



The next general membership meeting will be held
Thursday August 16, 2007
7:30 PM at the West Palm Beach Garden Club
(Dreher Park, across from the Science Museum)

OVERVIEW OF OPALS PROSPECTING FOR OPALS IN NEVADA

Sandy Mielke, our speaker for August, will be narrating a Power Point presentation, followed by a video from the Travel Channel on Virgin Valley, Nevada opals.

Virgin Valley, Nevada

“Hidden in the isolated northwest corner of Nevada, lies Virgin Valley. Despite its arid and desolate location, rockhounds and miners from all over the world travel here to search for the beautiful precious opal for which this area is famous.

This area is famous for the rare and fabulous black opal, known to occur in only two places on Earth: Virgin Valley, Nevada and New South Wales, Australia. These wonderful specimens flash and gleam with a rainbow of brilliant reds, blues, greens and purples in a jet black matrix. Prime examples can be worth more per carat than even diamonds.

Also found in the area is opal in a variety of colors and types from the famous black opal to the amber colored honey opal, the clear jelly or crystal opal, and the pure white matrix of the lechosos or milk opal, all of which can contain the stunning play of color which signifies the 'precious opal.'“

Via www.goldnuggetwebs.com/VVOPALS

Sounds like an amazing place! Make sure to attend this month's program

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 20—Chris Davenport will be speaking on Palm Beach County Archeology

October 18—Alan Meltzer will be bringing in some of his collection of Banded Agates.

November 15—Eddie Rucks will be giving a talk on Calcite. This is also the final meeting before the annual show.

December 13— Election of officers and member Show & Sell.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This summer has certainly been as hot as promised, and fortunately the named storms are only up to "C"!

Despite some technical problems, the July meeting program was well received. Chris Davenport, Palm Beach County archaeologist, gave a great presentation on the migration of trade stones from Pennsylvania to New Hampshire. Chris will be back again in September with a talk on local archaeology. Unfortunately the video on Intarsia was not shown but hopefully we can use the video at a later date.

This month, opals will be the subject of our monthly meeting, with Sandy Mielke sharing his knowledge on the subject.

Please, again, keep in mind that there are a few positions still open. Please give some thought to helping our great club out!

Keep in mind these upcoming events detailed on page 4...

October 6th - field trip to the Museum of Natural History in Gainesville.

October 14th—Rock Swap with the Miami and Gold Coast clubs.

See you at the meeting.

Barbara

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please have items for the September ROCKHOUND to the editor by September 10th. Submissions can be emailed to BNMJEFF@AOL.COM or you can call Jeff Ursillo 561-706-9549

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DOOR PRIZES!!

RAFFLE ITEMS!!!



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 beautiful basket silver and beads! (Not sure what that is? Come to the meeting and find out! You won't be disappointed!)

This month, the raffle prizes will be: Columbian emeralds in matrix, a jasper bolo, and a pink quartz necklace. *Don't miss out on these items!*

Last month's raffle produced \$35 for the club. *We need your donations!!* If anyone has *collected too much*, any donations would be appreciated for our monthly raffles.

Harriet Flashenburg, Raffle Coordinator

GUATEMALA'S NEW BLUE JADE

Miners unearthed a large deposit of deep blue jade in the Montagua valley of Guatemala, home to the historic jade mines of the ancient Mayan Indians. The jade deposit has yielded mostly green stones and some green-blue stones. This mine now produces the first blue jade known in the world. Ventana mining owns the deposit producing the blue jade. The new jade compares in hue to that of blue sapphire, is translucent to opaque, and it is thought that titanium gives the jade its blue color.

Via The Tumbler 07/07

SHOP TIP

Cutting Soft Stone: When working with a soft stone such as onyx or marble, soak it in water for a couple of days before cutting. This will keep oil from soaking in to discolor the stone and will result in a higher polish. —

From Rock Chips, 11/88; via the Breccia 12/04.

Ever wondered why a rounded and domed polished stone is called a cabochon? One rock book states that the word "cabochon" is derived from a French word meaning bald-headed. The more highly polished, the more beautiful.

Is that why **BALD IS BEAUTIFUL ?**

(source, Rockhound Ramblings, Quarry Quips, via Prospector 02/07)

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JULY 19, 2007

Presiding, **Barbara Ringhiser**, President.

MEETING – The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM at the Garden Club.

