



The next general membership meeting will be held
Thursday November 15, 2007
7:30 PM at the West Palm Beach Garden Club
(Dreher Park, across from the Science Museum)

Eddie Rucks will be giving a talk on a wide variety of new and exciting minerals he has obtained as well as the ongoing improvements at his mine in Ft. Drum. Eddie will be touching on zeolites and okonite geodes as well as a new apple green apophyllite find from India.

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**HEAT TREATING STONES FOR KNAPPING
OR TO ENHANCE THEIR COLOR?**

This is from an interesting exchange recently on the Yahoo Rockhounds email list:

“There are some heat treating recipes on my site. These are for knapping but are known to deepen the color of agate as well.

http://orerockon.com/Heat_treating.htm

Tim Fisher
Ore-ROCK-On!
Email address at <http://OreRockOn.com> “

It is a good site, but I found the reply for one list member priceless....

“I seem to recall ... burying with sand, 500 degrees, washing carefully to remove oil, and cooling slowly. Good luck. My one attempt to heat-treat turned worthless agate into worthless agate. You may say "Worthless" isn't a word", but that's because you didn't see the agate.”

ALSO FROM THE INTERNET...

For those of you who have not discovered this "gem" yet, I cannot recommend this book more highly! If you are into determinative mineralogy, it is a "must have".

It was just published by Min Rec, is 260+ pages, covers chemical techniques, optical techniques, the lot... Has appendices on how to build your own Specific Gravity balance, Polarizing Microscope, Dichroscope, Spindle Stage, 2 different flavors of Goniometers, and more. Comes with a CD of useful software like Min Search and others.

Mineral Identification: A Practical Guide for the Amateur Mineralogist

by Donald B. Peck <http://www.minrec.org/bookdetail.asp?id=48>

This is one of the best new books I've seen in years....Did I mention I really like it???? :-)

Regards, Tom Corson

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

DUES RENEWAL TIME IS HERE!!!!

Please remember to pay your 2008 dues in the period between October 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008

Also, new members joining during that period will be paid for the year 2008.

**MICROMINERAL FANS!!
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!**

KC Foster will be hosting a micromineral group at her house starting December 10. The group will focus on information about micros as well as mounting of specimens. KC has 2 microscopes, but asks members to bring theirs if they have them.. The group will meet from 7—9:30PM. There will be more information on the group in the next Rockhound.

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 gold tone bracelet with red crystals. *Don't miss out on this item!*



The raffle prizes for November include a Gold-tone necklace with an opal pendant, a piece of agatized coral and a simulated pink sapphire (Emerald cut.)

For the remainder of 2007, the proceeds from the monthly raffle will be donated to Bob Durney.

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

Harriet Flashenburg, Raffle Coordinator

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please have items for the November ROCKHOUND by **December 5th** . Submissions can be emailed to BNMJJEFF@AOL.COM or you can call Jeff Ursillo 561-706-9549

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just a reminder that the show still needs volunteers in many areas. Check the job descriptions in this newsletter and sign up!!!



Club elections are also coming up. Please give some thought to getting involved!

Club President's Beatitudes

Blessed are those who attend meetings regularly and on time and who remind or invite another to come.

Blessed are those who speak up at meetings, to bring out their points and contribute their experiences.

Blessed are the brief, they win the good will of others.

Blessed are those who participate in good humored Manner, they brighten up the meeting and Prevent disruption, despite different opinions.

Blessed are those with perspective who acknowledge To themselves, if not to those present, that Conditions of others may be different and Hence their point of view.

Blessed are those who can face opposition without Taking offense or feeling a personal criticism Where none is intended.

Blessed are those who volunteer willingly, for they

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2007

Presiding, **Barbara Ringhiser**, President.

MEETING – The meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM at the Garden Club.

PROGRAM – **Alan Meltzer** gave another fantastic presentation about Banded Agates and brought several beautiful and interesting specimens from his collection to share with the group. **Eddie Rucks** will be speaking about Calcite in November. December is the Election of Officers and a Show-N-Sell. Please start considering if you could serve the club by running for a board position.

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

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

SUNSHINE – **Karie Kiser** sent flowers to the memorial service for **Floralee Stein**, who has passed away after a long illness. Her memorial service was today. **Floralee** was a wonderful lady and served as our Historian. She was much loved and we will miss her.

NEWSLETTER – No report

WEB SITE – **Terry Koplín** reported that she has been getting the newsletter well ahead of the meeting and has been posting it before the meeting for members to read. Terry is starting a very useful new page for members to sell or show club related items.

