



# The Rockhound

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## President's Message

*August is here! It seems like summer just arrived, and now it's on the way out. I don't know about everyone else, but I'm looking forward to mowing my yard less often. Anyway, it's also time to spin up our Club activities for Fall. In September, our Board and Show meetings start back up, and we're working on some great field trip ideas, now that (hopefully) cooler weather approaches.*

*Don't forget to save the dates for the Show! Volunteers will be needed for setup Thursday and Friday, November 16th and 17th; and during the Show Saturday and Sunday, November 18th and 19th. Be thinking about your exhibits and demonstrations, too. Also, don't forget the Banquet, December 16th! There are a lot of exciting things in the works; if you'd like to get involved, talk to a Show Committee member. More information will be coming soon!*

*The Nominating Committee members are also starting their busy time of year. They are actively looking for members to fill our elected positions for next year. Please consider serving if you are at all able. We also have several appointed positions available...I'd like to see us start the new year with a full complement of officers and committee chairs. In each case, either the outgoing person or someone who has held the position before can serve as a mentor; you won't have to go it alone.*

*Lastly, please stay tuned for meeting date changes in December. As always, our officer installations will take place at the banquet on December 16th, so our December meeting will be scheduled prior to that date for voting to be held. Also, our Board meeting and Newsletter deadlines may change to accommodate finalizing and publishing the slate in accordance with the Bylaws. I'd like to give everyone plenty of notice on the changes, so stay tuned!*

*Thanks to All,  
- Laura Simmons, President*

## Membership Meeting

**Thursday, August 17 at 7:30 pm**  
4801 Dreher Trail North  
West Palm Beach FL 33405

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

## August Program: 2nd Annual Instructor Showcase

We have a very special program planned for you this month! Several of our talented members hold regular classes at the shop - everything from basic cabbing to intricate metalwork design. Their work will be showcased at the meeting and we hope to have actual demonstrations of some of their techniques. This is a wonderful opportunity for new members to see what classes are offered and for us "old timers" to see what we might have been missing.

This will be a perfect time to sign up for those classes that you have always wanted to take!

If you do teach a class and want to give a demonstration, please email or text me ASAP to reserve your spot. My cell is (561)281-5466. Texts are preferred. Please send any email to: [rid808@yahoo.com](mailto:rid808@yahoo.com).

## Junior Rockhounds

Special Guest Presenter  
Mitch Turk returns with  
a hands-on rock  
identification challenge!  
Can you identify the  
rocks you find?



# AUGUST

## Birthstone: Peridot

Though peridot is widely recognized by its brilliant lime green glow, the origin of this gem's name is unclear. Most scholars agree that the word "peridot" is derived from the Arabic *faridat* which means "gem," but some believe it's rooted in the Greek word *peridona*, meaning "giving plenty." Perhaps that's why peridot is associated with prosperity and good fortune.

Peridot is the rare gem-quality variety of the common mineral olivine, which forms deep inside the earth's mantle and is brought to the surface by volcanoes. In



Hawaii, peridot symbolizes the tears of Pele, the volcano goddess of fire who controls the flow of lava.

Rarely, peridot is also found inside meteorites.

Peridot's signature green color comes from the composition of the mineral itself—rather than from trace impurities, as with many gems. That's why this is one of few stones that only comes in one color, though shades may vary from yellowish-green to olive to brownish-green, depending how much iron is present.

Most of the world's peridot supply comes from the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. Other sources are China, Myanmar, Pakistan and Africa.

Peridot only measures 6.5 to 7 on the Mohs scale, so while the raw crystal is prone to cracking during cutting, the finished gemstones are fairly robust and easy to wear.

Also known as "the Evening Emerald" because its sparkling green hue looks brilliant any time of day, peridot is said to possess healing properties that protect against nightmares and evil, ensuring peace and happiness. Babies born in August are lucky to be guarded by peridot's good fortune.