PROGRAM – This month was a short presentation by County Archeologist, Chris Davenport. Mr. Davenport spoke about the migration of ancient Indian stone artifacts from Pennsylvania to New Hampshire. He also answered a few questions concerning the Everglades discoveries and hopefully will return for a more in-depth discussion in September. The August program will be about Opals with Sandy Mielke. Alan Meltzer will be talking about Banded Agates in October. Barbara is going to ask Eddie Rucks to speak in November. We may have a Show-N-Sell in December.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Marv Berkowitz** was absent and the Treasurer's report for June was read (for information) by **Barbara Ringhiser**.

SUNSHINE – **Karie Kiser** was absent. **Barbara Ringhiser** reported that **Frank Hecker** spent six weeks in the hospital and **Harold Shonkwiler** is still in rehabilitation in Boynton Beach. We miss them and hope they get back on their feet soon.

NEWSLETTER – **Jeff Ursillo** reported that everything is status quo with the newsletter.

WEB SITE – **Terry Koplín** was absent. **Barbara Ringhiser** reported that pictures of the shop will be posted on our Web site.

FIELD TRIPS – **Barbara Ringhiser** went over details for the trip to the Florida Museum of Natural History, the date is Saturday 10/6. We are expecting a bus for 57 people to cost approximately \$46 (including admission). We'll leave from the Garden Club at 7:00AM, break at Ft. Drum on the Turnpike, lunch in Gainesville before the museum, eat dinner after the museum, and return to the Garden Club around 10PM. The trip will take about 5 hours each way and we'll spend about 3 hours at the museum. You can sign up at the next two meetings or by contacting **Barbara** by phone or email and information will be on the Web site. Deadline for sign-up and payment is September 7th.

SHOP – Work and organization on the shop is ongoing, but the condition of the shop has been vastly improved in the past six months. **John Holmstrom** replaced the Dia-cut oil for the 10" saw with nonhazardous mineral oil.

Keith Allum, a new shop steward, will be available to open the shop on Saturdays from 2-5PM, call him before

you go to make sure he will be there. The shop rules will be finalized at the next meeting and posted on the newsletter or on the Web site.

CLASSES – **Michelle Renéé** reported that instructors will be contacting members who have signed up for classes to arrange class dates and times. The class charge is generally comprised of one charge for the class and an additional charge for materials. The hot area in the shop is ready, so classes using heat can now be held. We have a kiln, but members need to be certified before using it.

CALENDAR – Check the monthly calendar for the meetings, socials, workshops, and class schedules.

MEMBERSHIP – **Ingrid Webster** was absent. This year's rosters are available, contact **Ingrid** if you need one.

SHOW – **Carl Bengtson** was absent. **Barbara Ringhiser** reported that the next show meeting will be in September, the third Monday of the month at **KC Foster's** house.

Ellen Jean is putting together a press kit. Deposits are still coming in.

BOARD MEETING – The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 1st, at Olive Garden, corner of Lake Worth Rd and 57th St. in Green Acres. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM. Join us for dinner and an informative meeting. Everyone is welcome.

SOCIAL EVENTS – There will be a Show-N-Sell on August 11th at the Garden Club. Tables will be \$10, contact Barbara if you would like a table. There will be a picnic with hamburgers and hotdogs. Bring a side dish to share. The picnic starts at noon. A social events coordinator is still needed! If anyone can serve the club in this capacity, contact **Barbara Ringhiser**.

There will be another rock swap at TY Park on Sunday 10/14. There will be a raffle and bingo. Items can only be sold to other club members. Admission to the park is \$1. The clubs participating will be Gold Coast, Miami, and Palm Beach.

RAFFLE – This month's raffle proceeds brought in \$35 for the club.

JUNIORS PROGRAM – Nothing new to report.

MISC. – Five guests attended the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Deb Slutzky, Secretary

“Life is not about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”

George Bernard Shaw

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

**OCTOBER 6TH
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
GAINESVILLE**

Florida State Museum of Natural History in Gainesville
<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/>

This is a joint trip with the Miami and Gold Coast clubs-

* We'll leave at 7 am on Saturday Oct. 6th from the West Palm Beach Garden Club. (across from the So. Fla. Science Museum). Directions available on request.

* The Bus company is Midnight Sun Tours, Lake Worth

* Travel time is approximately 5 hours.

* Break at the Ft. Drum service plaza.

* Arrive in Gainesville and have lunch before going to the museum.

* Spend about 3 hours at the museum

* Have dinner in Gainesville.

* Return to the garden club about 10 pm.

* The trip is open to 57 people.

* Cost is \$46 per person - this includes bus fare, driver gratuity, admission to the museum and admission to the Butterfly Rainforest.