FIELD TRIPS – **Marv Berkowitz** told the group about our field trip to the Museum of Natural History in Gainesville and brought in a story board with pictures from our trip.

SHOP – No report available.

CLASSES – **Michelle Renée** reported that she has new instructors taking over for some of the previously listed instructors who were unable to teach their classes. We are starting to require more information from instructors before new sign-up sheets are presented. This would include class costs, when classes will be held, such as weekends, day, or evening. She has a teacher lined up for Torch Bead classes starting the beginning of next year. If there is a class you would like to teach or take, contact Michelle.

Marv Berkowitz discussed his Viking Knit class and gathered information from members who are signed up for his class. The class will be held very soon on Tuesday evening and/or Thursday morning.

Ed Flashenburg is taking over the Cabochon class and he will be holding that class very soon as well.

New member, **Hazel Levin**, also a member of the Enameling Guild, offered to give classes during the day at the shop. She needs some help moving her kiln to the shop. Contact Harriet if you can help out.

MEMBERSHIP – **Ingrid Webster** reported that we have received two new membership applications. Ingrid also notified members that membership dues for 2008 can be paid now until the end of February, 2008.

SHOW – **Carl Bengtson** reported that they need help setting up the mining setup on Thursday, wear old clothes and gloves and dress lightly, no air conditioning. See **Deb Bengtson** if you can help out in the mining/fossil area. **KC Foster** is coordinating the Exhibits. All exhibits are non-judged, require two small locks to secure the cases. Business cards can be displayed. Contact KC if you would like to display an exhibit. **Kelly Azor** is coordinating the demo area. Contact Kelly if you'd like to demonstrate. **Barbara Ringhiser** is organizing the volunteers this year. Contact Barbara if you can help setup or take down, make lunch, take tickets, provide security or work the silent auction. If you volunteer for four or more hours, you will receive a free ticket to the Holiday Banquet at the Holiday Inn. Carl is finalizing the program. Donations are needed for the silent auction, call **Barbara, Carl, or Deb Bengtson** if you have donations. Our club won a fantastic piece of crystal from the Federation raffle and it will be part of the auction.

BOARD MEETING – The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7th, 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 – We still need a social chairman or committee. **Barbara Ringhiser** told members that we had a nice turnout for the Rock Swap at TY Park on October 14th. About 40-50 people attended, including about 20 of our club members. We'll hold another Rock Swap at TY Park in February.

RAFFLE – This month's raffle proceeds brought in \$54 which will be donated to the **Bob Durney** fund.

JUNIORS PROGRAM – Nothing new to report.

MISC. – **Alan Meltzer** talked about his article in the Accent section of the Palm Beach Post and that we could have other members promote the show in the newspaper.

Mary Koplín has kindly offered to fill **Floralee Stein's** position and serve the club in this capacity. Thanks, Mary! The Stampers are moving this Friday to Marion, VA. **Jack Stamper**, and his wife, **Maryann** both past presidents, were instrumental in the club and the show over the years and we will surely miss them. Jack will be holding classes in Virginia and **Maryann** will be teaching in the area. Check the monthly calendar for the meetings, socials, workshops, and class schedules.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Submitted by Deb Slutzky, Secretary

ANYONE FOR A FIELD TRIP TO ARKANSAS???

3.92-Carat Stone Found at Diamond Park

MURFREESBORO, Ark. (Oct. 23) Eric Blake, 32, of Appleton, Wis., spotted the stone along a trail at the Crater of Diamonds State Park when he set down a 70-pound bucket of mud that he was carrying to a wash basin. "I put the bucket down to switch hands. I looked down and there it was," Blake said.

Blake found a 1.49-carat stone Monday. The larger one is big enough to fashion into jewelry but Blake hadn't decided whether he will have it placed into a setting. "I only found it an hour ago," he said.

Blake, a carpenter, said his grandfather had taken him to the state park about 15 years ago and that he returns two to three times a year. "We usually find something," he said.

Man nearly tosses 4.38-carat diamond

MURFREESBORO, Ark. - Chad Johnson has found about 80 diamonds at Crater of Diamonds State Park, but on Monday he nearly threw away his largest find yet. A cube-shaped rock plucked out of his sifters turned out to be a 4.38-carat, tea-colored diamond.

Johnson, 36, made the dig Saturday at the park and left his equipment in a locker. When he came back Monday morning, he made the discovery.

