



THE



HOUND

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The next general membership meeting will be held

Thursday February 21, 2008

7:30 PM at a Palm Beach Garden Club, across from the Science Museum

FLUORESCENT MINERALS

Many minerals look dull and lifeless under normal, or "full spectrum", light. But alter the available wavelengths and VIOLA! Dull gray and white specimens instantly morph into a cornucopia of brilliantly colored palettes. This is the world of fluorescents and this months program will be a short presentation and display of minerals that fluoresce most brilliantly under the short wave spectrum of light. If you have any pieces you'd like to check for fluorescence now is your chance as Alan will be glad to put your piece under the light and see what happens!

Websites with good information and pictures of fluorescent minerals

<http://www.uvminerals.org/>

<http://www.galleries.com/minerals/fluoresc.htm>

<http://users.rcn.com/kenx/indexa.htm>

This site discusses photographing fluorescents....

<http://www.uvminerals.org/photog.htm>

Page 4 has information about the TY Park outing
on Sunday February 24

The Society has lost a valued member.....

Terry Koplin, our webmaster, passed away on February 4, 2008. She was valued not only in our Society, but in her profession, her family and by every one who knew her.

Kerry Bliss, our Sunshine chairperson, wrote a beautiful article for us about Terry. Please turn to Page 5 for her article.

THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER....

UNLESS YOU HAVE PAID YOUR 2008 DUES, THAT IS....

Renew your membership in the Gem and Mineral Society now! Cut off date for inclusion in the 2008 membership roster is February 29. Dues remain at \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. A renewal form is included in the Rockhound's envelope this month. Please fill it out completely so we have a record of your correct address, phone number, e-mail as well as birthday information. Checks should be made payable to "Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc." and may either be given to me at the meeting or mailed. The address is on the form.

Ingrid Webster, Membership Secretary



D O O R
P R I Z E S
R A F F L E
I T E M S

Please remember, every person arriving before 7:30 will receive a FREE door prize ticket. Come early this month so you can get a ticket for a cut and polished fossil!

Raffle items for the month will include an amethyst necklace, an amethyst and hematite specimen and a pearl and marcasite sterling pin. There will be one or two surprise items as well!

We need your donations!! If anyone has *collected too much*, any donations would be appreciated for our monthly raffles.

Harriet Flashenburg,
Raffle Coordinator

THE YEAR'S BEST HEADLINES OF 2007:

(Yes, they were really printed as seen here.)

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

No, really?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

Good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-sos!

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.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please have items for the March **ROCKHOUND** by **March 12**. Submissions can be emailed to **BNMJJEFF@AOL.COM**

Or you can call Jeff Ursillo 561-706-9549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to February!!!

It has been a busy and a sad month so far. The Society has lost another valued member in Theresa Koplin. She will be missed by all who knew her.

If you look at the Class calendar, Deb Slutzky has been doing a great job getting students and teachers set up for classes. Take a look at what is offered and sign up for a class!

2008 is also Leap Year! This unusual event helps the Gregorian calendar year synchronize with the solar year. An interesting fact about this particular leap year is that February 2008 has 5 Fridays, starting and ending on a Friday. This happens every 28 years, with the next occurrence in 2036.

Also in Leap Year, we have Sadie Hawkins Day, when traditionally, women were allowed to propose to men. This supposedly dates back to the time of St. Patrick although it was not called Sadie Hawkins day then! That came about after Al Capp's Lil' Abner strip became popular.

Leap Year also holds one uniquely American event. And just to see if anyone is reading, I have a beautiful Herkimer diamond in matrix specimen for the first person to email me with the correct answer!

Jeff

PS. Part of the fun is finding my email address.....

SHOW COMMITTEE

The next Show Committee meeting will be February 18, 2008, 7 PM at KC Foster's home in Boynton Beach. Call KC (968-5287) for directions.