* Because we'll be there on the weekend, there are no guided tours.

* There is a garden behind the museum and also an art museum that we can visit next to the natural history museum

*To sign up, contact Barbara Ringhiser, Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches by email - bar5678@aol.com or call her at 561-588-5458

* **Deadline for sign-up and payment is September 7th.**

* Make checks payable to Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. and mail to P. O. Box 18095, West Palm Beach FL 33416 or pay at the July or August meetings.

**OCTOBER 14TH
ROCK SWAP AT TY PARK**

This swap is in conjunction with the Miami and Gold Coast clubs. There will be a raffle and bingo games. As before, items may only be sold to other club members. The park admission is \$1. More details to follow in the September Rockhound.

Please welcome the following new members and add them to your club roster.

Ruth Ekiert

11667 Manatee Bay Lane

Wellington, FL 33449

(561) 514 1448

Jorge Rodriguez & Monica Hernandez

5481 Berry Blossom Way E

West Palm Beach, FL 33415

(561) 685 4747

Lori & Jim Dillon

19161 Cloister Lake Lane

Boca Raton, FL 33498

(561) 483 7735

Sheila & Preston Hauser

13502 Fountainview Blvd.

Wellington, FL 33414

Bernadette Cunningham

3501 S. Ocean Blvd. #302

Palm Beach, FL 33480

(561) 254 3133

Give this PLENTY of thought, and don't cheat!
See if you can figure out what these words have in common ...

- ⇒ Banana
- ⇒ Dresser
- ⇒ Grammar
- ⇒ Potato
- ⇒ Revive
- ⇒ Assess
- ⇒ Uneven

See Page 9 for the answer.....

FOUND...T-REX WITH A SURPRISE

An adolescent female Tyrannosaurus Rex died 68 million years ago, but its bones still contain intact, soft tissue, including the oldest preserved proteins ever found, scientist say. And a comparison of the protein's chemical structure to a slew of others showed an evolutionary link between T-rex and chickens, bolstering the idea that birds evolved from dinosaurs. The collagen proteins were found hidden inside the leg bone of the T-rex fossils, according to studies published in the April 13 issue of the Journal Science. Collagen is the main ingredient of connective tissue in animals and is found in cartilage, ligaments, tendons, hooves, bones and teeth. "I mean can you imagine pulling a bone out of the ground after 68 million years and then getting intact, protein sequences?" said John Asara of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School, lead author of one of the studies.

The T-rex leg bone, which looks like a giant drumstick, was unearthed by Jack Horner of the Museum of the Rockies in 2003 in the Hell Creek formation, a fossil-packed area that spans Montana, Wyoming, and North and South Dakota. In 2005, Mary Schweitzer, a molecular paleontologist at North Carolina State University, and her colleagues, reported they had found evidence for soft, stretchy tissue sealed inside the dinosaur's fossilized femur. The finding made headlines, but was also questioned by some experts. The hard stuff of bones is all that usually remains when a dead organism is buried beneath layers of earth. Usually, microbes devour all the easy-to-access soft tissue. So finding relatively intact soft tissue was a major claim. "For centuries it was believed that the process of fossilization destroyed any original material, consequently, no one looked carefully at really old bones," Schweitzer said. To gather her evidence, Schweitzer ran chemical analyses, finding the tissue reacted with antibodies from collagen taken from chicken and other avian tissues. Also, images from high powered microscopes revealed a repeating series of thin strips characteristic of collagen fibers.

Asara then ran the tiny samples through a mass spectrometer, a machine that measures mass and charge of individual molecules, finding the relic tissue was indeed collagen. The discovery will open the door for a suite of studies once thought off limits in the field on paleontology. For instance, proteins could supply more direct evidence about evolutionary links between living and extinct organisms. Plus, the process of fossilization remains somewhat of a mystery. "This is a really , valuable window into (fossilization) because here you have some of the original material preserved," Matthew Carrano, a dinosaur curator at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC said. "We would never have asked a question that required this information in the past and that shut the whole door on those avenues of research. Any how now they are potentially open to us," Carrano said., ∴

via July 2007 Prospector Newsletter

GOLD...BRIEFLY

Just the mention of that word whets the appetite for riches, adventure and the excitement of discovery. Gold has been treasured since prehistoric times. Gold artifacts are found in some of the earliest archeological sites. The earliest known geological map is Egyptian and it dates from about 3,300 years ago The map depicts "mountains of gold" and shows areas where gold was recovered and where miners lived. No one is sure of the exact location of this ancient mine; however, it may be in the Red Sea Hills near the present day Suez Canal. The color and luster of gold are what make this metal so attractive. Gold is almost indestructible and has been used and reused for centuries, to the extent that all of the gold that is currently being used by mankind is almost equal to all the gold that has ever been mined.

