

CORAL GEODE



Last call for candidates

We have several leadership positions up for consideration for the Fall election. Positions open are Vice President (1-year), Secretary, Treasurer, and three seats for the Board of Directors. We've extended the application deadline to **Monday**, **Sept. 18**. To submit your name or for more information, contact Greig Lundergan on the Elections Committee at greigl2010@yahoo.com.

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President's message



Peter Favaro



The new door is in! More photos, next page.

Another month and more progress on the construction. Changes are happening fast and hopefully will be done in the next few weeks. I ask that everyone uses the front door until the new ramp is done for the back door, right now there is almost a 7– to 9-inch step up and it is just safer that we don't use it for now.

The show is around the corner and hoping to see all your faces there. We still need volunteers to help whenever possible. You do not need to sign up for anything specific, and at this point we will be placing you where we need you the most at the time. We will be using the movers again to help get everything over to the fair-

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<u>Calendar</u>

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grounds, and with pick up when it is time to close out the show.

If you would like to do demonstrations this year, we are doing it a tad differently. If you are considering it, please contact Greg Lundregen or Christy Gorrow so that they can get you on the schedule. Signups for demos are also on SignUp Genius at bit.ly/2023demo.

Keep up to date with what's going on at the club through the Geode and, as always, feel free to reach out to any executive board member or instructor if you have any questions or concerns that we might be able to address.



Construction progress



Cutting open a new opening for the door.



The old door opening is sealed off.



Finishing the outside with stucco.



The Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club is looking for members to fill some key positions. If you would like to apply, please contact <u>Greig Lundergan</u> or <u>Peter Favaro</u>.

Bookkeeper/Treasurer's Assistant: Candidates must have bookkeeping experience, especially using QuickBooks. This person will assist the Treasurer with the weekly debit and credit entries.

Dealer Show Chair: Greig, the current Show Chair, is uncertain where he will be living after June of 2024. To plan ahead, we are looking for a member who is interested in replacing him as Dealer Chair. He is willing to train you, to show what is entailed in making our shows successful. This training would start after the end of the Fall 2023 show.

Social Media Director: This person would be responsible for keeping our social media accounts and websites up to date with new information. You will also be involved in online advertising and online advanced ticket sales for the shows. The Social Media Director must attend the monthly board meetings as well as the quarterly club member meetings.



New members!

Edwin Katz
Leah Welch
Megan McCarthy
Susan Repp
Ethan Repp-Apostolico
Carmen Zirbel
Brooke Zirbel
Carol Summerhays
Pamela Rader

Volunteers and demos for our Fall Show

Members! Start making your plans to volunteer and do demos at the Fall Show. We have time slots for demos on Signup Genius at bit.ly/2023demo. To sign up to volunteer, contact Christy Gorrow at geodeeditor@gmail.com

WHEN: Nov. 4-5 at the Florida State Fairgrounds

WHAT: You may do demonstrations for table crafts, lapidary, wire wrapping, cold connections, metal clay or simple smithing.

SHIFTS: 2-3 demo hours per shift. If you're doing demos, you must also commit to two additional hours of volunteering Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

PERKS: Members are allowed to sell their work during the demo.

DEADLINE: Sign up will close Oct. 2.



LAPIDARY

Class schedule released for Beginning Cabochon

Things are going smooth and classes are filling up. We have put out the next batch of Beginning Cabochon class dates covering the next few months.
• Sept. 23-24

- Oct. 14-15
- Dec. 9-10

I am trying to set up a Thursday class for those who work weekends and are unable to attend the Saturday classes. If you are interested, please reach out so we can get your name down. When we have everything ready to go, we will reach out to you.

Peter Favaro

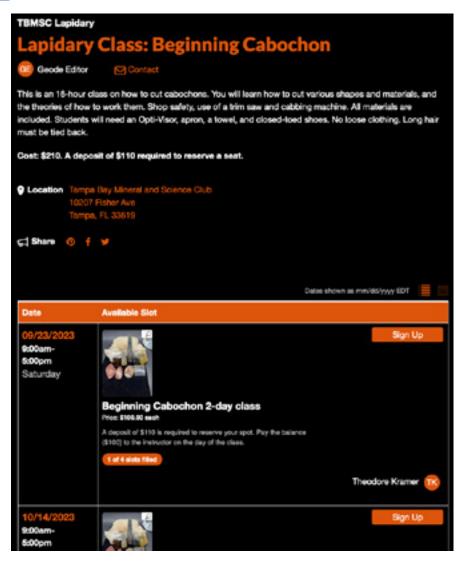
Signup Genius launches for Lapidary

We've officially launched class signups on Signup Genius for Lapidary classes and Open Shop. Click the links below to go to the signup pages.

