



# THE ROCKHOUND

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The next general membership meeting will be held

**Thursday September 16, 2010**

7:30 PM at the West Palm Beach Garden Club  
4800 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach, FL 33405-3018

## September Program

This month will be our first **Show and Tell**. If you have taken a class or gone mining, this a great opportunity to share what you found and/or learned. If you would like to participate, please contact Samantha Lazzaro at 561-372-2359 or [crystalgrace2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crystalgrace2006@yahoo.com). Teachers who offer classes to Gem Society members are also asked to bring class samples to this program.

## October Program

This month will be our second annual **Show and Sell**. This is the time to show other members of the Society your talents. If you would like to participate, please contact Samantha Lazzaro at 561-372-2359 or [crystalgrace2006@yahoo.com](mailto:crystalgrace2006@yahoo.com), tables are \$10 each.

## President's Message

Welcome back from a long and continuing HOT summer. I hope everyone had a great time and got to do some visiting, traveling, guests, FUN stuff ! Now that the "cooler" months are in the near future, it's time to get back to more club activities. Classes should fill up again soon with a couple of NEW ones to be announced. The shop is still in use but not as much as it could be. Remember, we have lapidary equipment for cutting rocks, capping machines for polishing them, faceting for those extra-special ones, kilns for enameling and Art Clay Silver, fire-proof work benches for torches and soldering. We have the best shop around and it's only \$5 ! It's great for those who don't have the equipment or aren't allowed to use it in their neighborhood and it's fun to see what others are doing - it stimulates your creativity ! Come on and use it - it's AIR CONDITIONED ! We're a very lucky club! Hope to see you there soon !

Rock on !

*Michelle Renné*

## TY Park in October,,see page 3 for information

Our Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Bead and Jewelry show is not very far off!

November sneaks right up on us, so in this issue of the Rockhound is a listing of the jobs descriptions we will need workers to fill at the show. PLEASE take the time to read it over and fill in a volunteer form. The forms will be in the newsletter until November, but it never hurts to SIGN UP EARLY!!!

The Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild is holding their annual show at the Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium during the weekend of October 16-17th, volunteers are always welcome!! Anyone interested in helping them at their show, contact KC Foster at 561-968-5287.



## September Birthdays

Carl Bengtson  
Michelle Renné

E. Elizabeth Edwards  
Barbara Ringhiser

Lee Krenz  
Liz Whiting

## Door Prizes.....Raffle Items

September's door prize will be a pair of black and silver crystal necklace.

Raffle items will include a faceted green amethyst oval, quartz for faceting, a green jade bracelet and more brown crystals in matrix (winner still gets to indentify them!)

We are always looking for extra prizes to put out for the raffle. If you are thinning out your collection, doing some spring cleaning or just feeling generous, bring whatever you would like to donate to a meeting and give it to me.

*Harriet Flashenburg*  
*Raffle Coordinator*

### \*\*\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*\*\*

The Board would like to remind everyone that there is NO selling at the regular membership meetings. The TY Park outings as well as the December member's sale are available for selling. Bringing items in for an informal "Show and Tell" is fine, but not for sale.

There is NO PARKING in the circular drive or on the grass bordering it in front of the Garden Club. We can park in the Parking lot that is across from the Museum, or in the grass field to the west of the Garden Club (left side of the building as you face the front door).

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please have items for the next ROCKHOUND by **October 13th**. Submissions can be emailed to [BNMJJEFF@AOL.COM](mailto:BNMJJEFF@AOL.COM)  
Or you can call Jeff Ursillo 561-706-9549

## NEWSLETTER NOTES

### Another September, another Volume 1!!

As editor, I am always looking for contributions to the newsletter. **If you would like to contribute an article or some special photos, please email them to me at [bnmjjeff@aol.com](mailto:bnmjjeff@aol.com) no later than the date listed below in the "Newsletter submissions" box if you would like it to appear in the newsletter.**

Did you know that you can receive your newsletter by email? If you are able to receive the newsletter by email, please consider doing so.

