

Canaveral Moonstone



Presidents Corner



I recently went to see family in Massachusetts, where it was only 58 degrees, so I am hesitantly grateful for the heat that seems to be upon us earlier than usual. The trip did not allot for much time and therefore wherever we did go I searched the ground for rocks which drove both my sister and brother absolutely insane! We were able to enjoy some time in Faneuil Hall, where I very briefly had the opportunity to look at a Crystal vendor display. Of course, I could have spent hours there had it not been for both of my siblings tugging me along. I was happy to see my family and spend time with them and only wished that the H&R gem show had fallen on a different weekend. I'm hoping that a lot of members had the opportunity to shop at the various vendors brought into the Melbourne auditorium courtesy of the H&R gem show. I am thankful that Stacey Marmolejo was able to organize all the tables and volunteers.



I am also excited to see the progress for our DMC membership program headed by both Karin Paradise and James Hislop. A recent field trip from June 1st will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting as well as a discussion on plans for the next field trip. Be sure to check your email frequently for announcements regarding field trips.

The updated By-Laws are attached. The By-Laws will be voted on at the June 5 meeting. It is the same information that was sent to our members on May 1, 2024.



Looking forward to catching up with everyone at our June 5th meeting!

Melissa Horan

CMGS



Links to CMGS

Exchange Bulletins are Welcome

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The Dead Line for the July Moonstone is June 20, 2024

The URL for CMGS web site is: <http://www.canaveral-mgs.com/>

The **Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society (CM&GS)** is a registered Florida not-profit-corporation approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax exempt , organization under Internal Revenue Code section of Florida 501 (c) (7) for the following purposes:

1. For the preservation, support, and promotion of the hobby of Mineralogy and its various forms of allied activities and earth sciences.
2. To dedicate ourselves to the furtherance of the hobby through the exchange of knowledge, experience, and other helpful information among ourselves and other like organizations.
3. To further the education of members and the general public of the hobby by programming talks, discussions, motion pictures, field trips, and the staging of shows and exhibitions.
4. To maintain an active affiliation with the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies and to participate in Federation activities to the fullest extent possible.

Goals and Objectives

5. To promote the spirit of cooperation and fellowship among the membership.
6. To increase our knowledge of rocks and minerals and to explore the mystery and wonder of the earth.
7. To actively encourage members to attend educational classes, workshops, lectures, and demonstrations.
8. To stimulate interest in the earth sciences within the community by providing scholarships to worthy students at all educational levels.
9. To provide the necessary equipment and resources to enable members to develop their interests.
10. To enjoy our hobby and Have Fun!

Affiliations

The Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)

Meetings and Dues

Meetings are the First Wednesday of each month at the Melbourne Front Street Civic Center. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome! Dues are shown below and are paid annually.

Active members \$ 40.00

Associate Type 1 \$ 10.00-related to an active or honorary member, be under the age of eighteen .

Associate Type 2 \$ 20.00 - 13 – 18 years

June 2024

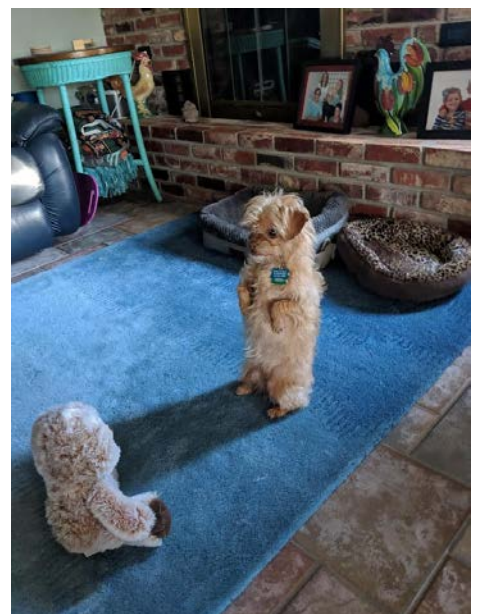
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	4	5 Monthly Meeting 7PM	6 Open Shop 5:30—9:30pm	7	8 Open Shop 8:30—12:30pm
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Lynn McKinney will present Specific Gravity, Part 2 at the meeting.

