios or TV to disturb the peace and quiet of the mountains. The weather in September is usually comfortable so sitting out on the wide porches or on the patio in the evenings or afternoons when there are no scheduled activities is a delight. Time spent in the classroom is generally between 10 and 20 hours depend-ing on whether you’re signed up for one class that lasts the

entire week or two classes that each last half the week.

Food is always plentiful and good - no one has ever left one of the meals feeling hungry, but just in case you have the urge for some ice cream or other snack, there is a can-teen that’s open each evening after the scheduled activity.

Lodging is in private bedrooms each with a private bathroom. If you come alone, you’ll be assigned a roommate, or you can request a specific friend on your registration form. There is no smoking allowed in any of the buildings or on the patio or porches so there’s no need to worry about your own health concerns, however the terrain is somewhat hilly. For those with physical handicaps, we do have access to a golf cart to help you move from the dining hall (at the bottom of the hill) to the residence and meeting areas.

Classes that we’re offering during the September 4 - 10 session along with their descriptions and instructors are on the next page.

Our Speaker-in-Residence for the fall session is none other than Dr. Timothy Morgan. Tim has been teaching an adult ed class in Montgomery County, MD for several years now. His main interest is in gems...and we’re sure he’ll have talks leaning to that phase of the hobby. Tim’s an engaging speaker, as well as an interesting person and we’re sure that you’ll enjoy spending the week with him. We’re hoping that his wife Michelle will accompany him.

So, if you “Wanna Get Away?” for a week. If you “Wanna Get Away” and not spend a fortune, send in your registration for the September EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres.

We’ve included a form on Page 11 for your convenience.



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WILDACRES FALL CLASSES – SEPTEMBER 4 – 10, 2017.

SPEAKER-IN-RESIDENCE: TIM MORGAN

CLASS & INSTRUCTOR	DESCRIPTION
Chainmaille - Basic Roger Campbell	Learn the ancient art of chainmaille using non-soldered copper jumpings. Students will learn different weaves while completing class projects. All tools will be provided. An optivisor or other magnification would be helpful. 2-day class offered first semester. No prior experience necessary.
Chainmaille - Continued Roger Campbell	The 2nd semester class will be a short review of chainmaille and students will learn additional weaves. All tools will be provided. An optivisor or other magnification would be helpful. 2-day class offered second semester.
Faceting – Steve Weinberger	Students will learn to cut and polish a 57-facet round brilliant gemstone. In addition they will how to identify well-cut stones, select rough material and see whether they enjoy this fascinating aspect of the hobby. Students are asked to bring an optivisor and/or jeweler's loupe if you have one. 4-day class. No prior experience necessary.
Intarsia – Beginning John Milligan	Intarsia is the making of a geometric design using a variety of stones cut to precision and fitted together to form a pattern while leaving no gaps between the pieces. In this course, students will learn the beginning skills of Intarsia by melding together stones of various colors and patterns to form a finished cabochon. Students should bring an Optivisor. Prerequisite: Must have cabbing experience. Two day class offered both semesters.
Shoot Your Story/ Tell Your Story – Bruce Gaber	In this lively workshop you'll learn the basics of photography (both technical and aesthetic). Then with some simple guiding assignments we're out the door to take our best shots. Finally, working in teams, we'll assembly our images to tell our own personal stories as engaging video programs. Bring your point-and-shoot, DLSR, or smartphone. This is a four day class.
Silversmithing – Basic Richard Meszler	Have fun learning the basics of working silver sheet and wire to fabricate jewelry. The projects will introduce you to annealing/bending/shaping/texturing metal, soldering, piercing and polishing. Students will receive a kit containing the necessary metals and supplies to complete these projects as well as a detailed written step by step description of each project. 2-day class offered 1st semester. No prior experience necessary.
Silversmithing – Intermediate Richard Meszler	Continue your education working with metals by doing a more complex project. You will learn to make a bezel setting & bail into which you will set a cabochon to make a pendant. Students will receive a kit containing the necessary metals and supplies to complete this project as well as a detailed written step by step description of each project. Prerequisite: Basic silversmithing experience including soldering.
Wire Wrapping – Jacqueline Campbell Session I Session II	Using pliers, gold-filled or sterling silver wire, assorted beads or gemstones, and a few basic wirecraft techniques, learn how to create your own fashion rings, bracelets, pendants and earrings to add that perfect accent to your jewelry wardrobe or to give as gifts. All tools and materials will be provided. Session I: Designed for beginners, participants will make an adjustable ring, two bracelets, a pendant and two pairs of earrings. 2-day class offered first semester. Session II: Designed for those with some experience (or a brave beginner) participants will make a fitted ring, two pairs of earrings, a cabochon pendant and a bracelet. 2-day class offered second semester.

2017 EFMLS Wildacres Registration

PLEASE, ONLY one person per form per session

CHECK ONE: May 22 - 28: _____ Fall: September 4 - 10: **X**

Please fill out a separate registration form for each person attending and return to SUZIE MILLIGAN, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320. **No registration will be accepted prior to January 1, 2017.** (To make it easier for the registrar and others, please do not change or revise this form. You September photocopy it as needed.) Please write legibly!