- from [americangemsociety.org](http://americangemsociety.org)



## Our Newest Members:

**Caroline Brayman**

**Richard Brayman**

**Tim Shewalter**

**Don Taussig**

**Ilene Taussig**



**Debbie Anderson**

**Marvin Berkowitz**

**Susan Cairl**

**Bennett Cramer**

**Lo Rain Dudley**

**Jim Hawkins**

**Debbie Kashdan**

**Thomas Kuchinsky**

**Carole Marshall**

**Chris Norris**

**Walter Parker**

**Joni Suarez-Prado**

**George Thomas**

**Walter Triche**

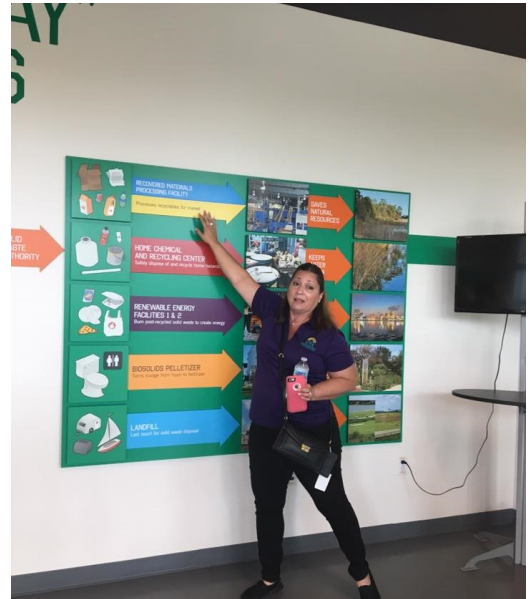
*When life gives you birthdays, eat cake!*

# July Program: Richard Alexis





# Field Trip to the Solid Waste Authority



## **Cold Connections Class** **Make an Adjustable Feather Ring and/or Pendant**

**Sunday, August 13**  
**10:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Instructor: Arlene Lazzaro**  
**GMSPB Shop in Lake Worth**  
**(Map on Page 12)**

**Cost \$80 (\$40 for class, \$40 materials)**

Participants will make an adjustable feather ring and/or a pendant. All tools and materials will be provided.

The class will teach two ways to fold form ring or a pendant. Copper will be used as well as turquoise cabochons set in a sterling bezel.

Up to three pieces will be made of your choosing. Patina will also be taught.

Contact Arlene Lazzaro at 516/810-3495 or [polka.girl4@yahoo.com](mailto:polka.girl4@yahoo.com).



## **Upcoming Events**

**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](mailto:rid808@yahoo.com) or 561/281-5466.

**Sunday, August 13 - Lake Worth, FL: Cold Connections Class with Arlene Lazzaro at the GMSPB Shop.** 10:30 am - 5:00 pm. See description on the left. Contact Arlene Lazzaro for more information at 516/810-3495 or [polka.girl4@yahoo.com](mailto:polka.girl4@yahoo.com).

**To Be Determined in late August - Lake Worth, FL: Glass Blowing Class with Michelle Renné.** Cost \$50. Contact Michelle for information. Contact Michelle at 561/644-2323 or [tfhae2@gmail.com](mailto:tfhae2@gmail.com).

**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. Complete information is on Page 7.

## **Show Committee Meeting**

**August 28 at 7:30 pm**  
**GMSPB Shop in Lake Worth**  
**All are welcome!**



For more information, contact Walt Triche at [wtriche@bellsouth.net](mailto:wtriche@bellsouth.net).



## July Business Meeting Minutes

President Laura Simmons called the meeting on July 20, 2017 to order. She announced that the usual monthly board meeting was suspended for summer.

Treasurer Jenny Wright gave her report.

Newsletter Editor Laura Phillips asked for submissions for the Rockhound of the Month feature article. She also asked club members to submit articles, pictures, or anything gem or mineral related for the newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is August 6, 2017.

The club is still looking for a Webmaster to replace Ingrid Webster.

Susan Cairl reminded the club of the need for a new Membership Coordinator. Susan will manage the membership in the interim.

Arlene Lazzaro announced her new Cold Connections class. The time and date will be in the next newsletter.

Susan Cairl reminded the club of the open shop times. Susan will be organizing a slab sale for mid September.

Jenny Wright announced that the next monthly meeting will be an instructor demo. Members are asked to contact Jenny if they would like to have a table.

The next TY Park Tri-County Picnic will be in September.

The November show needs a Coordinator for volunteers.

Jenny Wright and Lo Rain Dudley made some suggestions for future field trips. A tour to the Solid Waste Authority is set for August 3 at 10:30.