Carl Bengtson, Show Chairman

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 17, 2008

Presiding, **Jeff Ursillo**, President

MEETING – The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm at the Palm Beach Garden Club.

PROGRAM – **Alan Meltzer** gave a presentation on Baker thunder eggs, with a beautiful display of his collection.

MINUTES – the meeting minutes for December were motioned to be accepted and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Marv Berkowitz** read the treasurer's report for December and it was accepted.

NEWSLETTER – **Jeff Ursillo** reported the deadline for the newsletter is February 12.

WEBSITE - **Terry Koplín** reported that the site has a new design and new pictures of the show and dinner were up.

FIELD TRIPS – **Michelle Renné** reported there will be a trip to Rucks Pit on Saturday January 26th.

SHOP – **Ed Flashenburg** report of all the repairs made in the shop. New liability release forms must be signed by everyone using the shop.

CLASSES – **Deb Slutzky** read a list of classes to be offered and a list of new classes coming soon. Several teachers were introduced and discussed the classes they will be offering. There was a lively discussion about potential classes and the addition of new teachers.

MEMBERSHIP – **Ingrid Webster** reported that four new members tonight. Also that mostly everyone has paid their 2008 membership dues, if you haven't please do as soon as so that she can get the rooster out early this year.

SHOW – **Carl Bengston** reported that the first meeting for the 2008 show would be in February 18.

SOCIAL EVENTS – **KC Foster** reported there is a picnic at TY Park on February 24, starting at 11am, food will be served at 2pm. This year's steak dinner is on April 20th at the Garden Club.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Submitted by Ruth Ekiert, Secretary

WHO IS RIGHT?

By Marv Berkowitz

I enjoy attending our regular meetings, especially when we have an expert who gives a lecture on a particular stone. How to identify the stone and its general characteristics. The crystalline structure, its hardness, color and other physical characteristics. They will sometimes indicate the geologic level that it may most likely be found and of course the places on the earth that will yield the best examples of the element. There are times when the details tend to overwhelm me.

Recently we had a house guest and decided to show him some of the local sites. The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach is always a pleasant place to spend some time. This is a tribute to the Japanese farmers that inhabited the area during the latter part of the 20th century. The Morikami presents various examples of Japanese life and thinking from the 9th century to the time that the Yamato farmers settled in Florida. It is abundantly obvious that the Japanese were quite interested in stones as early as the 14th century, Muromachi period through the 17th century, Edo period. This is manifested in two different Rock Gardens highlighted on the grounds in Delray. The Japanese interest in stones is not so much the elementary aspect, but the placement of the stones. Initially these "gardens" represented the Pure Land with flat rocks that represents a water fall dropping into a pond, but this is a "dry landscape" and you must use your mind to add the water. They then expand into a garden of raked stones again as a dry arrangement. This is symbolized in the Zen Buddhist temples.

The interest is always the placement of the stones with no thought given to the elements involved. How we differ, is quite obvious.

BOB DURNEY CANCER FUND

A special account has been created in Bob's name at Washington Mutual Bank. The account is "ROBERT DURNEY # 3161978679." Updates will be available on our website. Bob's address is 522 Worthmore Ave., Lake Worth FL 33460. 561/585-4848. His email address is bluebob232002@netscape.net.

No amount of time can erase the memory of a good cat, and no amount of masking tape can ever totally remove his fur from your couch.