*Via Rock Talk, Div. Of Minerals & Geology,
Colo. Geo Survey 4/03*

BEWARE THE MARS HOAX

It's August, which means it's time for the annual Mars Hoax. An email is going around claiming that Mars will approach Earth on August 27th; the encounter will be so close, the email states, that Mars will rival the full Moon in size and brightness. (Imagine the tides!) Don't believe it. The Mars Hoax email first appeared in 2003. On August 27th of that year, Mars really did come historically close to Earth. But the e-mail's claim that Mars would rival the Moon was grossly exaggerated. Every August since 2003, the email has staged a revival.

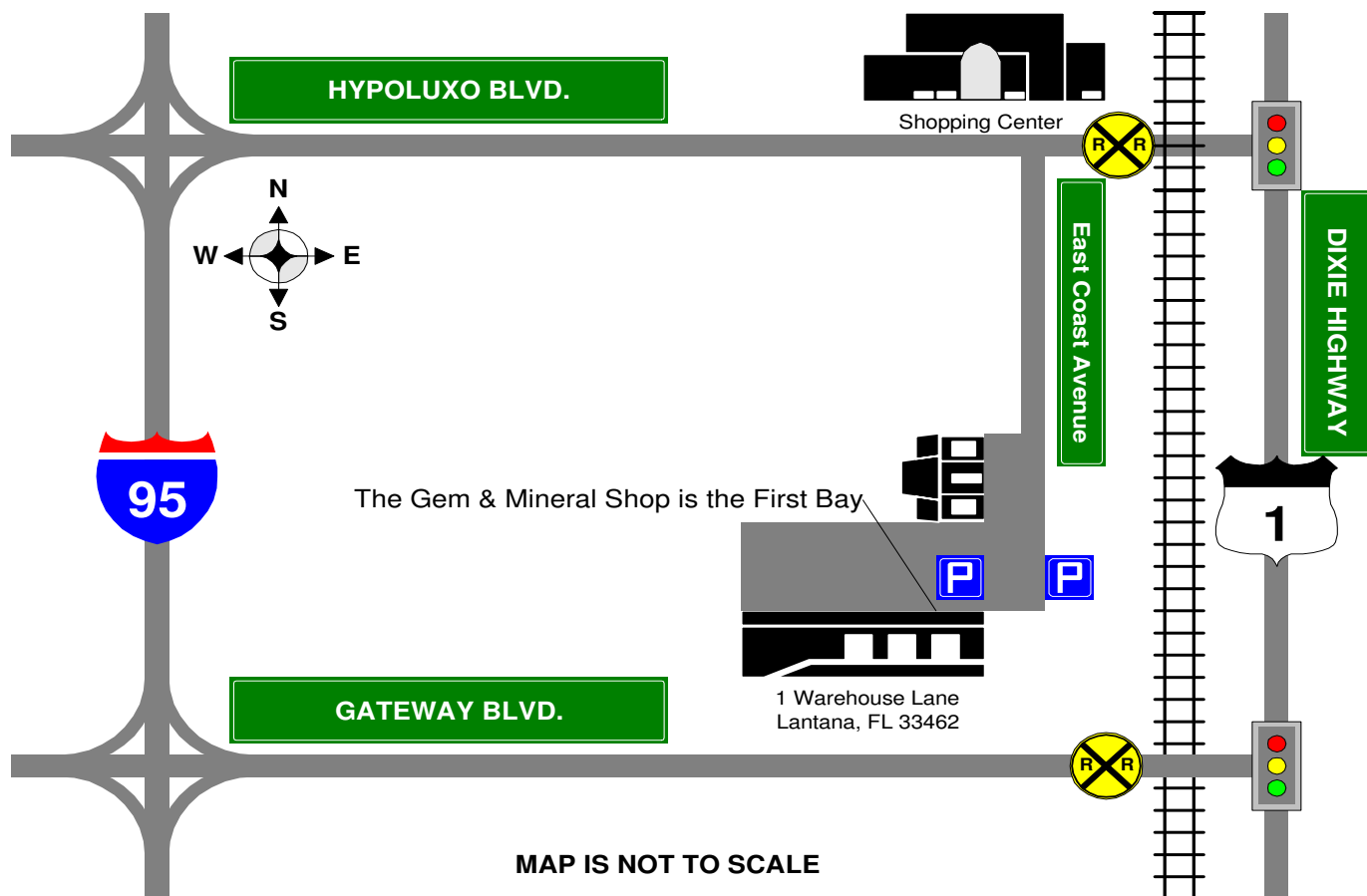
*Via <http://spaceweather.com>
(ed. Note: As I was getting the newsletter ready I received 2 copies of this email in the span of an hour...)*