*Jeff Ursillo*

### 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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**MICROMOUNTERS**  
**Save the first Thursday**  
**of the month....**

All are welcome. If you would like to see a new world of beautiful, symmetrical, colorful, minerals, please join us. We have giveaways at every meeting, and, usually some yummy munchies.. feel free to bring munchies, drinks, microscope (if you have one), and an open mind... Directions? Questions?  
Call KC at 561-968-5287

**TY Park Outing**  
**Sunday, October 3, 2010**  
**NOTE: We will be in PAVILION 8**

This is always a fun day to spend outside with members from the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and our own club, and get to know others who share your hobbies. There is space available if you want to bring a table and sell your wares as well. Plenty of food and fun all day....Plan to get there around 11AM or so. Lunch will be at Noon, with games and rock swapping lasting for the rest of the afternoon. There will be a raffle to help pay for the Pavilion rental, so if you have any items to donate, please bring them to the picnic...

The Seminole Indian name of this 150-acre urban park, Topeekeegee Yugnee, means "meeting or gathering place." T.Y. is well known for its shady picnic areas, numerous shelters, and a gazebo that is often booked for an exchange of wedding vows.

To get to TY Park, take 95 South to Sheridan St. and go WEST. The park will be on the right hand side. There is a modest admission fee. We will be in pavilion 8, which is to the left once you get through the admission gate.

**Show Committee Meeting**

The next Show Committee meeting will be **Monday, Sept. 13, 7:30 pm at the shop.** Anyone interested in being a Committee Chair or just curious as to the process of putting the show on is welcome.

Plans for the 2010 show are still progressing well. Contracts from dealers are coming slowly but steadily. Contract and deposit have been returned to the Fairgrounds.

Jay Sonnenburg will be handling the exhibit case sign-up and setup this year. If you are interested in putting in a case, please let Jay know at 262-902-6247.

If you know of any businesses that would like to place an ad in the show program Put them in touch with Barbara Ringhiser 561-588-5458 or Jeff Ursillo 561-706-9549 for rates and ad sizes.

**Website News...**

**I would love to have some feedback from our members about the website**, especially from the new members who found out about the Society through the site. Also, feel free to let me know of any interesting websites you would like to share with the members, and I will add them to the site. Also let me know if there are any broken links.

*Jeff Ursillo, Temporary Webmaster*

**SAD NEWS**

**BOB DURNEY** - Long time member lost his brave battle with cancer August 19. There was a beautiful memorial service on Saturday, August 28 which several club members attended. He and his son, Donovan, will be missed. They donated rocks and fossils to the club, helped out with many club functions and spent the weekend volunteering at our annual shows. Donovan will be living with his uncle and his family in California.

**Interested in Advertising in the Rockhound?**

Contact Editor Jeff Ursillo at [bnmjjeff@aol.com](mailto:bnmjjeff@aol.com) or 561-706-9549 for rates and availability

**The Society is on Facebook!**

Search Facebook for Gem and Mineral, bookmark it and become a "fan" when you get there.

## **Minutes of the July 15 Membership Meeting**

Meeting was called to order 7:38 p.m.

We had 4 guests and 2 joined.

**Newsletter** - date for submittals is August 6th.

**Treasurer's report** – Will have report next month.

**Membership** – 3 new family members last month.

**Classes** – binder was on table. Many classes still available thru the summer.

**Website** – Up and current. Please check it out. A copy of the Newsletter is there in case you lose yours!

**Social Events** – we still need 2 Chairpeople. TY Park again in October.

**Library report** – No report this month

**Show report** – Barbara Ringhiser gave her report. Next meeting is Monday, August 2nd at the shop at 7:30 pm.

**Shop report** - Shop is still open but please call the designated shop steward to make sure they will be there.

**Raffle** – See Michelle Renné for tickets. We accept donations for the raffle at any time. These are always welcome. Your donations bring extra revenue to the club. \$61 last month ! \$30 this month !