Leo Dworken

I found a link to a wonderful series of photos of sili-cified dino bone. These photos are beautiful. Check it out at flickr:

<http://flickr.com/photos/83645173@N00/655905676/>
(those are zeros not letter o's)

TY PARK ROCK SWAP SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24

Set aside Sunday, February 24, 2008 for the second potluck/swap/sale which will take place at pavilion #9 at TY Park, in Ft. Lauderdale FL (TY Park info 1-954-985-1980). The hours will be from 11AM to 7PM Lunch will be served from approx. 12 noon to 2:30PM after which we will PLAY. Terri Monagle will hold her infamous raffle, as well as Bingo, called by John himself?? The Palm Beach, Miami, and Gold Coast have all been invited, as well as their friends, guests, etc. Individuals, please bring drinks and a casserole, salad, or dessert, enough for yourself and a few others. Utensils, plates, cups and ice will be provided. TY Park rules dictate that we can not "sell" to outsiders. Donations for the raffle and Bingo are needed. Call John Speier if you have anything you can donate. There will be some tables available for the swap and sale. Participants might want to bring their own umbrella, table and chairs. Admission to the park is \$1. To get to TY Park, take I95 to Exit 21 (Sheridan St.) and go west 1/2 mile to North Park Rd. Take a right (north) and the park entrance will be on the right. Once in the park, just follow the road to the left until you reach Pavilion #9. Restrooms are located next to our Pavilion. All in all, we had a great time at the last get together, and we are hoping to see you there

PETRIFIED LIGHTNING (FULGURITE)

by Van A. Wimmer, Sr.

Along the ocean beaches, sandy hills, or dunes, people sometime come across a strange hollow tube of cemented sand, sometimes in the shape of a tree branch, sometimes like a small straight rod. This is a piece of "Petrified Lightning", created in a fraction of a second when lightning struck the earth and fused sand particles into silica glass.

Scientists call these fragile objects "Fulgurites"; from the Latin word Fulgur, meaning lightning. When a bolt of lightning strikes an area of dry sand, the intense heat, with temperatures as high as 3,272 degrees, melts the sand surrounding the stroke into a rough glass tube. In as short a time as 100 millionths of a second, a stroke of lightning pierces the earth, and leaves this fused record of its

searing path. With diameters from one half inch to two inches, some fulgurites are ten or more feet long, although most are less than a foot. They are nearly always found in pieces, for the brittle cast breaks easily if jarred, dropped or stepped upon.

The inside walls of the tube are glassy and lustrous, while the outside is rough with sand particles adhering to it. They are usually tan or black, but an almost transparent white fulgurite has been found in Florida. They have been found in almost all parts of the U.S., wherever people happen to recognize what they are.

Star City Rock & Gem Journal, Oct 2007 via The Crack n' Cab 01/08

SHOP NEWS

There was some confusion about the issue of mandatory safety equipment to be worn in the shop when using the Society's equipment. Both the trim saw and the 10 inch saw use non-hazardous mineral oil, while the large saw uses Pella oil. The Pella oil will be replaced soon as well. The large saw, when the cover is closed properly, should not emit fumes or mist. If it does, then the cover is not seated properly and needs to be adjusted. Members using any of the shop's equipment should be using eye protection according to the new Shop rules. While some sort of breathing mask (surgical type are fine.) is not mandatory, it can't hurt to err on the side of caution. We will be supplying a few masks and goggles to be used if you forget your own, but it is recommended that you purchase your own if this is a concern.

There is NO charge for using the 10 saw, but there is for using the large 16 inch saw. Currently the charge is 50 cents per square inch of cut. There will be a flat rate, which is being determined, for cutting geodes based on size.

TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND WILDACRES APRIL 18-24, '08

from Steve Weinberger

- 10 - You can see the stars at night!
- 9 - You have no outside worries for the week.
- 8- You breathe good fresh air!
- 7 - You can enjoy terrific scenery.
- 6 - You enjoy great food.
- 5 - You can explore the area on free day.
- 4 - You get to meet lots of wonderful people with similar interests.
- 3 - You have an opportunity to learn from the "speaker in residence".
- 2- Wonderful classes and instructors.
- 1 - You learn new skills in the hobby.

Want to learn more about Wildacres? Visit the EFMLS website (www.amfed.org/efmls) and click on the Wildacres tab.