Crater of Diamonds State Park, which opened in 1972, is the world's only diamond-producing site open to the public, and visitors can keep the gems they unearth. The largest diamond found at the park since being bought by the state, was the 16.37-carat Amarillo Starlight, a white diamond found in 1975. Johnson's find is the second-largest diamond uncovered at the park this year. In June, a Louisiana man found a 4.8-carat stone.

A NOTE FROM JACK & MARYANN STAMPER

Being a part of the Gem & Mineral Society, we experienced some of life's dearest treasure - true friendships that we will remember forever. It is hard to put into words how blessed we have been and how thankful we are to have been on the same train ride (life's journey) as some of you.

Jack is retiring (finally—he has been trying to do this for more than a year now) and we are moving back home to Virginia. Both Jack and I were born and raised in the hills of Smyth County. We will be surrounded by our family and friends from our “younger days.” We purchased a house in August and it is waiting for our TLC. Our daughter Pamela and son Josey and his wife Virginia, are staying here in Florida (which gives us more than enough reason to come back “home”).



Our new address after Oct. 20th is: Jack & MaryAnn Stamper, 733 Lee Highway, Marion VA 24354
276-646-5867 CreationGalore@AOL.COM or MStam82594@AOL.COM

Directions are on Mapquest and if you are ever in the area, please call, stop by and visit for a spell. In other words—“Ya’ll come by now ya hear!”

SHOW COMMITTEE

Please look at the volunteer job listing for the Show. There are plenty of slots open, and many of the jobs do not require standing or lifting. Our club members help make the show the success that it is!

NEW AT THE SHOW THIS YEAR!

Cleaning out the garage or your house? Don't throw away those club related items. The show will be adding a new feature this year, an auction. We are looking for items to auction. Wanted: Donations of lapidary equipment, tools, finished pieces of jewelry or works in progress and mineral specimens for the club auction at the show. Call Carl Bengtson 641.4493 or bring items to the next meeting.

EXHIBITS

It's time to get those exhibits together for our 41st annual Gem, Mineral, Bead, Jewelry and Fossil Show. These exhibits are for in-house enjoyment only...we want to see what you love, too!! Please contact me for more information. KC Foster 561-968-5287

SHOP NEWS

A copy of the new shop rules are included in this newsletter mailing, as well as being posted in several places in the shop. There are also copies available at the shop. It is required that members using the shop read and understand the new rules. A space will be made on the liability forms for you to acknowledge your receipt of your copy of the rules.

While John Holmstrom is "up North" for the winter, Ed Flashenberg & Jeff Ursillo will be acting as head Shop Stewards. If you see anything in the shop that needs fixing or to be re-supplied, let them know.

Ed Flashenburg has stepped in to some big shoes and started to teach cabochon class. His first class was on October 31st, and will continue on Wednesday nights for 5 more weeks.

Ed has also volunteered to hold open shop on Wednesday mornings from 9AM till Noon. Wednesday evening Open shop will still be available when there are no cab classes. Check the calendar for schedule of cab classes and open shop nights.

Jeff Ursillo

TYRANNOSAUR FOOTPRINT FOUND IN MONTANA

*By Jeanna Bryner, LiveScience Staff Writer
posted: 11 October 2007 11:13 am ET*

A paleontologist has discovered a giant footprint



most likely left by a towering tyrannosaur as it pounded the Earth 65 million years ago. The footprint, which measures about

2.5 feet (74 centimeters) in length, was found in rocks in Montana's Hell Creek Formation, a well-known site for *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossils.

"We are relatively confident that it's been made by a theropod, or predatory dinosaur," said paleontologist Phillip Manning of the University of Manchester in England, who was part of the team that found the print.

Based on the footprint's slender toes, toe positions and overall size, Manning and his colleagues have narrowed down the dinosaur's species name to either *T. rex* or *Nanotyrannus*, a tyrannosaur whose name means "tiny tyrant."