**Field trips** – **Alan Meltzer's** again later this summer. Sign up sheet on table. **Peace River** – high again. Good for canoeing, bad for fossil hunting.

**Englewood Beaches** – goods for shells and shark teeth. **Ruck's Pit** – usually open year round.

A new member suggested a program on when and where to go and what you can find so next month this will be the program.

**Family losses** – **Janice & Paul Perryman** – her father. Info on table for memorial service And **Jeff Ursillo** – his father

**Program** – video on exotic gems

Thanks to **Debbie Anderson** for a continuing job well done with the refreshments!

Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by  
Michelle Renné*

Minutes of the August 19  
Membership Meeting  
will be in next month's Rockhound

## **Egypt scours bed of Lake Qarun in search of antiquities**

*PhysOrg.com [USA], July 21, 2010*

Egyptian experts have begun to explore the depths of Lake Qarun south of Cairo using remote sensing radars in search of sunken artefacts, antiquities officials told AFP on Wednesday. Antiquities supremo Zahi Hawass said the work was launched a few days ago. "It is the first time ever that the antiquities department carries out an archaeological mission in Lake Qarun." Khaled Saeed, who heads the department of pre-historic affairs at the Supreme Council of Antiquities, said the team under his supervision hopes to pinpoint "huge basalt rocks" at the bottom of Lake Qarun. According to Saeed, the discovery of the rocks was first made by Egyptian-American scientist Faruq al-Baz, a veteran of

NASA's Apollo programme, five years ago. Baz, who now runs the Centre for Space Studies at Boston University, was carrying out a satellite survey of Egypt's Western Desert when he and his team discovered in the Lake Qarun area "a large number of huge blocks of rock." "I believe that these huge slabs are made of basalt (volcanic rock) which were eventually moved upstream to the Giza plateau for the construction of the Great Pyramid," Saeed said.

“You must grow or you must die, whether that be a flower, an idea or a country.”

*Capt. Eugene “Gene” Cernan USN aboard the recovery ship USS Ticonderoga after the end of the Apollo 17 Lunar Landing mission.*

“The impossible is a temporary State of Affairs awaiting Solution.”

*Dr. Robert Goddard, American Astronauticist,  
Inventor of the liquid fueled rocket*

“Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.”

*-- Mark Twain*

**Welcome new members....**

Susan Cairl and Walter Triche

E. Elizabeth Edwards

Shirley and Doug Harris

Mary and Bruce Kane

Special thanks to Walt Triche, who helped with some copper pipe work at the shop in August! Love to see new members jump in with both feet!

**Yellowstone's Petrified forest**

*(author unknown)*

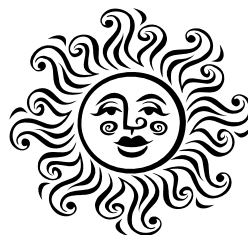
The story behind the Yellowstone forest is that an old volcano began to erupt and continued for some twenty years. Mineral bearing waters had begun to petrify the once-living forest. In the span of a couple hundred years, a new forest began to appear and grew for the next five hundred years. Then the old volcano erupted again. This process reoccurred twenty-seven times, as twenty-seven distinct layers of buried forest have been exposed in the fossil forest on the south side of Lamar River Valley. The trees were left standing in the upright position, where they grew many millions of years ago. The Yellowstone Petrified Forest covers 40 square miles, and many thousands of fossilized leaves; needles, cones and seeds of over a 100 different kinds of trees and shrubs have been found there.

*(Excerpted from The Glacial Drifter, The Pegmatite, via the Prospector 02/'07)*

**Board Meeting Attendance 2010**

For general information. SB (snow bird) means up North for the summer, SBR means up north and reporting to Board.