The Wildacres scholarship the Society offers every year is still up for grabs. I mistakenly stated the deadline was January 31, but the Board had decided it was February 29, so there are still a few more weeks to get your application in. I will have packets available at the general meeting on Feb. 21, or if you contact me I can mail it to you.

Jeff Ursillo

In memory of Theresa Koplin

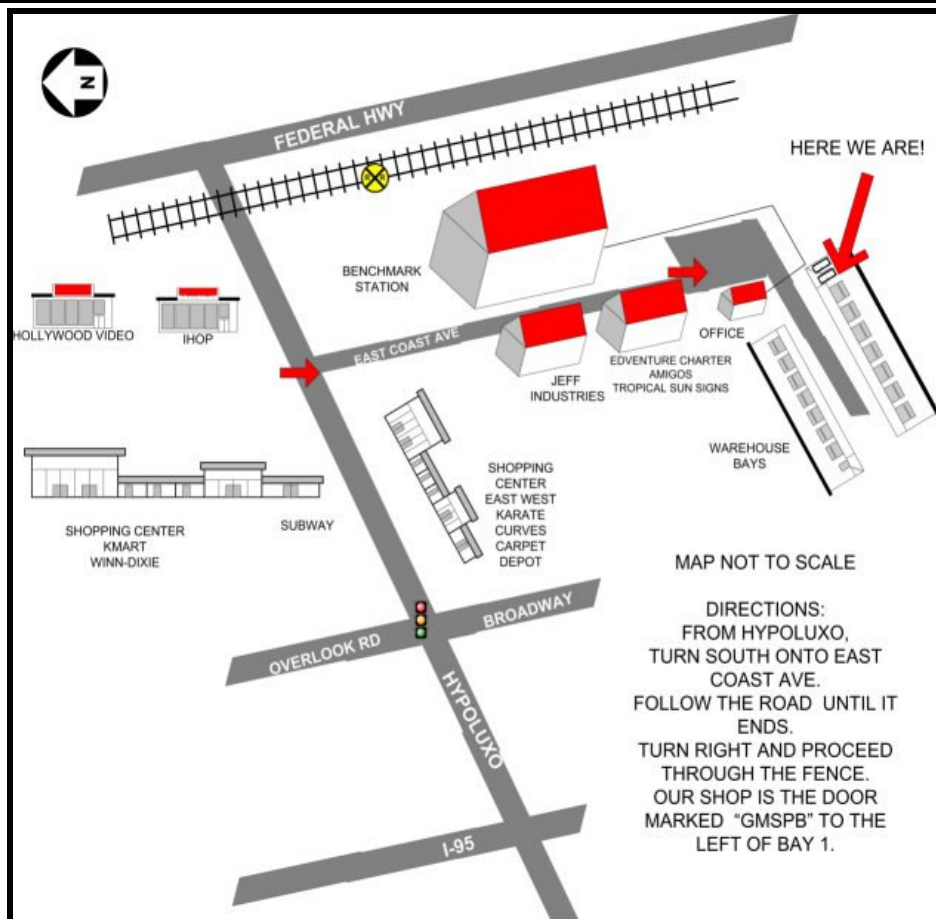
It is with great sadness I write to tell you all that on Monday, February 4, 2008 Theresa Koplin passed away from an illness related to her heart. I was fortunate to have known her for the past four years and I know that many of you have known her for several more. Her funeral service was held on Monday, February 11, 2008 at St. John Fisher Catholic Church at 11:00 am and it was definitely a service that Theresa would have been proud of.

Theresa was the one who introduced me to the Gem and Mineral Society and was the Website Designer for years. She also chaired the Sunshine Committee and delegated that responsibility to me over a year ago when I joined the club. Theresa was always interested in learning how to expand her creativity, enjoying any artistic creation she could learn and complete. She traveled to Georgia recently to attend a workshop on welding and wire work and loved to show off her new creations once completed to her satisfaction. Her jewelry was exquisite in detail with bright, cheerful colors.

