

SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Monthly Meeting** with guest speaker and refreshments. Members are encouraged to bring crafted pieces, collections, specimens, etc. for “Show & Tell”.
- **Annual Auction/Luncheon** is held each year for the entire family with good food, an auction, and fellowship.
- **Holiday Dinner** in December is a time to celebrate the Holidays with Society friends and say *thank you* to the outgoing officers for a “job well done”.
- **Member “Show & Sell”** conducted two times a year. Members are encouraged to display and sell their handcrafted items, gems and minerals.
- The Society supports other clubs and their activities, and shares that information in *periodic* eBlasts
- **Get Togethers with other South Florida mineral clubs** We meet two times a year for a picnic, “rock swap” and games.

LAPIDARY SHOP

We are fully equipped with everything needed for “open shop” and the variety of classes available to the members: rock saws, grinding and polishing stations, kilns, a “hot” area for torches and soldering and a separate classroom.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Junior	\$10.00 (Under 18)
Single	\$30.00 (18 and over)
Family	\$50.00 (Includes children under 18)

Membership: January 1 to December 31.
Interested in our club? Please attend one of our meetings and get to know the Society before you join. Membership applications are available at monthly meetings or online on our website:
www.gmspb.org

Visitors are ALWAYS WELCOME!!

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Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

Founded 1965



Since 1965, the Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches has been a community focus for those interested in geology, minerals, fossils and the lapidary arts in the Palm Beach area.

The Society is a proud member of:



*Southeastern Federation
of Mineralogical
Societies*



*Eastern Federation
of Mineralogical and
Lapidary Societies.*

Through these Federations the Society is also affiliated with the *American Federation of Mineralogical Societies* 

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The Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. Club Purpose:

To associate with persons in the Palm Beach area who are interested in the natural sciences: to work together as an organization in gathering, cutting, displaying and studying of rocks, shells, artifacts, and any kind of scientific objects of interest to the individual and the organization; and to promote community interest in these objects.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Held the 3rd Thursday of the month January through November. December meeting date varies.
- The Society meets across the street from the Cox Science Center and Aquarium, at 4800 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach FL 33405.
- The meeting consists of a main program followed by a refreshment break and a short business meeting.
- Displays of self-made, purchased or collected items by Society members are encouraged.
- Door prize drawings are held at each meeting. There is also a silent auction with club related items!
- Programs vary, but include lectures by mineral, gem and lapidary experts, how-to demonstrations by skilled artisans, presentations on recent field trip outings and experiences by members and guests, or slide/video presentations.
- Junior members are always welcome.
- Come, mingle and get involved!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Use of a fully equipped lapidary shop with equipment for stone, glass and metal work!
- Wide range of classes, including cabochon cutting, fused glass, bead work, cold connections with copper, wire wrapping, black coral jewelry, silver smithing, enameling on copper, faceting and chain making.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips to local and other sites as a Society or in conjunction with other area clubs.

MEMBER eBLASTS

- Are sent via email prior to monthly meeting
- Others announce upcoming events, field trips, club shows, and share Federation News and other items of interest

ANNUAL CLUB SHOW

- Free admission for all members who volunteer to work during the show
- Show vendors sell finished jewelry, hobby-related equipment, rough material for cutting or faceting and one-of-a-kind treasures.
- Society-supplied Display Cases where members/invited guests may exhibit jewelry, carvings, minerals, fossils and lapidary.
- Ongoing Demonstrations in cabochon cutting, faceting, beading, chain-making and other hobby related talents conducted during the show.
- Carolina-style gem mining and geode cutting are available.

SOCIETY LIBRARY

- Available to members at our shop. Library contains books, videos, DVDs, and magazines on many aspects of the hobby
- A small deposit is required to sign books out for one month.