Board Member	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
M. Renné	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO MTG	NO MTG	Y			
Jen Ursillo	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO MTG	NO MTG	Y			
S. Lazzaro	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	NO MTG	NO MTG	Y			
N. Murray	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	NO MTG	NO MTG	A			
M. Berkowitz	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SB	NO MTG	NO MTG	SBR			
B. Ringhiser	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO MTG	NO MTG	Y			
A. Siegl	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	NO MTG	NO MTG	Y			
J. Ursillo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NO MTG	NO MTG	Y			



**Sunshine Committee**

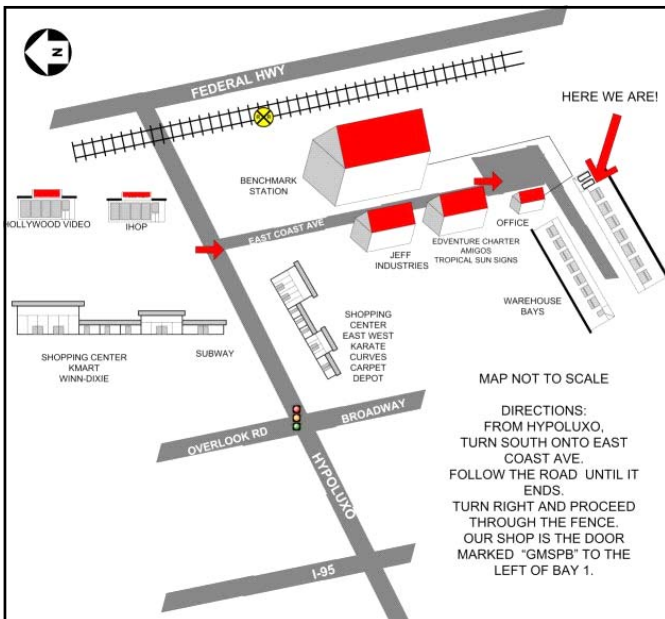
Do you know anyone who is not feeling up to par, has been sick or injured, lost a loved one? Or on the silver lining side of things, do you know anyone who has achieved a goal, won a personal victory, or just something that deserves recognition? The Gem & Mineral Society has a Sunshine Committee to send cards and words of comfort and support and congratulations to those members who are in need or are deserving of it. Call Lo Rain at 561-827-5793 and let her know what needs to be done!

Lo has recently sent cards to Janice & Paul Perryman on the loss of Janice's father, Jeff & Jen Ursillo for the loss of Jeff's father, the Durney Family on the passing of Bob Durney, and to John Holmstrom with good wishes for his recent surgery.

**Holiday Bazaar—Tables Available**

First Congregational Church of Lake Worth is having their annual Holiday Bazaar on November 13, 2010. Visit their website at [www.fcclw.org](http://www.fcclw.org) for information and to download a copy of the application, or call Bonnie at 561-582-6691. Deadline for applications to be to the Church is October 15, 2010

**Where is the GMSPB's shop???**



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For August's program, Michelle Renne presented "Fossiling in Florida". She and several other fossil aficionados displayed their petrified treasures collected during Gem and Mineral Society field trips. Michelle described the equipment/supplies needed to successfully find fossils in the riverbed and ocean sites. She also provided maps and written directions to several field trip sites: Venice Beach, Englewood Beach, Ruck's Pit, and the Peace River sites including the Arcadia campground, Zolfo springs, and Brownville Park. Each site yields different fossils, like calcite crystals inside fossilized shells, petrified bones of mammals and reptiles such as mastodon and glyptodont, and petrified shark's teeth including the giant shark Megalodon which grew to 80 feet in length! Thank goodness those are extinct!



Thanks to Aurora Siegl for being my "roving reporter".  
Great job, young lady!!

*Jeff*

## **RUCKS PIT**

Saturday and Sunday, October 16 & 17 from 8-5 pm. \$30 fee includes one 5 gallon bucket of clams, fossils, etc. and one "specimen". There are bathrooms, rustic camping areas, a covered picnic area, hoses to wash off the rocks and a free "Show and Sell". You can bring items to sell but bring your own tables. Directions and supply checklist will be in next month's newsletter.