One thing that many of us will remember is Theresa's smile. She lived life to the fullest and was a teacher, friend, learner, counselor, mentor, and companion. She volunteered for the Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Show as well as her church's annual bazaar. Theresa assisted her family members in any way possible and Ethan, her great nephew, was probably the biggest gem in her life. She is survived by her mother, Mary Koplin; aunts and uncles, John and Patricia Buchholz of Greenacres, Tom and Arline Buchholz of Haverhill; her niece, Angela M. Koplin, and cousins,

If anyone would like to contribute in Theresa's honor, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital Heart Fund, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105-1942. As one of her relatives stated at her service, "Float on love and don't drown in hate." It is my firm belief this is Theresa's motto that she would like us all to carry on in her stead.

By Karie A. Bliss



Thanks to Deb Slutzky for the new shop map!!!

THE MISSOURI DINOSAUR STORY

The story of Missouri's dinosaurs begins in Bollinger County, Missouri, in 1942 when the Chronister family accidentally uncovered a number of unusually large bones while digging a well. Dan Stewart, a geologist who happened to be in the area at the time, persuaded them to send the bones to the Smithsonian. There the famous paleontologist Charles Gilmore determined they were from the tail of a dinosaur. Unfortunately Gilmore died shortly after, and the bones were stored away and almost totally forgotten. Then, in the 1970's, paleontologist Bruce Stinchcomb purchased the property in the hope of finding more of the dinosaur. In the following years the site yielded

the remains of Hadrosaurs (so called duck-bill dinosaurs), a meat-eater related to Tyrannosaurus, alligators, fish and turtles. A story was beginning to unfold of prehistoric life preserved in the sediments of a long lost freshwater sinkhole lake.

Another excavation conducted in the early 1990's by paleontologists Guy Darrough and Michael Fix revealed that portions of the clay deposit have a high enough concentration of fossils to be called a "bone bed."

In 1995 Darrough and Fix founded the Missouri Ozark Dinosaur Project in an effort to systematically excavate the site, and carefully piece together a picture of what Missouri looked like in the late Cretaceous period, nearly 80 million years ago.

Via M.A.P.S. Digest, Vol. XXIX "The Dinosaurs" Via
THE TUMBLER OCTOBER 2007

"Yellowstone Farewell"

by WAYNE M. SUTHERLAND (Author),
JUDY M. SUTHERLAND (Author)

This gives me an opportunity to recommend a recent but obscure (self-published?) work of fiction, "Yellowstone Farewell", which is about an explosion of the caldera in contemporary times. (Could it happen? Who knows? The timing is right...)

The book was written by a geologist and includes amazingly semi-technical (educational) passages that would probably turn off laymen, but makes for fascinating reading for rock hounds. Also the story itself is pretty well done. I bought a copy from the author a year or two ago at a rock show in Wyoming.

(Ed. Note - I checked this book out on Amazon.com and it is still available.)

FEBRUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18 Open Shop 7-9PM President's Day!!	19 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	20 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 6-9PM John Glenn's 1st Flight 1962	21 Membership Meeting	22 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	23 Art Clay Silver 10 AM -4PM \$50 + \$85 Materials fee (Material fee approximate)
24 TY Park Rock Swap & Picnic See Page 4	25	26 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	27 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 6-9PM	28	29 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	1 Open Shop* 2-5 PM

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2	3	4 Wire Wrapping Beginners 7-9 PM At the Shop Board Mtg 6:30 PM	5 Open Shop 9AM—NOON	6	7 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	8 Open Shop* 2-5 PM
9	10	11 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	12 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 6-9PM Newsletter Deadline	13	14 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	15 Chain Making Beginner Box Chain 1—4 PM At the shop
16	17 Open Shop 7-9PM	18 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	19 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 6-9PM	20 Membership Meeting	21 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	22 Chain Making Beginner Byzantine 1—4 PM At the shop
23	24 Open Shop 7-9PM	25 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	26 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 6-9PM	27	28 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	29 Open Shop* 2-5 PM

New shop rules are in effect . Copies are available at the shop. Please note on your shop waiver form that you have received and read the new rules. New liability forms need to be signed for 2008 for anyone using the shop. Classes will be scheduled when teachers have enough students signed up. Class fee is pre-paid and non-refundable unless the class is cancelled. The Club receives 50% of the class fee only, not materials fee. \$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.