July will be our open house for everyone to show off their creations to share with friends and family.

Pet of the Month

This is Gizmo, she belongs to Mary and Ed Kinberg. She tends to do really goofy things and loves to stand up and get her tummy petted. Gizmo is 14.



Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society May 1st, 2024 Meeting Minutes

President Melissa Horan opened the meeting Wednesday, May 1st, 2024 at 7:08 p.m. at the Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front Street, Melbourne, FL 32901.

Vice President – Lynn McKinney- Lynn showed a U tube video regarding Specific Gravity. Specific gravity is a way to express the relative density of a gemstone. It is measured as the ratio of the density of the gemstone to the density of water. Helpful ideas for identifying gemstones.

In June, Lynn will demonstrate a tool that measures Specific Gravity. July is open house, so we will not have a speaker. If you're interested in doing a presentation, please see Lynn.

Secretary- Mary Kinberg – The April minutes were printed in the May Moonstone. I would like to make a change to the April Minutes. I wrote down the title, Education Specialist, instead of Education Chairman. The motion to approve the minutes with the amended change to the title, Education Chairman, was approved.

Education Chairman, Yvonne Alexander - Yvonne is out of town this week. Please check your email if you are an instructor. Yvonne sent out an email to all instructors. Please check your spam and other in boxes for Yvonne's email. If you are an instructor and have taught a recent class, please email Yvonne with the completed class list.

Melissa announced she will be leaving the presidency in 7 months, so think about running for President if you are interested. Melissa has been trying to clean up our By-Laws and Practices and Procedures to help the club run smoother.

Melissa explained that we usually have our scholarship raffle in March or later. It was brought up that some of the winners weren't able to get into the SFMS classes they wanted because the classes they wanted were filled up by the time our scholarship names were drawn. After discussion with the Board, it was decided to change our By Laws so dues would be collected sooner. In order to draw names for the Scholarship at the February Meeting, the Motion below was voted on and approved at the April 26th Zoom Board Meeting,

Dues shall be payable by the end of the January meeting. Dues in arrears after the end of the January meeting will cause the member(s) to be removed from the membership roster.

The motion was approved by Scott Bellinger and seconded by Yvonne Alexander. It was voted on and passed unanimously by the Board. This motion and additions to the Policies and Procedures will make it possible that we can draw names for the scholarship in February. Please read through the proposed change in the By-Laws (above in dark print) and Shannon will also send this out tonight in an email to all members. **Changes to the bylaws need to be approved by membership so please plan on voting in June.** The additions to the Policies and Procedures Handbook will be published on our website.

Melissa also announced the board voted and changed the name of The SFMS Raffle to "The Wayment Continuing Education Scholarship." Dave Wayment and his wife, Leslie, valued education in the club and worked to re-establish the scholarship and promote classes for the members.

Treasurer-Kim Kisselstein – The monthly bills were paid including the rent on the Front Street Center for our monthly meeting. After expenses were paid for Dolly's picnic, we only cleared \$217. Next year we need to have more auction items and more attendance. Kim also said if a member wants a copy of the treasurer's report, please email her.

Shannon Byrd asked members to please email her pictures of your pet for the Moonstone.

Membership, Kathie Burnette – We now have 105 members.

Thanks Art DeLaurentis for helping with Show and Tell and thanks to everyone who shared with us:

Bill Haar – Was having issues with his heat working correctly while casting. He shared some of the things he did to correct the problem. Bill will be teaching casting classes at William Holland in June and July and Wild Acres in August.

James Hislop- shared some jasper stones that he found in Utah and shark teeth and fossils from the Peace River. He will be teaching a class on making earrings out of shark’s teeth at the club on Mondays for \$10. James is trying to organize a trip to Peace River. Please sign up on his list if you are interested in going. He also shared a chain mail bracelet that Yvonne taught.

Melissa Horan- shared different silver designs that she made with hammers and rolling mills.

Jim Ragan- shared an Amethyst that he faceted and a citrine that he dropped and ways to fix it. Jim and Art also recommended keeping your glue in the refrigerator.