### **Rust Minerals**

*by Bill Cordua, via the Leaverite news and the Breccia 10/03*

Iron oxides are extremely common minerals. Even people who don't collect minerals own many examples. Collecting trips to the famous iron ranges (the Cuyuna Range near Brainerd, MN, the Mesabi Range of Hibbing and Virginia, MN, or the Gogebic Range near Hurley-Ironton, WI and MI) turn up many fine specimens of iron oxides--primarily hematite and goethite.

Hematite gets its name from the Greek word for "blood" and was described as a mineral as early as 325 BC. It is often found as red earthy masses. Some hematite is steel gray to black and can be very sparkly. Nearly black, platy or sparkly material, is called "specular hematite". Hematite also forms stalactitic, botryoidal (bubbly) or reniform (kidney-like) masses made of parallel groups of skinny radiating crystals. Some long coarsely fibrous hematite breaks in splintery masses known as "needle ore."

Goethite gets its name from the German philosopher and poet Goethe, who, in addition to writing such monumental works as Faust, made studies in geology and mineralogy. I've heard goethite pronounced many ways. I prefer pronouncing it "Gerthite". Fortunately for written articles such as this, it doesn't matter how you pronounce it--it's always spelled the same. Goethite usually forms yellow, brown, or orange earthy masses. It can also form very dark brown coatings or drusy crystals known as "velvet ore." It can be stalactitic, botryoidal to reniform massive with radiating coarsely fibrous crystals. Caution: these crystals can give one nasty splinters!

The best way to tell these two minerals apart is to use a streak plate. Hematite will give a dark to cherry red streak when rubbed across a piece of unglazed porcelain. Goethite will give a yellow, yellow-brown, or orange-yellow streak.

Limonite is a general term given to earthy mixtures of iron oxides, mostly goethite. Limonite's streak depends on the proportion of hematite to goethite present in the mixture. Despite all the iron in them, neither mineral is magnetic.

If your samples are magnetic, it is probably because there is black magnetite present. Magnetite gives a black streak. When intermixed with hematite or goethite, it will darken their streak. Occasionally one will find black crystals, botryoidal masses or earthy material that is not magnetic, but does give a black streak. These are likely manganese oxides (i.e. pyrolusite, romanechite, manganite). They are particularly common in the Cuyuna and Gogebic Ranges.

Other iron oxides are known, but are rare. Goethite has three relatives that have the same chemical formula but different internal structures. These are lepidochrochite; akaganite, and ferrosilite. All of these look similar to goethite and are easily misidentified. They are probably thus more common than is generally thought.

So which iron oxides are forming on the fenders of your car?

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<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Labor Day	<b>7</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Board Meeting</b>   <b>Shop 7:00 PM</b> </div>	<b>8</b> Open beading 6—8 PM at Beads on the Ave. 151 NE 2nd Ave Delray Beach	<b>9</b> <b>Micro Mounter Meeting</b> See Page 3	<b>10</b> Open Shop 6-9PM General Work  Jeff 561-706-9549	<b>11</b> Open Shop 9AM—NOON General Work  Jeff 561-706-9549
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Show Committee Meeting</b> Shop 7:30 PM ALL WELCOME!	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Open beading 6—8 PM at Beads on the Ave. 151 NE 2nd Ave Delray Beach	<b>16</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Membership Meeting @ Garden Club 7:30 PM</b> </div>	<b>17</b> Open Shop 6-9PM General Work  Jeff 561-706-9549	<b>18</b> Open beading 10:30—2 PM at Gemstone & Bead 1937 N Military Trl # 1 W Palm Beach
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Open Shop 7-9PM  Call first Michelle 561-969-3291	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Open beading 6—8 PM at Beads on the Ave. 151 NE 2nd Ave Delray Beach	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Open Shop 6-9PM General Work  Jeff 561-706-9549	<b>25</b> Open Shop 9AM—NOON General Work  Jeff 561-706-9549
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Open Shop 7-9PM  Call first Michelle 561-969-3291	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Open beading 6—8 PM at Beads on the Ave. 151 NE 2nd Ave Delray Beach	<b>30</b>		

**Please note on your shop waiver form that you have received and read the shop rules.  
 New liability forms need to be signed in 2 places for anyone using the shop.**

\$5 shop use fee is NOT charged when attending a class. Whether attending a class or using the shop, you must sign a Liability Waiver (New waiver must be signed after the first of every year). **and** sign the Shop's Log book on each visit. Jump ringer certification is available on Monday or Friday nights.  
 Jump Ringer blades are available at the shop.