Beginning Cabochon or tinyurl.com/cabochon1 Open Shop or tinyurl.com/openshop1

- Find the class or open shop you'd like to sign up for. Click on **Sign Up** for that date, then click on Save & Continue at the bottom.
- On the next page, fill in your name, email and phone number. If you've created a Signup Genius account, you may log in instead.
- For classes, a deposit is required to reserve a seat. Click on Sign Up & Pay Now to enter your payment information.
- For Open Shop, click on **Sign Up** Now. Please pay the monitor directly with cash, check or PayPal on the day of the Open Shop.
- If you need help signing up, contact Peter Favaro at hawk doc@ hotmail.com or Lyra Solochek at lyrasolochek@gmail.com.





FACETING

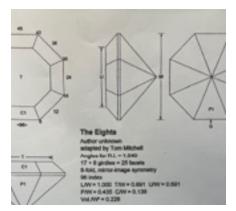
New design for Beginning Faceting

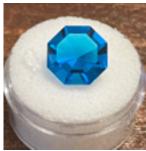
The two new Ultra-Tec machines should be arriving in the next month or so but that doesn't mean you have to wait to get your name down for a class.

We have a new plan for the Beginning Faceting class. The first design will be a new designed called The Eights. This should speed up the pace of cutting your first stone and give you a taste of what faceting is all about. You can then continue this class with other intermediate and advanced classes with more complex designs to improve your skills.

Faceting foreman Tom Dershem is hoping to be back to teaching after his medical procedure, so please keep him in your thoughts for a speedy recovery.

– Peter Favaro





The Eights, cut by Lyra Solochek

KILN ARTS

Upcoming classes

Because of ongoing construction at the clubhouse, there will be no Kiln Arts classes in September. But instructor Barbara Rivolta has put together a schedule for the rest of the year.

Oct 21-22

Setting Glass in Metal Clay

Did you know that you can fire glass together with metal clay? This makes it possible to set glass without cold connections or soldering bezels. It also makes it possible to make silver bails that are permanently fired onto your glass cabochon. You will never have a glued on bail fail again. You will learn how to make a fire-on bail and two methods of setting glass in metal clay.



Bring your own glass cabs or purchase from instructor. You will receive a written tutorial and firing instructions. Beginners welcome.

Class and materials fee, paid to instructor: \$250 (includes 50 grams fine silver clay, findings, miscellaneous items). Club Fee: \$70, paid to TBMSC. Dates (2 days,10 hours total): Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, 10 am to 3 pm. For information and registration, email barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com or text 609-713-2202.

Nov. 18-19

Bezel Setting Natural Stones in Metal Clay

Learn how to bezel set a natural stone in a metal clay pendant customized for the shape and character of your stone. Make a well fitted bezel that needs no soldering. Class and materials fee paid to instructor: \$250 includes metal clay, metal clay paste, bezel wire and miscellaneous items. Club fee: \$70 paid to TBMSC. Dates: Saturday, November 18 and Sunday November 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For info and registration, email barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com or text 609-713-2202.

Dec. 16

Herbal Bracelet

This lovely herbal or floral-themed bracelet is a perfect holiday gift. It is also a great introduction to metal clay jewelry making or a good way to refresh your skills. You will impress metal clay links with herbs or flowers and mold a toggle clasp. You will learn how to finish the fired bracelet and solder the jump rings connecting the bracelet links. Saturday, December 16 from 10 am to 5pm. Class fee and materials paid to instructor: \$125 includes silver metal clay, jump rings and miscellaneous items. Club fee: \$49 paid to TBM-SC. For information and registration: email barbara. Rivolta@gmail.com or text 609-713-2202.

TABLE CRAFTS

Viking Knit, Kumihimo, Beads, more!

Table Crafts will meet Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Oct. 19 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., with 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. available by request. If you have unfinished projects, in Viking Knit, Kumihimo, Chaining or Beading, come join us. Table Crafts fee is \$3.50 an hour, but if you want to stay 3 hours, the cost is \$10. Email cgorrow@juno.com, text 813-857-4454 or leave a message to reserve a space and time.

- Christy Gorrow



Gnome class

 Christmas Gnome — Saturday Nov. 11 & 18 (12:30-3:30 p.m.) Open Table Crafts Nov. 9 & 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. if you need extra time

Gnome patterns are made with two-drop brick stitch. Contact Christy Gorrow to sign up and for the materials you'll need at cgorrow@juno.com or text 813-857-4454.



METAL



Want to learn how to create silver jewelry?

In the Beginning Silver nine-week course, you will learn how to saw, manipulate and solder silver into your own pieces of wearable art. For more information, email instructor Tony Carrino at tcarrino@verizon.net.

Rockhounding resources

Here are some websites that offer great information about rockhounding in Florida.

