



The next general membership meeting will be held  
**Thursday January 17, 2008**  
7:30 PM at a Palm Beach Garden Club, across from the Science Museum

The program for the January meeting will be on Baker Thundereggs. Baker thundereggs, from the old Baker Ranch outside Deming, NM, get very little respect yet are among the most colorful, beautiful agates in the world. No other deposit produces agate as richly colored or varied in patterns, banding and crystal formations. Baker eggs are still plentiful and a fraction of the price of other banded agates like Laguna and Condor.

Tonight's presentation will start with a little talk about the theory of Baker egg formation, the mine and its owner, and then move on to a short slide show and live display of what may be the best Baker thunderegg collection in a public display.

*Alan Meltzer*

#### ***A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON THUNDER EGGS...***

Thundereggs are spherical masses of rock that range in size from less than an inch to four feet in diameter. Most are about the size of a baseball. They have a knobby rind of drab, siliceous rock and a cavity filled with agate. From the outside they appear nondescript, but when sawed open and polished they may reveal the most exquisite and colorful designs ranging from five-pointed stars to miniature gardens.

History of The Name: The Warm Springs Indians have been given credit for "long ago" originating the name. As the legend goes, "... the two adjacent snow capped peaks - - Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson - - would at times become angry with one another. During these disputes, accompanied with thunder, Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson would hurl these spherical masses of rock at each other. Stray shots would land over in the Indian reservation, hence the Indian name of 'thunder eggs'."

Origin of Thundereggs: Thundereggs are only found in areas of previous volcanic activity. As silicic lavas poured out on the ground, the gasses made it frothy and bubbly. The lava cooled and over a period of millions of years, became buried. Water, which contains many minerals including silica, penetrated the gas pockets through a crack in the nodule. As water slowly dissipated, the solution deposited agate.

Via <http://www.theearthstreasure.com/Thundereggs.htm>

See page 6 for information  
about the Society's Wildacres/William Holland scholarships for 2008

#### ***DUES RENEWAL TIME IS HERE!!!!***

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*

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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 an emerald cut simulated garnet!

Raffle items for the month will include a garnet necklace, a red and black necklace and earring set, and an ammonite fossil. There may 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*

### **FLORIDA BUMPER STICKERS**

Some days I wake up grumpy...  
And some days I let him sleep!

The secret to staying young is to laugh often,  
eat slowly....and lie about your age!!!

### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Please have items for the February **ROCKHOUND** by **February 12**. Submissions can be emailed to **BNMJJEFF@AOL.COM**  
Or you can call Jeff Ursillo 561-706-9549

### **CLUB PURPOSE**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to 2008!

I hope the new year is full of prosperity and the fulfillment of everyone's wishes.

First, a **THANK YOU** to Barbara Ringhiser. She did a great job as President in 2007, filling many roles in addition to her main duties. We can look forward to Barbara still working on the Board as a Past President and on the Show Committee.

With the turning of the calendar comes a new year, and with the new year comes new faces on the Society's Board and new committee chairpersons.

One new face on the Board is our 2nd VP, Alan Meltzer. Alan will be our Program chairman for the next year, so he is the man to contact if you have suggestions for programs.

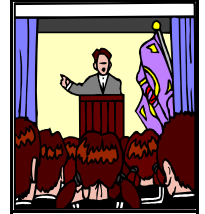
Deb Slutzky, coming off a year as the Society's secretary, is now in charge of classes. Deb is the lady to contact for any class information and ideas for classes. Check the class list on Page 8 for classes and schedules.

Ruth Ekiert is our new Secretary. She did a great job at the January Board meeting and I am very happy to welcome her to the Board. Ruth is a relatively new member, so be sure to introduce yourself and get to know her.

Rounding out the new Board are some Society veterans. Michelle Renné is in the 1st VP slot. Michelle brings many years of experience with the Society to the job, and is a welcome addition.

Marv Berkowitz has returned for another year as Treasurer. Marv has done an excellent job in the past and we are looking forward to his continued good work.