NATRON, THE MUMMY MINERAL

Natron was a preferred material for mummy purification and preservation. Natron is superior to salt as a drying agent because it chemically attacks and destroys grease and fat. It is found not only in tombs and pits with other discarded embalming materials, but also as nodules and residues in the mummies themselves. There is some debate over the method in which the natron was used. It may have been used in a way similar to the method for the preservation of fish. Dry natron would be sprinkled over the body, perhaps with sawdust, or spread with linen clothes. Other archeologists believe the body was immersed in vats containing a natron solution. Such a wet method would however be odiferous, accelerate putrefaction and thus be counterproductive to the preservation of the body. A dry body would also be more readily bandaged as well as more amenable to the attachment of amulets and other jewelry.

Although mummification has supernatural trappings, its basis is rooted in simple chemistry and processes as mundane as fish preservation. It also is another example of a technology born out of observations of the properties and effects of rare minerals.

Via the Breccia 9/03, VIA Coral Geode 10/2003



Shop schedule is TENTATIVE, 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 PM (On call only)– Jeff Ursillo 561/706-9549

Friday PM – Jeff Ursillo 561/706-9549 **Saturday**—Keith Allum 561/689-2565

On call – KC Foster 561/968-5287— **SHOP PHONE** 561/585-2080

UPCOMING SHOWS

Aug. 11-12
Melbourne, FL
Lane Enterprise Foundation.

Annual Summer Time Jewelry,
 Mineral, and Bead Show
 Melbourne Auditorium,
 625 E. Hibiscus Ave.
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.
 Anita Lane, 321-723-0742,
 lanesfinejewelry@aol.com.

Aug. 17-19
Vero Beach, FL
Lane Enterprise Foundation.

Annual Summer Time Jewelry,
 Mineral, and Bead Show.
 2256 14th Ave.
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.
 Anita Lane, 321-723-0742
 lanesfinejewelry@aol.com.

Aug. 24-26
Sarasota, FL
Frank Cox Productions

Gem, Jewelry, and Bead Show.
 Municipal Auditorium
 801 N. Tamiami Trl (Hwy. 41)
 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily
 941-954-0202
 frankcox@comcast.net
 www.frankcoxproductions.com.

AUGUST 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday and Saturday Open Shop is on an on-call basis only. Contact steward listed on page 6			1 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	2	3 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	4 Open Shop 2-5 PM
5	6 Fused Glass Shop 7-9PM	7	8 Open Shop* 7-9PM	9	10 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	11 Noon Picnic Garden club Open Shop* 2-5 PM
12	13 Glass Shop 7-9PM	14	15 Open Shop* 7-9PM	16 General Meeting 7:30PM Opals! By Sandy Mielke	17 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	18 Open Shop* 2-5 PM
19	20 Torch/metal Shop 7-9PM	21 Cabochon class 1 Of 6 7-9 PM <i>Tentative</i>	22 Open Shop* 7-9PM	23	24 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	25 Open Shop* 2-5 PM
26	27 Open Shop 7-9PM	28 Cabochon class 2 Of 6 7-9 PM	29 Open Shop* 7-9PM	30	31 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	

ON A LIGHTER NOTE.....

A geologist walks up to a river and says, "I feel very strongly that your bottom is composed of dirt, silt, small rocks, bits of dead animals, and other particulate inorganic matter."

And the river replies, "Yes, those are my sediments exactly."

POTENTIAL MERGERS....

Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W. R Grace Company will merge and become:
Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace

3M will merge with Goodyear and issue forth as: MMMGood

GOLD COAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

The next meeting is August 15, 2007 at the Apple Creek Community Center on W. Sunrise Blvd. This will be a fairly simple program on how to make "Solderless Settings for Tumbled and Cabochon Stones" All of Don's students are familiar with this topic which is the first exercise all of his students do to learn to set up a design, saw, file, bend, polish and set both standard and odd shaped stones. Nothing fancy but you can make some pretty neat stuff this way. No soldering is required.