Paige Wildstein- shared her cabochons set in bezels.

Erleen Estes- shared her chainmail bracelets and other pieces that she made in Yvonne Alexander’s class.

Thanks James Hislop and Karen Paradise for getting CMGS approved in the Dixie Mineral Council (DMC). We’re looking forward to the opportunity to go on field trips!

Stacey Marmolejo, a new member, has volunteered to step in as chairperson of the Parade of Gems (POG). She has worked in the past as a trade show coordinator and will bring expertise to our POG. Thanks Stacey! Stacey is also going to coordinate CMGS helping out with the H&R Gem Show on May 17th to May 19th. We appreciate your help Stacey!

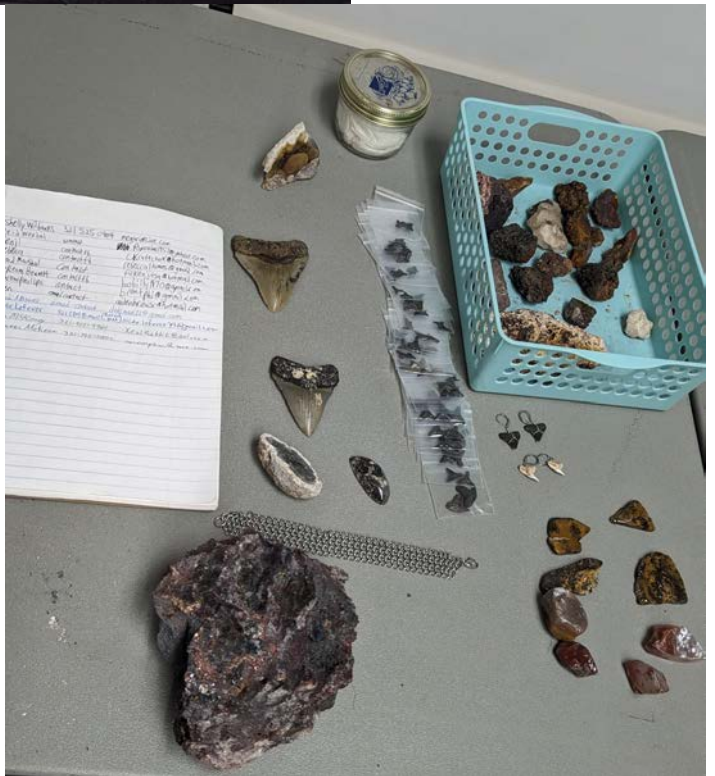
Melissa mentioned that we need to schedule a day to clean the workshop. Also, let Melissa know if you would be willing to help organize our snacks for our meetings.

Mary Kinberg
Secretary





Show and Tell



Great Teamwork & Fun Times at H&R Gem Show

Thank you to **Cheryl Snyder, Liz Ritter, Jannine and James Ragan, James Hislop, Erleen Estes, Price and Aaron Devries** for manning the front door this past weekend at the H&R Gem Show. Your greatly appreciated.

For those who don't know, the H&R Gem Show is a privately owned show, as opposed to ours which is a non-profit show. H&R Gem Show is owned by a board member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, which is the region our club belongs to. In exchange for our member-volunteers working the front door, they give us booth space for our club AND the club earns 10% of the door. The club, in turn, shares the booth space with our member-volunteers to sell their wares at the show when they aren't working the front desk. WIN-WIN-WIN

Now it's time to start working on our own show, The Parade of Gems. We are currently gathering names for volunteers. You can sign up to volunteer at the June meeting (June 5, 2024 7-9 pm at Front



Street Civic Center 2205 S. Front Street Melbourne, FL 32901) or click on this link <https://bit.ly/POGvolunteer>.

We'll need several different skill sets and some work will begin immediately while other work will be onsite at the show and projects everywhere in between.

Please use the online form or plan to sign up at the June meeting.

Thanks!