CLASSES

CLASS	TEACHER	PHONE	COST	DATE	TIME
Art Clay Silver	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$50+ \$85 materials (Depending on cost of silver)	Saturday February 23	10—4PM At the shop
Cabochon 6 wk class One class is Six 3 hour sessions	Ed Flashenburg	561-733-1466	\$60	ongoing	Wednesdays 6-9 Pm at shop
Chain Making Beginner Box Chain	Kelly Azor	561-635-7619	\$40 + \$20 Materials	Saturday February 16 Class is one 3 hour session	1—4 PM At the shop
Chain Making Beginner Box Chain	Kelly Azor	561-635-7619	\$40 + \$20 Materials	Saturday March 15 Class is one 3 hour session	1—4 PM At the shop
Chain Making Beginner Byzantine	Kelly Azor	561-635-7619	\$40 + Materials	Saturday March 22 Class is one 3 hour session	1—4 PM At the shop
Faceting	KC Foster	561-968-5287	\$80 + \$20 materials		
Fused Glass Beginner	Frank Hecker	561-742-4337	\$40+ \$10 Materials	Ongoing Tuesdays	9AM—Noon At the Shop
Non-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$40 + \$25 materials		
Pearl Knotting	Ingrid Webster	561-793-8646	\$25		
Viking Knit (wire) 2 sessions	Marv Berkowitz	561-364-9696	\$40 + \$35 materials		
Wire Wrapping Beginners	Cynthia Lariviere	772-285-3987	\$40 Students must bring supplies. Supply list will be provided by the teacher	Tuesday March 4 (Additional class can be added at 2—4 PM if necessary.)	7—9 PM At the Shop

Important Please Read!

If you are interested in taking a class that is listed above, but cannot make it to the Membership meeting to sign up, there is hope!!!!

Call Deb Slutzky at 561-753-9937, or the teacher of the class. Occasionally, there are seats available and every effort will be made to fit you in to the class.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

CLASSIFIEDS are FREE to members. Please limit ads to 35 words. Deadline for submission is the first day of each month. If possible, forward your ads via email to Jeff Ursillo at BNMJJEFF@AOL.COM

FOR SALE - Lampwork Beads in all shapes and sizes including flowers and leaves. Special orders upon request. Handmade by Melodie Janis of Magnolia Street Glassworks.

Please call 561/832-1275 or email at melodiebeads@aol.com. If you would like to see my work we can arrange to meet or I will send you pictures.

FOR SALE—Raytech 8” Gem Maker and Pump. Many extras included. \$700. Call Paul or Janis after 5:00 PM at 561-733-5038

My name is Bill Rogers. I am looking for partners who would like to drive over to the Peace River , rent a canoe and spend a half day on the river looking for sharks teeth and fossils.

Phone 561-965-2552,
email pote89@att.net.

If anyone will be making a trip to Rucks Pit, Tampa Bay, or anywhere else to find rocks/minerals/fossils, and wouldn't mind me coming, please let me know. I will chip in for gas! I can not drive, so it is hard for me to get to any of those places. Thank you!
Samantha Lazzaro crystal-grace2006@yahoo.com 631-764-6556