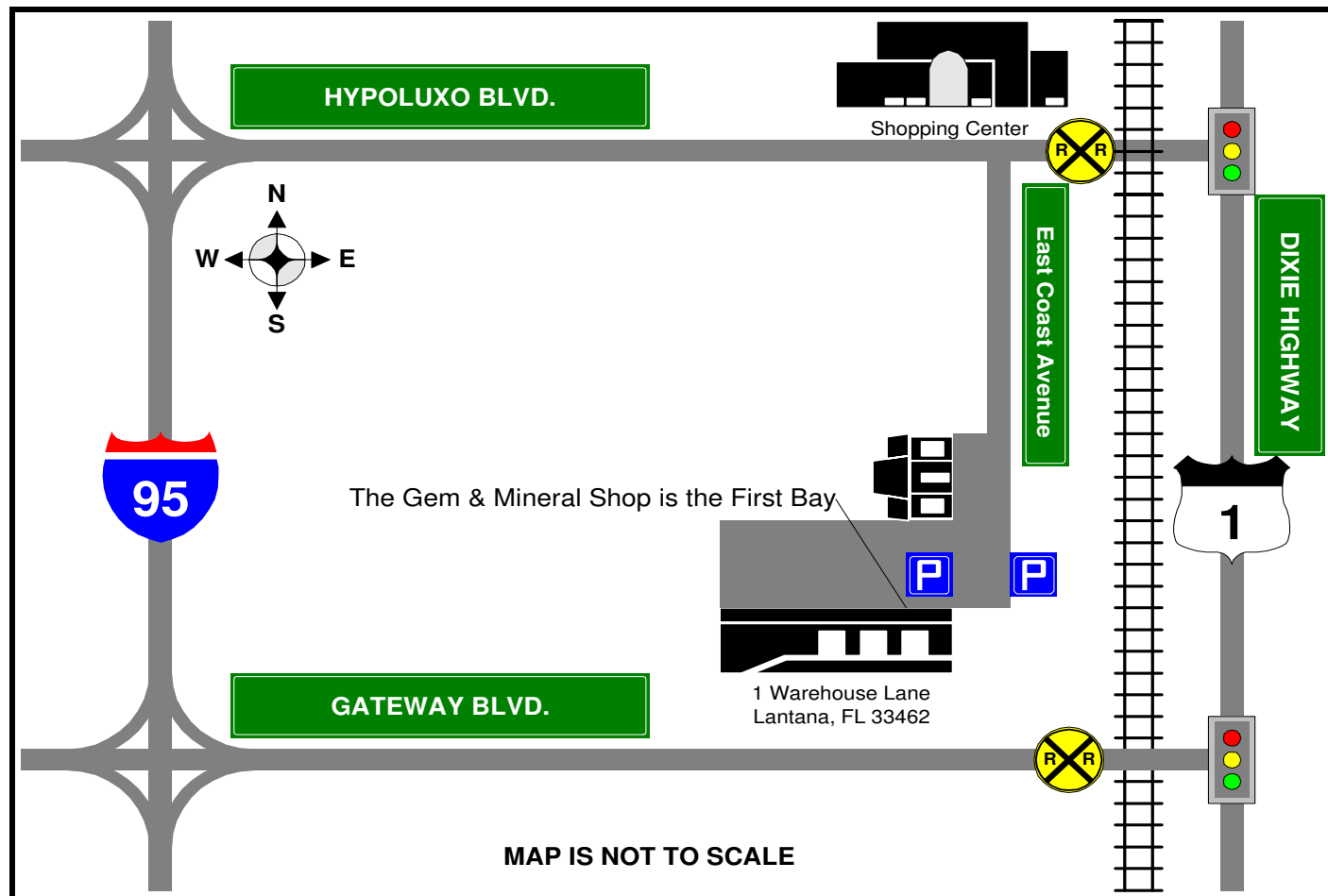
"Predatory dinosaurs have much more gracile toes than their dumpy hadrosaur [duck-billed dinosaur] friends that are lolloping around at the end of the Cretaceous," Manning told Live Science.

T. rex is thought to have grown to about 40 feet (12 meters) in length, while *Nanotyrannus* was likely just about 17 feet (5 meters) long. Both dinosaurs lived 67 million to 65 million years ago at the end of the Cretaceous Period.

Of course there's always the possibility that a species of dinosaur that is new to science left the print, Manning said.

A future discovery of a more pristine and unweathered footprint at the site, made by the same species, would also help in identifying the dinosaur that made the latest print.

"The only way you'd know whether an animal had left its footprint 65 million years ago in a specific package of rock would be to find the animal dead in its tracks," Manning said.



JADE...REAL OR FAKE?

Cruising Ebay and thinking of buying some jade jewelry? Or looking there for some cutting rough? Better consult this website before you do...

<http://molly.kalafut.org/jade/fake.html>

The site focuses on Ebay sellers and how they mis-represent jade in their sales.