Lastly, there is the new President. Well not new exactly, sort of worn around the edges and a little grayer than last time I held the office. I am looking forward to a great year with this new Board and the support of all the members. *Jeff Ursillo, President*



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## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 13 2007**

Presiding, **Barbara Ringhiser**, President.

**MEETING** – The meeting was called to order at 7:52 PM at Meadow Park Elementary.

**PROGRAM** – This month is the Election of Officers and a Show-N-Sell.

**MINUTES** – The meeting minutes for November were motioned to be accepted and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Marv Berkowitz** read the Treasurer's report for November (for information).

**SUNSHINE** – No report.

**NEWSLETTER** – **Jeff Ursillo** reported that everything is going fine with the newsletter. Please contact Jeff with any member news you would like to share with the club.

**WEB SITE** – No report.

**FIELD TRIPS** – No organized field trips planned at this time, but the Peace River is low, if anyone is interested in going. There are still some great finds coming out of Ruck's Pit, which is open most weekends, but call before you go to ensure someone will be there.

**SHOP** – **Ed Flashenburg** reported there is a drain blockage at the shop that will be looked into, other than that all machinery is running and in good shape at the shop.

**CLASSES** – **Michelle Reneé** reported that class activity will pick up in January. Cab classes and Viking Knit classes are being held. If there is a class you would like to teach or take, contact **Michelle** or **Deb Slutzky**.

**MEMBERSHIP** – **Ingrid Webster** was absent and no report was provided. **Barbara Ringhiser** notified members that club membership dues for 2008 can be paid now until the end of February, 2008.

**SHOW** – **Deb Bengtson** reported that most vendors were very pleased with the show and will be returning next year. The show was very successful this year. Renting a smaller space for the show was under consideration, but due to the success of the show, it is not longer under consideration for next year. **Barbara** read off the list of silent auction items and door prize winners.

The show was dedicated to **Sy Schweitzer**, who, unfortunately, was unable to attend the show. We will honor him when he is feeling better.

**BOARD MEETING** – The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 2nd, at Olive Garden, corner of Lake Worth Rd and 57th Ave. in Green Acres. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM. Join us for dinner and an informative meeting. Everyone is welcome.

**SOCIAL EVENTS** – The Holiday Dinner will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn on Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach. Officers for 2008 will be installed at the dinner. The next tri-club Rock Swap will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at TY Park. The annual Steak Dinner will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**RAFFLE** – This month's raffle proceeds brought in \$31, which was be donated to the Bob Durney fund.

**JUNIORS PROGRAM** – No report.

**MISC.** – As of tonight, the following club members have been elected as officers for 2008:

President – **Jeff Ursillo**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – **Michelle Renné**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – **Alan Meltzer**

Treasurer – **Marv Berkowitz**

Secretary – **Ruth Ekiert**

Chair people for 2008 are as follows:

Membership – **Ingrid Webster**

Social Chairperson – **KC Foster**

Historian – **Mary Koplin**

Librarian – **Cynthia Lariviere**

Classes – **Deb Slutzky**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

*Submitted by Deb Slutzky, Secretary*

"I knew I had been in Berkeley too long when I saw a sign that said 'Free Firewood' and I thought, 'who is Firewood, and what did he/she do?'"

*Unknown*

### **DON'T BE A LUDDITE!!**

I know it has been tried in the past, but I would like to set up emailing of the Rockhound to any member that is interested. The newsletter would come as a PDF file, in full color! If you are interested, send me an email and I will add you to the list.

*Jeff Ursillo, Editor bnmjeff@aol.com*

### **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](mailto:bluebob232002@netscape.net).

### **INTERESTING WEB SITES**

<http://www.jewelry-precious-metals.com/>

This site contains some basic and a little advanced information about precious metals and their sources, refining and recovery. Some good information that is being added to on an ongoing basis.

<http://www.jewelrystore.com/>

There are lots of basic "how-to" videos and DIY projects on this site. Click on "DIY Projects and Videos" on the left side under "Information". The How-to" videos are very clear and cover a lot of the basics for newer jewelry people, including soldering and wrapped loops, jump ring techniques and much more.