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					1 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work  Jeff 561-706-9549	2 Non-solder Wire work class At the Shop Noon—4PM
3 <b>TY Park</b> See Page 3 For info	4 Open Shop 7-9PM  Call first Michelle 561-969-3291	5 <b>Board Meeting</b>  <b>Shop 7:00 PM</b>	6 Open beading 6—8 PM at Beads on the Ave. 151 NE 2nd Ave Delray Beach	7 <b>Micro Mounter Meeting</b> See Page 3	8 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work  Jeff 561-706-9549	9 Open Shop 9AM—NOON General Work  Jeff 561-706-9549
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31  Halloween						

### Change in procedure for Classes

Members interested in classes should check the Class Folder at the monthly meetings, or contact the teacher directly to schedule a class. The teachers will then be responsible for contacting the Head Shop Steward to make sure the shop is available. The class coordinator will be a central information point between teachers and the Society and will still report on classes at the meetings.

CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	COST	DATE	TIME
Art Clay Silver	Michelle Renné 561-969-3291	\$50 + \$85 materials (depending on cost of silver)	Saturday, TBD	10-4PM at the Shop
Cabochon Six 3-hr sessions	Ed Flashenburg 561-733-1466	\$60	Off for the Summer	6-9PM at the Shop
Chain Making (Beg) – Box Chain	Kelly Azor 561-688-7903	\$30 + \$25 materials	Saturday, Date TBD	1-4PM at the Shop
Chain Making (Beg) – Byzantine Chain	Kelly Azor 561-688-7903	\$30 + \$25 materials	Saturday, date TBD	1-4PM at the Shop
Chain Making (Beg) – Japanese Exploration	Jen Ursillo 561-329-4343	\$30 + \$25 materials	Tuesday, date TBD	7-9:30PM at the Shop
Chain Making (Adv) – Snake Chain	Jen Ursillo 561-329-4343	\$30 + \$25 materials	Saturday, date TBD	1-4PM at the Shop
Chain Making (Adv) – Turkish Round	Jen Ursillo 561-329-4343	\$30 + \$25 materials	Saturday, date TBD	1-4PM at the Shop
Enameling on Copper Two 3-hr sessions	Hazel Levin 561-439-6915	\$40 + \$15 materials	2 Tuesdays	1-4PM at the Shop
Enameling on Copper Two 3-hr sessions	Hazel Levin 561-439-6915	\$40 + \$15 materials	2 Saturdays	1-4PM at the Shop
Flat Lap	Ed Flashenburg 561-733-1466	\$40 + \$10 Supplies	Wednesday	9 AM—Noon at the shop
Faceting	KC Foster 561-968-5287	\$80 + \$20 materials 6 sessions	Monday	5 PM at the shop
Fused Glass (Beginner/Tuesday)	Ed Flashenburg/John Holmstrom 561-733-1466	\$40 + \$15 materials Or \$5.00 open shop fee	Off for The Summer	9:30—Noon at the Shop
Fused Glass (Beginner/Saturday)	Michelle Renné 561-969-3291	\$40 + \$15 materials	Saturday, date TBD	12-4 PM at the Shop
Fused Glass (Advanced)	Michelle Renné 561-969-3291	\$40 + \$15 materials	Saturday, date TBD	12-4 PM at the Shop
Non-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné 561-969-3291	\$40 + \$15 materials	Saturday, October 2	12-4PM at the Shop
Kumihimo (Japanese Weaving)	Kelly Azor 561-688-7903	\$20 + \$15 kit	TBD	9-12 or 1-4PM at the shop
Right Angle Weave Cubes	Jen Ursillo 561-329-4343	\$40 + \$50 for optional kit <u>OR</u> supply list can be provided	Saturday, date TBD	1-4 PM at the Shop