BAY OF FUNDY AGATES

The bay itself is an amazing place. It is host to the extreme tide fluctuations, as well as a rich mineralogical treasure trove.

Spotlighting one of those is this website:

<http://www.virtualfundy.com/Panagpage1.html>

The site covers a bit of the mineral history of the Bay as well as some beautiful examples of these unique minerals.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Nov. 23-25

St. Petersburg, FL

Frank Cox Productions

12th Annual Thanksgiving
Gem, Jewelry, and Bead Show.

The Coliseum Ballroom

535 4th Ave. North

10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily

941-954-0202

frankcox@comcast.net

www.frankcoxproductions.com

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Sarasota, FL

Frank Cox Productions

32nd Annual Christmas Gem,
Jewelry, and Bead Show

Municipal Auditorium

801 N. Tamiami Trail (Hwy. 41)

10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily

941-954-0202

frankcox@comcast.net

www.frankcoxproductions.com

Dec. 14-16

Ft. Myers, FL

Frank Cox Productions

47th Gem, Jewelry,
and Bead Show

Harborside Convention Center,

1375 Monroe St.

14th, 1-6; 15th-16th, 10-5

941-954-0202

frankcox@comcast.net

www.frankcoxproductions.com

NOVEMBER 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11	12 Open Shop 7-9PM	13 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	14 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 2 6-9PM	15 General Meeting 7:30PM Eddie Rucks Calcite	16 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	17 GMSPB Annual Show S. Florida Fairgrounds
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25	26 Open Shop 7-9PM	27 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	28 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 4 6-9PM	29	30 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	1 Open Shop* 2-5 PM

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2	3 Open Shop 7-9PM	4 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	5 Board Mtg 6:30 PM Newsletter Deadline	6	7 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	8 Open Shop* 2-5 PM
9	10 Open Shop 7-9PM Micromounts 7-9:30PM KC Foster 561-968-5287	11 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	12 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 5 6-9PM	13 General Meeting 7:30PM Election of Officers	14 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	15 Installation Banquet 6:30PM Holiday Inn West Palm Beach
16	17 Open Shop 7-9PM	28 Fused Glass Open Shop 9AM - Noon	19 Open Shop 9AM—NOON Cab class 6 6-9PM	20	21 Open Shop 6-9PM General Work	22 Open Shop* 2-5 PM

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 AM Ed Flashenburg 561-733-1466 **Wednesday PM** Jeff Ursillo (On call) 561/706-9549
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		
Beginner Beading	Ingrid Webster	561-793-8646			
Cabochon 6 wk class	Ed Flashenberg	561-736-1466	\$60	October 31	6-9 Pm at shop
Chain Making Basic & Advanced					
Enameling on Copper	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$40 + \$10 materials		
Faceting	KC Foster	561-968-5287	\$80 + \$20 materials		
Fused Glass Beginner	Frank Hecker	561-742-4337	\$40+ \$10 Materials	11/6 9AM—Noon	
No-solder Wire Work	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$30 + \$20 materials		
Pearl Knotting	Ingrid Webster	561-793-8646	\$25		
Pottery Jewelry	Michelle Renné	561-969-3291	\$30 + \$10 materials		
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 part class	Marv Berkowitz	561-364-9696	\$40 + \$35 materials	Nov. 20 & 27 7PM at shop	

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. **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**

**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. 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.

FLORIDA GOLD COAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

The next meeting is
November 21, 2007 at the
Apple Creek Community Center on
W. Sunrise Blvd. Visit their web site
at www.fgcgms.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 52 Worthmore Ave., Lake Worth FL 33460. 561/585-4848. His email address is bluebob232002@netscape.net.

MORE SAD NEWS...

Long time member, Flora Lee Stein, has left us after a long illness. She and her son, Bill were very quiet but well liked. They very active in our club and helped out when they could at meetings, picnics and the annual show. As the "Historians" for the past few years, they were the keepers the precious club albums. She will be sadly missed by anyone who knew her and her sweet smile.



Skip Gross, long time member and snowbird passed away back in July. Skip was involved in several other interests including antique pocket watches. He also contributed several articles to the Rockhound about his rock hounding experiences when he was stationed in Alaska.

Although not a member of our Society, this gentleman was a major force in the rock hounding community....

“With great sadness I report the passing of the legendary Joe Mandarino. Among his many accomplishments, he is best known to the general public as having edited Fleischer's Glossary of Mineral Species, was Chair of the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, wrote many of the protocols on new minerals and nomenclature, and was a regular and key figure at the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium. One of his last projects was to contribute to, and write the Foreword for, the new book on mineral ID mentioned by Tom Corson. His very last project was a new encyclopedia of minerals, which I'm told will be finished by one of his colleagues.