### **FROM THE EASTERN FEDERATION**

Exciting news from EFMLS Wildacres!

I'm pleased to announce that Denise Nelson, a well-known Washington, DC area gem and jewelry expert has been selected as our fall session guest speaker. Denise will share her knowledge and experiences with us during the September 8 - 14 session. As previously announced, Alfredo Petrov will be our speaker for the April 18 - 24 session.

Registration for either EFMLS Wildacres session will begin next Wednesday (January 1). The fee for either week remains at \$330 with a 50% deposit due with your registration. A complete list of classes being offered is on the website <[www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm](http://www.amfed.org/efmls/wildacres.htm)>. You can also download a registration form from the same website.

We encourage you to register early as class size is limited. Please list your 4 choices so that if your first choice class is filled, our registrar can assign you to another class of your choice.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and your club members at Wildacres in 2008.

### **MEMBER NEWS**

The Bengtsons are trying to wind down and recuperate from a very successful show!

Alan Meltzer is collecting Baker thundereggs and will do a presentation (See page 1!)

Harriet Flashenburg is enjoying the fused glass open shop with Frank Heckler and the girls....

Ed Flashenburg is having fun teaching cab class and open shop. "If you have an interest in cabbing, please join us Wednesday 9 to 12 for open shop or 6 to 9PM for cabbing class.

Viking Knit was a fun class!!! - Lo

The Show was great, and I am looking forward to teaching a class in enameling.—Hazel Levin

Want to let us know what you are up to, or how you enjoyed a field trip or class? Write it on the "Member News" clipboard at a membership meeting, or email me at [bnmjeff@aol.com](mailto:bnmjeff@aol.com)

### **LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!**

Keep an eye on Ecuador's Tungurahua volcano. Experts predict a major eruption soon!

"Practice is the best of all instructors."

*Publius Syrus ~ 100 B.C.*

### **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

If you still have your badge holder/lanyard from the show please return it to Carl or Barbara at a meeting.

### **SHOP NEWS**

New Liability forms are in the notebook. Everyone using the shop must sign a new one for 2008!

The question was raised at the January Board meeting about fumes from the saws at the shop. Both the trim saw and the 10 inch saw use non-hazardous mineral oil, while the large saw uses Pella oil. 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 and some sort of breathing mask (surgical type are fine). 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.

By this time, the lights in the shop have new tubes, thanks to Ed. He has also installed a new light fixture above the 50K sander and put an easy to use switch on the exhaust fan.

"I know I shall be castigated by a large group of people today, but I was trained to assume that art related to the elusive quality of beauty and that the purpose of art was concerned with the elevation of the spirit"  
*Ansel Adams*

I would never advocate this activity, but this was too funny to not pass along.....So I apologize in advance if this offends anyone.

"Some people are like a slinky: Not really good for anything but they bring a smile to your face when pushed down the stairs."

### **SCIENTISTS FIND OLDEST LIVING ANIMAL .....THEN KILL IT**

British marine biologists have found what may be the oldest living animal — that is, until they killed it. The team from Bangor University in Wales was dredging the waters north of Iceland as part of routine research when the unfortunate specimen, belonging to the clam species *Arctica islandica*, commonly known as the ocean quahog, was hauled up from waters 250 feet deep.

Only after researchers cut through its shell, which made it more of an ex-clam, and counted its growth rings did they realize how old it had been — between 405 and 410 years old. Another clam of the same species had been verified at 220 years old, and a third may have lived 374 years. But this most recent clam was the oldest yet. "Its death is an unfortunate aspect of this work, but we hope to derive lots of information from it," postdoctoral scientist Al Wanamaker told London's Guardian newspaper. "For our work, it's a bonus, but it wasn't good for this particular animal."