Lo Rain Dudley thanked Laura Phillips for her excellent work on the newsletter.

Laura Simmons reminded members to use Amazon Smile, and then adjourned the meeting at 21:13.

## GMSPB HOUNDS ROCK!

### This is Sparkie!

Sparkie is 12 years old and owned and loved by our President, Laura Simmons, and her husband Grant.

He is 12 years old, and hitched a ride into Laura's life as a kitten (shown below), stuck under her co-worker's car. She discovered him hanging from her front bumper, after a 14 mile ride down the interstate.

It took three of them to get him loose, and after a vet visit (he had some road rash on his tail, but was otherwise a healthy 7 week old kitten), there was no question he was going home with Laura.



Who is **your** four-legged (feathered, finned, or whatever) rocking buddy? 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](mailto:laura@ahphillips.com).



## Member Highlight: **Grant Simmons**

This month, the Spotlight shines on Grant Simmons. You may not recognize Grant in person, but you probably know his voice! He has served as our Auctioneer the past two years at our Steak Dinner and Auction, and also worked all day, both days, as our loud-speaker announcer at last year's Show.

He was born in Mississippi, and has lived in Florida since he was 10 years old. All that vocal and projection training comes from experience with Chorus and Drama throughout his educational years. He is also active in several other local organizations, and therefore can't always make it to general meetings. He is definitely supportive of the Club, even though he jokingly says "I don't know much about rocks, I just do what my wife tells me to do!" Oh, yes - he's also married to our current Club President!

## **TY PARK Tri-Club Picnic and Rock Swap & Sale**

**Sunday, September 24 from 10:00AM-4:00 PM**

**Pavilion #9 at TY Park (see map)**

- ◆ Relax and mingle with members of the Palm Beach, Gold Coast, and Miami clubs
- ◆ Bring a **potluck dish** to share, your **table service** and **drinks** (no glass containers)
- ◆ Bring **items to donate** to Raffles and Bingo, which pay for pavilion
- ◆ Arrive around 9:30-10:30 if you wish to set up a table to sell club related items (no charge), just bring **table** and **chairs**
- ◆ Lunch begins at 11:30
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help set-up, sell tickets, call bingo, and clean-up.
- ◆ For more info, call Sean Branigan at 954/592-1503 or KC Foster at 561/523-4600

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-95 go West on Sheridan Street. Go North (right turn) on North Park Road. The Park entrance will be on the right (east) side. *Park admission is \$1.50 per person.*





## SUNSHINE REPORT

*Thank you for your donations:*

*Susan Cairl ❖ Gail Langford*

*Barbara Ringhiser ❖ Donna Sypniewski*

*Prayers to the families of:*

*Susan Cairl and Matthew*

*Amber Griggs ❖ Dori Lawson*

*Feel better:*

*John Hanzen ❖ Marta Cruz*

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 labidary specimens  
and more!*

### Raffle Drawings

*Jewelry-making items  
Pyrite and quartz crystal specimens  
Two necklaces  
Small geodes and other great 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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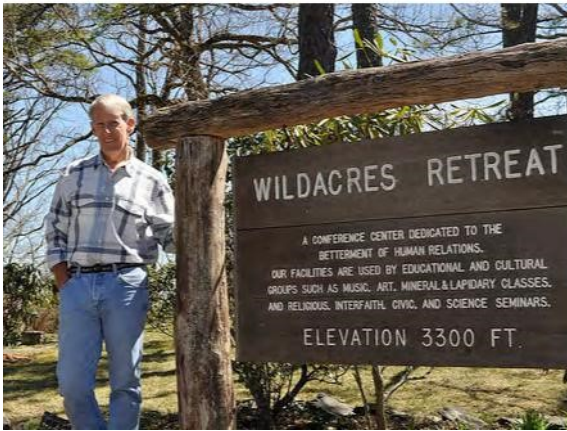
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## A Lovely Mini-Vacation Awaits

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.



*Reprinted from May 2017 EFMLS News.*

## 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

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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/](http://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](mailto:smilligan@stny.rr.com)> or 607-687-5108 or

Pamm Bryant, Director at <[pjbryant6@juno.com](mailto: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.