He could be feisty and cantankerous, but also had a bizarre sense of humor. If you called him "Dr. Mandarino," he would say, "my name is Joe, and if you call me doctor again, I will take off your clothes and examine you." He was an extraordinary man, and I imagine there will be major tributes in R&M and MinRec.

Take the time today to call someone whom you haven't talked to in a while.
Best to all,
Don Halterman”

via Rockhounds Yahoo list

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
1st Vice President*	Debbie Bengtson	641-4493
2nd Vice President*	Lee Krenz	744-5196
Secretary*	Deb Slutzky	753-9937
Treasurer*	Marv Berkowitz	364-9696

DIRECTORS

Past President*	Jack Stamper	964-4710
Past President*	Michelle Renné	969-3291
Past President*	Jeff Ursillo	706-9549
Show Chairman*	Carl Bengtson	641-4493

COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

Class Coordinators	Michelle Renné	969-3291
	Deb Slutzky	753-9937
Club Patches & Pins	OPEN	
Field Trips	Michelle Renné	969-3291
Historians	Bill & Floralee Stein	684-0950
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	Lee Krenz	744-5196
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	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 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

It's SHOWTIME!!!!

November 17, 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.

WE NEED YOU!!

YOU can make a difference! Without you, our society members, it would be impossible to fill the many time periods necessary to make the 2007 show the best show yet! Over 100 volunteer shifts need to be filled. Please let us count on you.

VOLUNTEER!!!

Please give the attached form to Barbara Ringhiser or Carl Bengtson at the September, October or November meeting; or, mail the form to:
Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.
P.O. Box 18095
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-8095

or, call Barbara Ringhiser at 561-588-5458 to sign up.

Thursday Set-up Crew – November 15th

Approximately 10 people are needed to move tables around and set up each booth area. Tables must be carried, unfolded, aligned, and set up properly. Some of this is very hard work and requires two people for each table. This position requires about 5 hours of moving tables around.

Friday Set-up/Sunday Take-down – November 16th and 18th

As many volunteers as we can get are needed during the day on Friday and from 5:00 PM on Sunday. On Friday, 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. On Sunday, after the show is over, everything must be packed up, loaded in the truck, and delivered back to the storage area. This is a strenuous job and requires lots of lifting, loading, and unloading.

This is such an important time—if there were more volunteers the load would be so much lighter for everyone!

Ticket Takers – November 17th and 18th

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 personality. At times, ticket takers are very busy. This is a very important position because ticket takers are the "first impression" that people get of our society.

Information Table – November 17th and 18th

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 visitors 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.

Junior Rockhound Raffle – November 17th and 18th

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. The main objective is to point out the items that may be won with only a \$1.00 ticket.

Exhibits – November 16th, 17th, and 18th

Two to four people are needed for each 2-hour time slot. Display cases must be assembled and this usually requires two people working together.

Show Security – November 17th and 18th

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, Committee Chairperson, Fairground Security, or Armed Security. Show Security guards should NEVER confront or accuse anyone, ONLY report it. Greeting the public in a friendly manner is also important. This position requires walking around or standing.

Demonstrations – November 17th and 18th

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.

Club History – November 17th and 18th

One person per 2-hour time slot is needed. This position includes greeting visitors and providing them with the opportunity to look at the history of our society, which is kept in books and photo albums. This position may be carried out while seated.

Lunch on Set-up Day – November 16th

Lunch will be served to the dealers, society members, and fairground workers on Friday, set-up day.

Mining/Fossils/Geode Cracking – November 17th and 18th

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, volunteers will be briefed on what fossils are available in the dig. There will be a card available with fossil samples.

SIGN UP FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Best time to call: _____

Positions interested in:

Please circle times you are available (2 hour shifts)

Thursday (November 15th) Set-up 9am 11am 1pm 3pm

Friday (November 16th) Set-up and Lunch committee 9am 11am 1pm 3pm

Saturday (November 17th) 9am 11am 1pm 3pm 5pm

Sunday (November 18th) 10am 12pm 2pm 4pm 5pm (take-down)

Please give this form to Barbara Ringhiser or Carl Bengtson at the September, October or November meeting; or, mail the form to: Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

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or, call Barbara Ringhiser at 561-588-5458 to sign up.

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