*Fox News October 30, 2007*

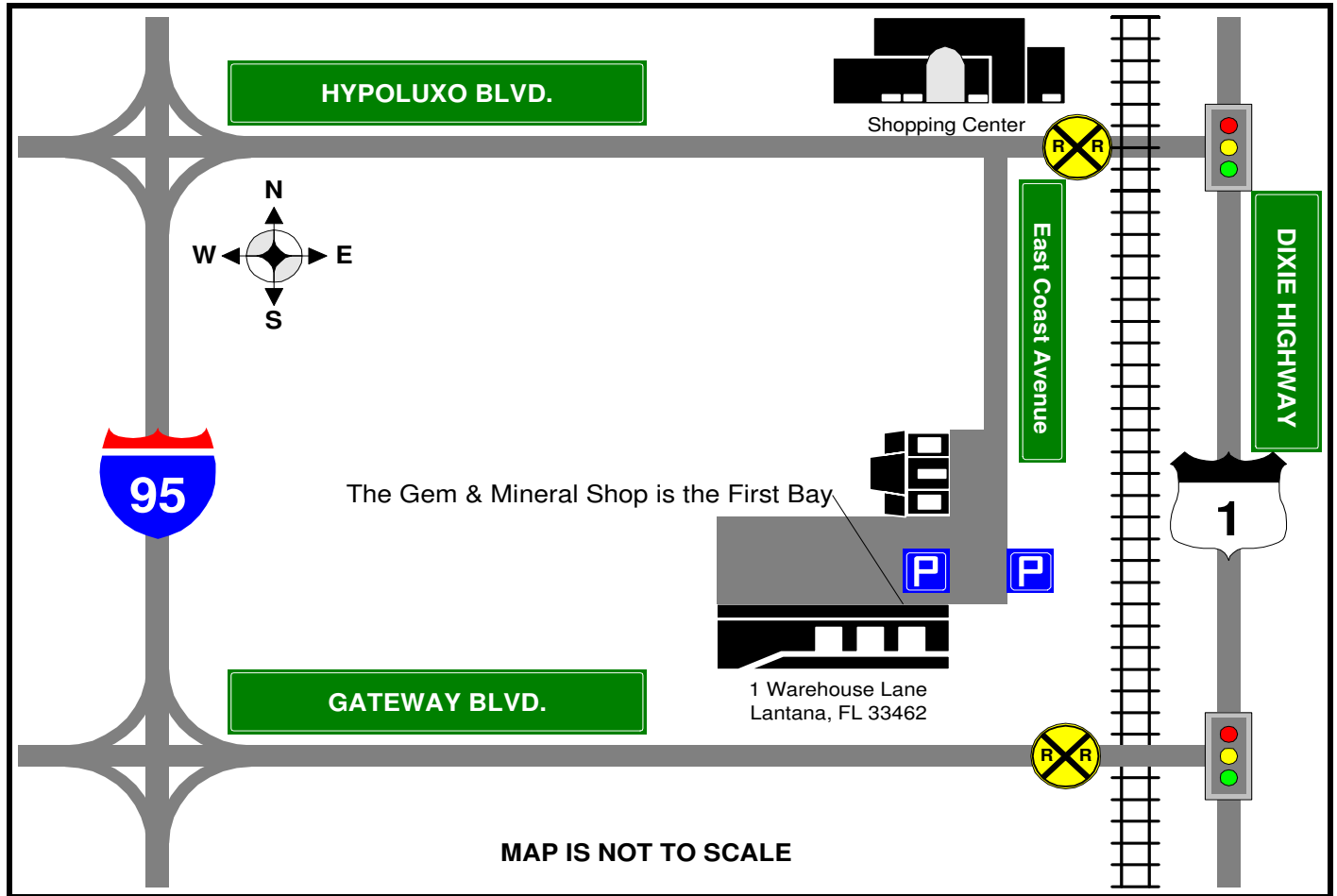
### **NEW PRODUCT NEWS**

Delphi Glass ([www.delphiglass.com](http://www.delphiglass.com)) has announced a glass fusing kiln that fits into a microwave.