Meanwhile, to keep up on club activities, go to our still under construction, web site at www.fgcgms.com. Look around....there are lots of good articles and information there.

UPCOMING CLASSES

We have some new and exciting classes coming up! See below for a complete list of available classes.

If there is a skill or technique you'd like to learn or teach,
 please contact Michelle Renné at 561/969-3291 or FGMR4@aol.com.

CLASS	TEACHER	PHONE	COST	DATE	TIME
Art Clay Silver	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$50+ \$85 materials	September	
Beginner Beading	Ingrid Webster	561-793-8646	TBD	TBD	
Cabochon	John Holmstrom Jeff Ursillo	561-585-7094 561-706-9549	\$60	August 21	Tuesday 7—9 PM
Chain Making Basic & Advanced	Teacher needed				
Enameling on Copper	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$40 + \$10 materials	September	
Faceting	KC Foster	561-968-5287	\$80 + \$20 materials	Beginning of September	
No-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$30 + \$20 materials	TBD	
Pearl Knotting	Ingrid Webster	561-793-8646	\$25	TBD	
Pottery Jewelry	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$30 + \$10 materials	TBD	
Stained Glass	Anna Medley	561-313-1594	TBD	TBD	
Torched Glass Beads	Jack Stamper	561-964-4710	\$50 + materials	End of August	
Torched Glass Bead advanced	Jan Comos	561-969-9564	TBD	TBD	
Viking Knit (wire)	Marv Berkowitz	561-364-9696	TBD	TBD	

Classes will be scheduled when teachers have enough students signed up.
 Class fee is pre-paid and non-refundable unless the class is canceled.
 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.
 If you're interested in a class NOT listed or can TEACH a class, please contact Michelle Renné at 561/969-3291 or at FGMR4@AOL.COM

**Important
Please Read!**



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. Visit my store at eBay.com - Magnolia Street Shops.

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

WEB CORNER



Great site with a quick reference chart for quite a few gems and minerals. Chart lists minerals in alphabetical order, and gives specific gravity, Mohs hardness, index of refraction and gemstone family name.

www.csgnetwork.com/gemchar.html

Want information about your city? The website below gives demographics, income, crime statistics, education and property values. There is a link that explains their data sources as well.

www.homefair.com/find_a_place/cityprofile

BOB DURNEY CANCER FUND

A special account has been created in Bob's name at Washington Mutual Bank. Any donations will be greatly appreciated at this time. The Club is also hoping to help in other ways. Any suggestions are welcome. The account is "ROBERT DURNEY # 3161978679." Updates will be available on our website. Bob's address is 52 Worthmore Ave., Lake Worth FL 33460. His email address is bluebob232002@netscape.net. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Michelle Reneé at 561-969-3291 or at FGMR4@aol.com.

The following was received from Bob:

I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and generous donations. The fact that you care enough for someone some of you don't even know means a lot to me. The money will go towards the mounting medical bills I am still incurring with, hopefully, a positive outcome in the near future. Thank to donations from our club raffles, individual members donations as well as donations from other clubs I have received over \$350. I hope to be able to make it again to the next meeting.

Bob Durney

"What lies before us and what lies behind us are nothing compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

AN ACCIDENT

I was in an accident this afternoon. Nothing really serious but I took my eyes off the road for a second and rear-ended a car. We pulled over and got out, and the other driver was a DWARF!! He was really really mad! He stomped back to me, looked up at me and said "I am NOT happy!" I said, "Okay, then, which one are you?"

WORD LIST ANSWER

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

Did you figure it out? Me, neither.

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 in **January** of the new year. To renew your membership, make your check or money order out to:

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches 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*	Barbara Ringhiser	588-5458
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2nd Vice President*	Lee Krenz	744-5196
Secretary*	Deb Slutzky	753-9937
Treasurer*	Marv Berkowitz	364-9696

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Past President*	Harold Shonkwiler	914-0415
Past President*	Michelle Renné	969-3291
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Junior Program	OPEN	
Librarian	OPEN	
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Newsletter Editor*	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549
Programs	Lee Krenz	744-5196
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Refreshments	Debbie Anderson	965-9279
Special Projects Raffle	Junior Members	
Sunshine Committee	Karie Kiser	772-631-3576
Social Events	OPEN	
Head Shop Steward	John Holmstrom	585-7094
Website Manager	Terry Koplin	848-5885

* Denotes a Voting Board Member

The Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. is a member of the Eastern and Southern Federations 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