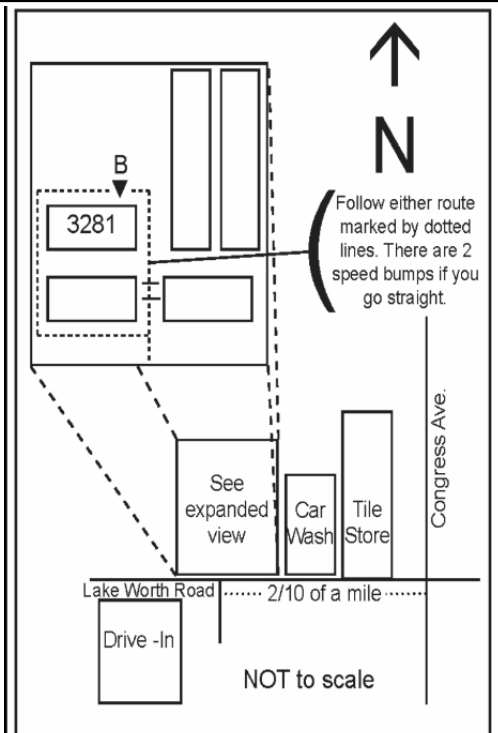
## Shop Report

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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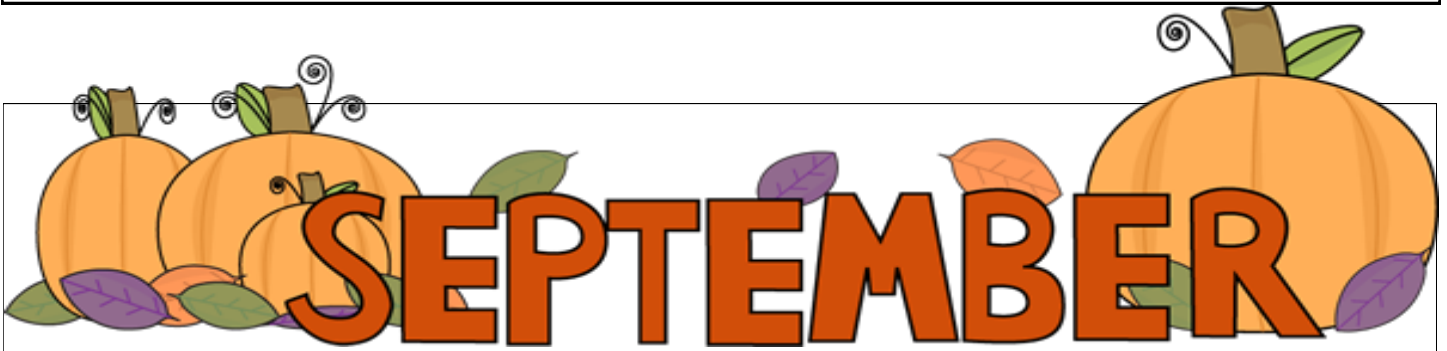
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<b>27</b>	Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM <b>Show Committee Meeting</b> 7:30 pm @ Shop	<b>29</b> Open Shop** 6-9 PM <b>RSVP ONLY!</b> Laura 407/234-0444	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis 561/255-0292	Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	

**\*\*CALL BEFORE GOING TO OPEN SHOP!!**

Always call the shop steward before going to the shop.

Open shop sessions may be cancelled or changed due to scheduling conflicts.

If the assigned shop steward cannot be reached, call Susan Cairl, Head Shop Steward, to arrange for open shop.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	2
3	4 	5 Open Shop** 6-9 PM <b>RSVP ONLY!</b> Laura 407/234-0444	6 <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 7:30 PM @ Shop	7 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis 561/255-0292	8 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	9
10	11 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha 561/372-2359	12 Open Shop** 6-9 PM <b>RSVP ONLY!</b> Laura 407/234-0444	13	14 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis 561/255-0292	15 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	16
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24 <b>Tri-County Picnic</b> 10 am @ TY Park	25 Open Shop** 10:30AM - 5 PM General Work Samantha 561/372-2359	26 Open Shop** 6-9 PM <b>RSVP ONLY!</b> Laura 407/234-0444	27	28 Open Shop** 12:30-3:30 PM General Work Dennis 561/255-0292	29 Open Shop** 6-9 PM General Work Susan 561/293-1298	30



## 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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