Florida Rockhounding Location Guide & Map

How To Find Rocks rockhounding guide in Florida

Obtaining fossil permits in Florida

Gator Girl Rocks: America's Best Rockhounding Resource

Additionally, the <u>Tampa Bay Fossil Club</u> hosts fossil-hunting field trips. Go to their website for more information.

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Club shows in Florida

Sept. 23-24

SANFORD

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc., a nonprofit 501(C)3 education organization, is hosting Rock, Mineral, Gem & Fossil Show with vendors offering rocks, minerals, gemstones, fossils, beads, jewelry, artifacts, metaphysical stones, handcrafted stones, etc. Silent auction & family activities. Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$6, Kids \$3, Scouts in uniform free. www.cfmgs.org

Oct. 28

WILDWOOD

More than 20 exhibitors, all members of The Villages Gem and Mineral Society. Lots of unique one-of-a-kind items for sale. Great gifts for everyone! You'll find rock art, jewelry (including hand silver smithed), stone mosaics, wire wrapping, rough stones, and many more. Rohan Recreation Center, 850 Kristine Way, (The Villages); Sat. 10-2; Free Admission & Parking; One day only holiday sale. tygemandmineralsociety.com/

Nov. 4-5

TAMPA

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club offers more than 60 vendors. A fun-filled kids section, a sluice, a kids bean bag game, and a microscope to view your rocks up close. Plus someone in the kids section available to answer all of your rock questions. We also have a concession stand open during the show and an ATM out front. Florida State Fairgrounds, 4008 US Hwy 301. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$10, Seniors and Military \$8, Kids under 10 Free. Free parking. tampabayrockclub.org/

Nov. 11-12

MELBOURNE

This will be our 50th annual Parade of Gems Show hosted by Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E Hibiscus Blvd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5; www. canaveral-mgs.com/our-show.html

Nov. 18-19

WEST PALM BEACH

Show and sale hosted by Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. Dealers from all over the country offering jewelry, beads, rocks, minerals, loose gemstones, settings, findings, fossils, meteorites, tools, books, and more. Educational activities and exhibits. Demonstration area. Hourly prizes and a grand prize. South Florida Fairgrounds, Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$10, 2 day pass \$15, Children under 12 are free. Visit gmspb.org for a \$1 off coupon.

Dec. 1-3

HUDSON

Annual show hosted by Withlacoochee Rockhounds. Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Road; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; \$5 Adults. 14 and under free. withlacoocheerockhoubnds.com

CALENDAR

GENERAL CLUB HOURS

Tuesday: 3-8 p.m. Thursday: 9-1 p.m. Saturday: 9-1 p.m.



CLASSES, OPEN SHOP AND EVENTS (Classes and events are in ALL CAPS)

Saturday September 16

9am - 1pm Club hours

9am - 1pm Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday September 19

3pm - 8pm Club hours

4pm - 8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday September 21

9am - 1pm Club hours

10am - 1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday September 23

9am - 5pm BEGINNING

CABOCHON, Day 1

9am - 1pm Club hours

Sunday September 24

9am - 5pm BEGINNING

CABOCHON Day 2

Tuesday September 26

3pm - 8pm Club hours

4pm - 8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday September 28

9am - 1pm Club hours

10am - 1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday September 30

9am - 1pm Club hours

9am - 12pm Lapidary Open Shop

Mon October 2

6:30pm - 8:30pm TBMSC BOARD

MEETING

Tuesday October 3

3pm - 8pm Club hours

4pm -8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday October 5

9am - 1pm Club hours

10am - 1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday October 7

9am - 1pm Club hours

9am - 12pm Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday October 10

3pm - 8pm Club hours

4pm -8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday October 12

9am - 1pm Club hours

10am - 1pm Silver Open Shop

12:30pm - 3:30pm Open Table Crafts

Saturday October 14

9am - 5pm BEGINNING

CABOCHON, Day 1

9am - 1pm Club hours

Sunday October 15

9am - 5pm BEGINNING

CABOCHON, Day 2

Tuesday October 17

3pm - 8pm Club hours

4pm - 8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday October 19

9am - 1pm Club hours

10am - 1pm Silver Open Shop

12:30pm - 3:30pm Open Table Crafts

Saturday October 21

9am - 1pm Club hours

9am - 12pm Lapidary Open Shop

 $10 am - 3 pm \, SETTING \, GLASS \, IN$

METAL CLAY, Day 1

Sunday October 22

10am - 3pm SETTING GLASS IN

METAL CLAY, Day 2

Tuesday October 24

3pm - 8pm Club hours

4pm - 8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday October 26

9am - 1pm Club hours

10am - 1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday October 28

9am - 1pm Club hours

9am - 1pm Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday October 31

3pm - 8pm Club hours

3pm - 7pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday November 2

12pm FALL SHOW PREP

9am - 1pm Club hours

Fri November 3

FALL SHOW SETUP

Saturday November 4

FALL SHOW

Sunday November 5

FALL SHOW

Tuesday November 7

3pm - 8pm Club hours

4pm -8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday November 9

9am - 1pm Club hours

10am - 1pm Silver Open Shop

12:30pm - 3:30pm Open Table Crafts

Saturday November 11

9am - 1pm Club hours

9am - 12pm Lapidary Open Shop

12:30pm - 3pm Christmas Gnome

Mon November 13

6:30pm - 8:30pm TBMSC Board Meeting

TBMSC General Membership Minutes

September 9

Call to order, pledge of allegiance -11:06 a.m.