GEMSTONE MAGIC

by Marv Berkowitz

Recently, when our illustrious past president swore me in for my second term as your treasurer, she presented me with a piece of Fluorite. There is something about the mineral that represents the ability to allow one to assist the conscious mind in analyzing rational situations in a non-emotional manner so the thought process can achieve a higher level of understanding. This stone she felt represented the criteria that I must possess to carry out the tasks of treasurer. So, now I sometimes carry this stone in my pocket. I'm not sure that it helps me solve the problems of the treasurer, but when I carry the Club's money, I can pack a "mean right" with it in my fist. Now I must admit that I have little faith in the occult. My wife, on the other hand, won't leave the breakfast table without reading her horoscope. But I got to thinking that some one, some time thought that there was some thing symbolic about many minerals. So, I thought that I would look into this for those of you that feel that some thing can be gained from this (or some of this)!

What can be more ubiquitous than Quartz? Rose quartz is the bringer of love. Wear it to attract love and give it to someone as a symbol of your love. Now Smokey Quartz is a trap for negative thoughts. Keep it handy when you expect to be near negative people. There seems to be no ending supply of these types in the circles that I travel in. They say that people who have dominant left brains process information in a linear manner, starting with the parts and then going to the whole. They make lists and check them off religiously. People with a dominant right brain, process information more holistically. They start with the over-all answer and break it down to the parts. Tourmaline is the mineral that integrates and harmonizes both the left and right brain activity and aides in creating a balance of the whole person.

Malachite can assist in healing your emotions and provides peaceful sleep. It will allow you to achieve your heart's desire. Topaz is a stone that will allow one to focus your desires. You can focus your visual images to better communicate. Turquoise manifests spiritual qualities, healing, friendship and love as well as luck and money. Peridot can help you attract wealth and increase happiness. Amethyst has always been thought of as the healer. A healer of not only the body, but also the mind and the soul.

Now it would not surprise me that while one author would describe the ruby as a stone that imparts a strong will and a clean resolve, another author would look for a disastrous relationship and a clouded future. As they say: "different strokes for different folks".

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Junior Membership - \$10.00
 (Under Age 18)
 Single Membership - \$15.00
 (Over Age 18)
 Family Membership - \$25.00
 (Includes Children Under Age 18)

Membership expires on December 31st each year and is due by the end of February 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. Call 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

Wednesday AM

Ed Flashenburg 561-733-1466

Friday PM

Jeff Ursillo 561/706-9549

Saturday PM

Keith Allum 561/689-2565

On call KC Foster 561/968-5287

SHOP PHONE 561/585-2080

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2007

OFFICERS

President*	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549
1st Vice President*	Michelle Renné	969-3291
2nd Vice President*	Alan Meltzer	471-3491
Secretary*	Ruth Ekiert	514-1448
Treasurer*	Marv Berkowitz	364-9696

DIRECTORS

Past President*	Barbara Ringhiser	588-5458
Past President*	Michelle Renné	969-3291
Past President*	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549
Show Chairman*	Carl Bengtson	641-4493

COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Class Coordinator	Deb Slutzky	753-9937
Field Trips	Michelle Renné	969-3291
Historian	Mary Koplin	844-0410
Hostess	Coralie Norvell	965-4748
Junior Program	OPEN	
Librarian	Cynthia Lariviere	772-285-3987
Media (video & photos)	OPEN	
Membership*	Ingrid Webster	793-8646
Newsletter Editor*	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549
Programs	Alan Meltzer	471-3491
Raffle Coordinator	Harriet Flashenburg	733-1466
Refreshments	Debbie Anderson	965-9279
Special Projects Raffle	Junior Members	
Sunshine Committee	Karie Bliss	772-631-3576
Social Events	KC Foster	968-5287
Head Shop Steward	John Holmstrom	585-7094
Website Manager	Jen Ursillo	329-4343

* Denotes a Voting Board Member

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 and Lapidary Societies. Monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month except for December which is held on the second Thursday. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the West Palm Beach Garden Club across from the South Florida Science Museum in Dreher Park, West Palm Beach.

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches Website

www.gemandmineral.cc