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Junior Membership - \$10.00  
 (Under Age 18)  
 Single Membership - \$15.00  
 (Over Age 18)  
 Family Membership - \$25.00  
 (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 Febru-  
 ary of the new year. To renew your  
 membership, make your check or money  
 order out to:

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm  
 Beaches, Inc. and mail to:

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

**NAME TAGS**

Available from:  
 Ace Marking Devices (\$12.00)  
 3308 S. Dixie Hwy.  
 West Palm Beach, FL 33405  
 561—833-4073

Open Shop schedule is  
**TENTATIVE** due to changing  
 class schedule.

**Contact the shop steward listed  
 below before you go!**

Shop fee is \$5 per visit, payable  
 to the Shop Steward.

**SHOP STEWARDS:**

**Head Steward**

John Holmstrom 561-585-7094

**Monday PM**

Michelle Renné 561-969-3291

**Friday PM**

Jeff Ursillo 561-706-9549

**SHOP PHONE 561-585-2080**

**2010 OFFICERS**

President*	Michelle Renné	969-3291
1st Vice President*	Jen Ursillo	329-4343
2nd Vice President*	Samantha Lazzaro	764-6556
Secretary*	Nina Murray	596-3390
Treasurer*	Marv Berkowitz	364-9696

**2010 DIRECTORS**

Past President*	Barbara Ringhiser	588-5458
Past President*	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549
Show Chairman*	Barbara Ringhiser	588-5458
Show Dealer Chairman	Ellen Jean	931-372-8236

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE**

Class Coordinator	OPEN	
Field Trips	Michelle Renné	969-3291
Historian	OPEN	
Hostess	Coralie Norvell	965-4748
Librarian	Nina Murray	596-3390
Membership*	Aurora Siegl	988-7006
Newsletter Editor*	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549
Photographers	Lo Rain/Aurora Siegl	
Programs	Samantha Lazzaro	764-6556
Raffle Coordinator	Harriet Flashenburg	733-1466
Refreshments	Debbie Anderson	965-9279
Sunshine Committee	Lo Rain	827-5793
Social Events	OPEN	
Head Shop Steward	John Holmstrom	585-7094
Website Manager	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549

\* Denotes a Voting Board Member

All phone numbers are 561 area code, unless noted otherwise.

The Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. is a member of the Eastern and Southeastern Federation of Mineral and Lapidary Societies, and is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month except for December which is held on the second Thurs- day. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the West Palm Beach Garden Club, 4800 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach, FL 33405-3018 (across from the South Florida Science Museum in Dreher Park, West Palm Beach)

**Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. Website**  
[www.gemandmineral.cc](http://www.gemandmineral.cc)

### **VOLUNTEER TIME FOR THE ANNUAL SHOW!!!**

November 20th, the start of our annual show, will be here before we know it!! That means it is time to start thinking about volunteering NOW. Here's a list of volunteer positions and the duties required.

REMEMBER-if you work for at least 4 hours, you get a free ticket to the Christmas banquet!!!

YOU can make a difference! Without you, our society members, it would be impossible to fill the many time periods necessary to make the 2010 show the best show yet! Over 100 volunteer shifts need to be filled.

*Please let us count on you.*

### **THURSDAY Set-up crew · NOVEMBER 18TH**

Approximately 6 people are needed to move tables around and set up each booth area. We will be supervising Fairgrounds help in the placement of tables according to our floor plan. This position requires about 5 hours of mostly directing people who are moving tables around. Also, this year we will be able to do the Society's set-up on Thursday. We have hired help to do the heavy lifting, but we still need members to assist in directing helpers on where unloaded materials go at the fairgrounds. Materials such as our display cases, from the storage unit, must be loaded in the rented truck, and brought to the Fairgrounds, unloaded and set-up. We will also be setting up the flume.