"With the new Microwave kiln you can get started creating kiln-fired glass with minimal investment and maximum convenience. Place your project on shelf paper on the base of the kiln and fire for 6 to 10 minutes. Excellent for glass pins and cabochons. Also works well for copper enameling. Use to make custom jewelry fast. For use with a 600 to 1200 watt microwave with metal interior. Results may vary based on microwave. Delphi recommends not using the same microwave for food and kiln." The kiln has a 4 1/2" firing chamber. You can go to their site and search for "Microwave Kiln" for more information.

"The greatest healing therapy is Friendship and Love."

*Hubert Humphrey*



### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**January 26-27**

**Venice, FL**

**Gulf Coast Mineral, Fossil & Gem Club**

Adults: \$3, children free with adult;

**Location:**

Venice Community Center,  
326 Nokomis Ave.

**Hours:**

Saturday 10-5

Sunday 10-4

**Information:**

Ralph Marble, 5240 Dallas Place,  
Sarasota, FL 34231, (941) 922-2135; marblegems@verizon.net

**Web site:**

[www.mineralfossilgemclubvenicefl.org](http://www.mineralfossilgemclubvenicefl.org)

**February 8-10,**

**Merritt Island, FL**

**Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club, Inc.**

31st Annual Symphony  
of Gemstones Show.  
admission \$3; rough and cut gems,  
minerals, fine jewelry, equipment,  
supplies, books, beads, demonstra-  
tions

**Location:**

Kiwanis Island Park,  
950 Kiwanis Park Rd.

**Hours:**

8th (Friday) 1-6

9th (Saturday) 10-5

10th (Sunday) 10-5

**Information:**

Forrest MacNab, 321-453-6379.

### **WILDACRES/ WILLIAM HOLLAND SCHOLARSHIP**

Enclosed in this newsletter is an application for the Society's annual scholarship to Wildacres or William Holland schools. Information about classes offered is available at:

<http://www.amfed.org/EFMLS/>

or

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/>

Packets will also be available at the January membership meeting. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2008

## JANUARY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	14 Open Shop 7-9PM	15 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	16 Open Shop 9AM—NOON  Cab class 6-9PM	17  <b>Membership Meeting</b>	18 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	19  Pearl Knotting Class 1-4 PM Ingrid Webster 793-8646
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed	22	23 Open Shop 9AM—NOON  Cab class 6-9PM	24	25 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	26 Open Shop* 2-5 PM <b>Ruck's Pit Field trip</b> Details - See Page 9
27  Apollo 1 1967 <i>Ad astra per aspera</i>	28  Challenger 1986	29  <b>REMEMBER TO VOTE TODAY!!!</b>	30 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 6-9PM	31	1 Columbia –2003  Explorer 1 satellite launched 1958	2  Non-Solder Wire Work Noon-4PM \$40 + \$25 Materials fee

## FEBRUARY 2008

3	4	5	6 Open Shop 9AM—NOON  <b>Board Mtg 6:30 PM</b>	7	8 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	9 Open Shop* 2-5 PM
10	11 Open Shop 7-9PM	12 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	13 Open Shop 9AM—NOON  Cab class 6-9PM	14  <b>Happy Valentine's Day!!</b>	15 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	16 Open Shop* 2-5 PM
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  <b>Membership Meeting</b>	22 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	23 Art Clay Silver 10 AM -4PM \$50 + \$85 Materials fee (Material fee approximate)

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 (On call) Keith Allum 561/689-2565 On call – KC Foster 561/968-5287

**SHOP PHONE** 561/585-2080

# 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
Beginner Beading	Ingrid Webster	561-793-8646			
Cabochon 6 wk class	Ed Flashenburg	561-733-1466	\$60	ongoing	Wednesdays 6-9 Pm at shop
Chain Making Basic & Advanced					
Enameling on Copper 2 3-hour sessions	Hazel Levin	561-439-6915	\$35 + \$15 materials		
Faceting	KC Foster	561-968-5287	\$80 + \$20 materials		
Fused Glass Beginner	Frank Hecker	561-742-4337	\$40+ \$10 Materials	ongoing 9AM—Noon	
Non-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$40 + \$25 materials	Saturday February 2	Noon —4PM at the shop
Pearl Knotting	Ingrid Webster	561-793-8646	\$25	January 19	1-4 PM
Silversmithing	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291			
Stained Glass	Anna Medley	561-313-1594			
Torched Glass Beads			\$50 + materials		
Torched Glass Bead advanced	Jan Comos	561-969-9564		Early 2008	
Viking Knit (wire) 2 sessions	Marv Berkowitz	561-364-9696	\$40 + \$35 materials		