Stacey Marmolejo
Parade of Gems Chairperson

Bench Tips by Brad Smith

Work Smarter & Be More Productive With Brad's "How To" Jewelry Books

See Other Tips in my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making Problems

<http://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ>

LITTLE THINGS CAN BITE

Most jewelers treat motorized equipment with caution. We've all heard stories about workpieces coming loose in the drill press or about getting long hair or clothing caught in the polishing machine. It stands to reason that a machine with a motor of a half horsepower or so is going to win out over its operator. We all know that, and I'm not going to harp on it. That's not the point of this story.

I want to talk about the smaller motor-powered machines we often use, the ones with little 3 inch diameter motors. For instance, these small motors are used in flexshafts and micro buffers. They're so small that many of us forget caution when using them. I am guilty of it myself sometimes, and believe me it can get you in trouble. Here is what happened to two people I know.

One friend had a polishing bur bend in the handpiece and then whack the thumb that was holding the workpiece. The swelling was substantial, and it took several weeks to regain normal use. A small underpowered motor? Not so.

Another friend was using one of the small buffing machines, the kind you can stop when you apply too much pressure to the wheel. Not to worry about such an underpowered beast you say. Wrong, it literally jumped up and bit the hand that feeds it!

Buffer was set on a low table to do a quick polish, so was not mounted or clamped. A buff was installed on the right spindle, no buff on the left. Friend was wearing a tight-fitting, long-sleeved sweater. While buffing on the right wheel, the left tapered spindle caught a thread on the friend's left sleeve and started grabbing more and more threads and sleeve.

Rather than pulling the arm into the machine, the light buffer quickly lifted off the table and started climbing up the underside of the friend's arm. There was no way to get a hand of the on/off switch because the unit was spinning wildly and battering my friend like a club wielded by a mad man. Only when someone nearby could grab the power cord and yank it from the wall did the mayhem stop.

So, when you're in the shop, please think safety. Don't take even the little motors for granted.



Solve Your Jewelry Making Problems With
Brad's "How To" Books

www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith

Up Coming Gem Shows

H & R Gem Shows Sarasota Fall Gem Show - 08/02/2024

Start Date: 08/02/2024 - End Date: 08/04/2024

Venue: Sarasota Municipal Auditorium

Address: 901 N Tamiami Tr

Sarasota Municipal Auditorium

Sarasota, FL 34236

Website: <https://hrgemshows.com/>

Types: Bead Shows, Jewelry & Lapidary Shows, Rock & Mineral Shows

H & R Gem Shows St Petersburg Fall Gem Show - 08/30/2024

Start Date: 08/30/2024 - End Date: 09/01/2024

Venue: The Coliseum Ballroom

Address: 535 4th Ave N

The Coliseum Ballroom

St Petersburg, FL 33701

Website: <https://hrgemshows.com/>

Types: Jewelry & Lapidary Shows, Bead Shows, Rock & Mineral Shows

Florida Gem and Mineral Show - 10/19/2024

Start Date: 10/19/2024 - End Date: 10/20/2024

Venue: Sanford Civic Center

Address: 401 E Seminole Blvd

Sanford Civic Center

Sanford, FL 32771

Website: <http://www.floridafossilhunters.com/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows

51th Annual CMGS Parade of Gems

NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2023

Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 10am-4pm

at the Melbourne Auditorium

625 East Hibiscus Avenue, Melbourne, Florida

32901

Advertising

CMGS members Marty and LeAnn Smithson spend the summer in the State of Washington. They have a good friend there who is a passionate rockhound who collects beautiful specimens of various agates, particularly carnelian agates. His collections can be viewed and purchased through [ETSY.com](https://www.etsy.com/) and search for AgateBadger.

Please visit the site if you are interested in purchasing agates from the SW Washington area and the Mt. St. Helen's tributaries.

You can also contact Donnie Gault at (564) 200-7908



The SFMS William Holland Workshop and Wildacres website is up and running!

Everything you need to register is here. Come to adult summer camp at its best.

<https://www.sfmsworkshops.org/>

Out and About

Check out Melissa (our fearless leader) at one of the weekend shows.



Classes completed - Congratulations

Vashiti Saint Germain passed the silver smith class with Deborah Jorgensen.



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