### **FRIDAY SET/UP/SUNDAY TAKE DOWN - NOVEMBER 19th AND 21st**

As many volunteers as we can get are needed during the day on Friday and from 5:00 PM on Sunday. Friday, the display cases need to be assembled, as well as many odds and ends jobs too numerous to go into here. On Sunday, after the show is over, every-thing must be packed up, loaded in the truck, and delivered back to the storage area. Again, we have hired help to do the heavy lifting, but we still need members to assist in directing helpers on where materials go to be loaded into the truck. We also will need some people to go to the storage location to direct the hired help on where to put the unloaded materials

### **TICKET TAKERS · NOVEMBER 20th AND 21st**

Two people are needed for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities include taking tickets at the entrance doors, tearing the ticket in half, depositing one half in the box, and giving the second half to the guest. This position requires either sitting on a stool or standing. Requirements include a pleasant, friendly, helpful, courteous, and kind person-ality. At times, ticket takers are very busy. This is a very important position because ticket takers are the "first im-pression" that people get of our society.

### **INFORMATION TABLE · NOVEMBER 20th AND 21st**

Two people are necessary for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities include answering questions concerning the show and providing information about our society's activities. Information attendants should be able to direct visi-tors and provide information about everything from who is in charge, to where a particular dealer is located. This position requires sitting at the information desk. The ability to be pleasant and helpful, without getting flustered, is important. Club history books are located at this table as well.

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE - NOVEMBER 20th AND 21st**

Two people per 2-hour time slot are needed. Responsibilities include encouraging people to purchase tickets for the raffle of the many items available. It is extremely important to be friendly, inviting, cheerful, and encouraging without being insistent. This position requires some standing. The main objective is to point out the items that may be won with only a \$1.00 ticket.

**SHOW SECURITY - NOVEMBER 20th AND 21st**

Two to four people are needed for each 2-hour time slot. Responsibilities are to observe people, watch for those acting in a disorderly manner (for example, drunk, smoking, or shoplifting), and report it to Show Chairman, Com-mittee Chairperson, Fairground Security, or Armed Security. Show Security guards should NEVER confront or ac-cuse anyone, ONLY report it. Greeting the public in a friendly manner is also important. This position requires walking around or standing.

**DEMONSTRATIONS- NOVEMBER 20th AND 21st**

People are needed to demonstrate their skills during each 2-hour time slot. The area is large enough for several demonstrators to present simultaneously. This is the opportunity to greet the public and show-off by participating in beading, stained glass, wire wrapping, chain making, or any other lapidary skills. If you are interested in volunteer-ing to demonstrate at the show, please contact demonstration coordinator Kelly Azor-Anderson at 561-688-7903 or 561-635-7619

**LUNCH ON SET-UP DAY - NOVEMBER 19TH**

Lunch will be served to the dealers, society members, and fairground workers on Friday, set-up day. We need someone who will shop for the supplies (we have a list - sandwich makings, drinks, salad, plates, utensils, donuts, coffee, etc.) Everyone makes their own sandwiches. You would be advanced funds for shopping. Serving is buf-fet style. We need a couple of volunteers there to oversee the buffet between 9am and 5pm - 2 hour shifts.

**MINING / FOSSILS/ GEODE CUTTING - NOVEMBER 20th AND 21st**

Nine people for each 2-hour time slot are necessary to run the mining area effectively. Duties include keeping buckets filled, collecting money, and keeping lines moving. For the fossil dig and gemstone mining, volunteers will be briefed on what fossils and gemstones are available in the dig and mine. There will be cards available with fossil samples and rough gemstone samples to aid in identification if participants request the information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Position(s) Interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

(use additional of the sheet if you need more space.)

Please circle times you are available (2 hour shifts)

Thursday (Nov. 19) Set Up	9AM 11AM	1PM	3PM	
Friday (Nov. 20) Set Up/Lunch	9AM 11AM	1PM	3PM	
Saturday (Nov. 21)	9AM 11AM	1PM	3PM	5PM
Sunday (Nov. 22)	9AM 11AM	1PM	3PM	5PM Take Down