For Office Use Only

ID # _____

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Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number with area code: _____ e-mail: _____

Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Fee for each session is \$410.00 per person. Deposit is \$205 per person, payable with registration.

Make checks payable to "EFMLS". Balance of fee is due 30 days prior to start of session. No postdated checks will be accepted.

Cancellation policy: If unable to attend, fees paid will be refunded if notification is given prior to one month before the session begins. No refund will be made after that date.

Circle appropriate responses:

Have you been to Wildacres before? Yes _____ No _____ Is your Club paying your tuition? Yes _____ No _____

Name of roommate: _____ (If none, one will be assigned).

Are you: Male _____ Female _____ (No single rooms are available). Are you a smoker? Yes _____ No _____
(No smoking is allowed in any building)

Do you have any physical handicaps and / or special dietary needs? Yes _____ No _____

If YES, please explain on reverse side.

Do you have a skill to demonstrate or a program to share (up to 40 minutes)? Yes _____ No _____

Class Pre-registration

See EFMLS Newsletter or Website (efmls-wildacres.org/) for class offerings.

You will either be able to take one 4-day class or two 2-day classes. All participants must take classes.

Which of the classes being offered would you like to take? **Please indicate at least 3 choices** in order of preference for each semester. You will be preregistered for classes based on your choices, but no class placement is guaranteed. Should your preferred class be unavailable for any reason you will be preregistered for another of your choices. If no alternate class preference is indicated we will preregister you in a class of our choosing, based on availability.

1st Semester or 4 day classe choices

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Second Semester

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

(No registrations accepted prior to January 1, 2017)

Mail to: Suzie Milligan, 931 Carmichael Rd; Owego, NY 13827-3320

If you have any questions, please contact either

Suzie Milligan, Registrar at <smilligan@stny.rr.com> or 607-687-5108 or

Pamm Bryant, Director at <pjbryant6@juno.com> or 804-457-4698

SHOP TALK

Open Shop Schedule

Open shop is available for members use only, but visitors are welcome to stop by during open shop hours. Open shop fees are \$5.00 for the first 3 hours and \$7.00 for time over three hours.



Important! Members must complete a 6 class Certification Class before using the cabbing equipment. This class runs for six consecutive weeks for 3 hours each week to provide safety instructions and cabbing techniques. If you received training elsewhere, you will still need to demonstrate your proficiency before using shop equipment. For information on cabbing certification please call Susan Cairl @ 561-293-1298

Open Shop Hours:

Mondays 10:30am - 5:00pm, Samantha Lazzaro, Shop Steward - 631-764-6556
Tuesdays Evenings by Appointment - Laura Simmons, Shop Steward - 407-234-0444
Thursdays 12:30pm - 3:30pm, Dennis Rietwyk, Shop Steward - 561-255-0292
Fridays 6:00pm - 9:30pm, Susan Cairl, Shop Steward - 561-293-1298

“Stuff Happens” so please call first to verify the shop will be open as scheduled. If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Steward, to confirm.

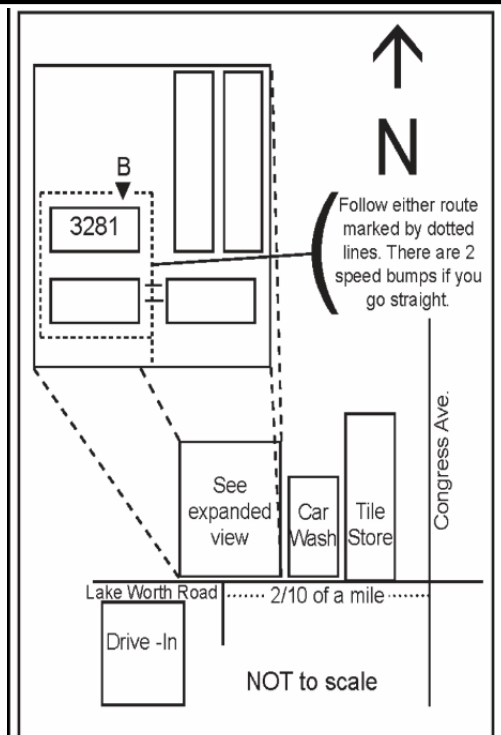
Shop Report

Open shop is available for lapidary, metal work, enameling, fused glass, classes and to use the library. You must be certified to use the kiln! For kiln certification and classes, please call Samantha Lazzaro.

At the present time, kiln use is limited to Monday Open Shop Hours. For beginning silversmith classes, please call Laura Simmons. Additional classes will be announced as they become available. When visiting the shop please know:

- ◆ You will be asked to sign a one-time liability waiver and be given a copy of the shop rules
- ◆ Always sign in and out of the log book and complete the information on the sign in sheet
- ◆ Drinks and food are permitted in the outer room only
- ◆ There is no fee to use the library or reference videos available in the shop

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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