## Important Please Read!



**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:grace2006@yahoo.com) 631-764-6556

**FIELD TRIP: SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008**  
**FORT DRUM CRYSTAL MINE**

**Cost** - \$30 per person. Children under 12 are free but must be accompanied by an adult at all times and be WELL BEHAVED !

**Hours** - from 8:00 AM till 5 PM, rain or shine! Check the weather and dress accordingly.

**DIRECTIONS:**

**From WPB and SOUTH** - take I-95 north to the Blue Heron Exit, go west. It will run right into Rt. 710 (the Beeline Hwy), take that north-ish through Indiantown and then into the town of Okeechobee. Make a right at Rt. 411 (after the McDonald's - pit stop!) and go north about 20 miles or so past dairy farms and lots of trees then.....

**OR** take I-95 north to the Rt. 68 / Orange Ave. exit (it is right after the Rt. 70 / Okeechobee exit in Ft. Pierce). There is a RaceTrack gas station just west of I-95 for a pit stop! Go west until it ends at Rt. 441 (about 27 miles). Make a right and go north about 3 miles or so past dairy farms and lots of trees then.....

**THEN** turn right on 304th St. (there is a small sign that says "Ft. Drum Cemetery" and "Ft. Drum Crystal Mine" just before the road on the right side) Go about 3 miles and on the left you will see the Crystal Mine sign again. Pull into the entrance at the metal gates. Someone will be there to collect your money and direct you in.

**COLLECT:** Rare calcite crystals and shells AND fossils (various teeth, bones, vertebrates, etc.) in easily accessible piles by the parking lot. There are several hoses available to wash off your finds. Port-o-lets are nearby and a covered area with picnic tables.

**CALCITE** - (1) 5-gallon bucket full and (1) large specimen per person.

**FOSSILS** – no limit!

**BRING:** a 5-gallon bucket (a cooler on wheels is GREAT to hold everything), hammers (straight claw and/or 3# sledge), large flathead screwdriver, chisels, scratching tools, pry bars, trowel, small shovel, baggies and paper towels to wrap your precious specimens, hat, sunscreen, food, drinks, safety glasses, chairs, umbrellas and towels. The coquina rock matrix can be tricky in some places to walk on and so wear heavy gloves, sturdy shoes (boots) and long pants.

**CONTACT:** Michelle Renne' @ 561/969-3291 (home), 561/644-2323 (cell) or e-mail at [FGMR4@AOL.COM](mailto:FGMR4@AOL.COM)

## 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

## CLUB VESTS

Club vests can be ordered from  
 Wearguard at 1-800-388-3300.

Order the following:  
 Color: BL (Blue)  
 Unisex sizes: XS,S,M,L,XL,XXL  
 Style: 348  
 Price: \$19.99 (plus \$6.50 S&H)

You can purchase a Society patch at a  
 General Membership Meeting.

## 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.

## 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
Club Patches & Pins	OPEN	
Field Trips	Michelle Renné	969-3291
Historians	Mary Koplin	844-0410
Hostess	Coralie Norvell	965-4748
Junior Program	OPEN	
Librarian	Cynthia Lariviere	772-285-3987
Media (video & photos)	Terry Koplin	848-5885
Membership*	Ingrid Webster	793-8646
Newsletter Editor*	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549
Programs	Alan Meltzer	
Raffle Coordinator	Harriet Flashenburg	733-1466
Refreshments	Debbie Anderson	965-9279
Special Projects Raffle	Junior Members	
Sunshine Committee	Karie Kiser	772-631-3576
Social Events	KC Foster	968-5287
Head Shop Steward	John Holmstrom	585-7094
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