Minutes from last meeting. Motion to approve from membership, seconded and approved.

• Treasurer's report:

First check written to fairgrounds

Paypal income from vendors

Checks written to instructors

Spent \$945 more than we brought in

Motion from membership to approve treasurer's report. Seconded and approved.

Show report:

Moving company will be used like last time

Need people to show up on Thursday, Nov. 2 at noon to help pack up for movers

We need bins. If you have any the club can have or borrow, please bring them before moving day.

We need show volunteers. Contact Greig Lundergan to sign up.

Construction update

Cleaned up the faceting area.

The new doorway will be cut open on Monday, and door framed and installed

We're also getting cabinets with locks installed once the walls are finished

Floor will be filled so it will be level with main area.

Election

Need to fill a few spots for the executive board: Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 board seats.

Also need to fill show and membership chair. (These are not elected positions)

Contact Greig Lundergan to run for office.

• New item: Questions have been submitted from the membership about the purpose of the club

Peter explained that we're classified as a nonprofit educational organization

Concerns were previously raised about having to be approved to use the Open Shop. Some members questioned the need for this. Peter explained that it's because of insurance requirements to make sure anyone who uses the shop knows how to safely. Because there are different monitors, members have to be on the list for monitors to check.

- Discussion ensued about how silver is not appropriate for beginning metal class. Should be copper or base metal to make it more affordable. Also if workshops are an option.
 - If you want to teach a class, come up with a curriculum, list of materials, shop time and talk to the shop foreman
- Motion from membership to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

September 11

Call to order/Pledge of allegiance- 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Greig Lundergan (by phone), Lyra Solochek (by phone), Peter Favaro, Ardys Favaro, Christy Gorrow, James Denslow, Carlos Lucin,

Non-Board members present: Melinda Riddle, Ken Moser, Katie Day

- Christy Gorrow motioned for the previous meeting minutes to be approved. Carlos Lucin seconded the motion. All approved.
- The treasurer's report was given by Greig Lundergan.
 - All income for this month came from classes and show fees.
 - At the end of the month the first payment to state fairgrounds is due.
 - Loss of \$900 due to some equipment breaking and having to be replaced.
 - Ardys Favaro motioned for the treasure's report to be approved. Christy Gorrow second the motion. All approved.
- The new back door is on. Please come through the front door since the back door is about 8 to 9 inches off the ground and the construction crew is prepping for the ADA ramp. Lyra Solochek was asked to send an email to inform the members of the matter.
- Yanitza Sendros resigned her position on the board. Melinda Riddle was voted by the executive board to replace her for the duration of her term, which ends in 2024.
- We have a couple of people that are ready to put in their names for the upcoming elections. A message will be sent out in the Geode concerning the final deadlines to apply for the election.
- Peter Favaro will be calling College Hunks to schedule a pickup for Thursday, November 2 at 2pm. Volunteers for packing up the club house are needed that day at noon.
- We still have openings for volunteers for doing demos during the show., They will be doing non-cabbing demos at the club table.
- There will be no need to make any more kids sluice sandbags for this show. We still have lots from the previous show.
- There will be a show volunteers meeting on Oct. 28. Time will be announced for in the October Geode.
- Motion for meeting to be adjourned proposed by Melinda Riddle. Seconded by Christy Gorrow and approved by all.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

Peter Favaro, President James Denslow, Vice-President Greig Lundergan, Treasurer Ardys Favaro, Secretary

Board Members

Tony Carrino Linda Collins Christy Gorrow Carlo Lucin Melinda Riddle Lyra Solochek

TAMPA BAY MINERAL & SCIENCE CLUB

Treasurer's Report

August 1-31, 2023

Checking Account		Savings Account	
Beginning Balance	\$44,593.93		\$52,098.02
		Interest	\$1.77
Ending Balance	\$43,225.03		\$52,099.79

Income \$7,746.36 Expenses \$8,999.93 Profit/Loss {\$1,253.57}

Deposits

Date	Amount	Туре	
8/8/2023	\$2,442.00	Weekly	
8/10/2023	\$2,265.86	PayPal	
8/11/2023	\$500.00	Refund	Angelos Recycled
8/12/2023	\$528.50	Weekly	
8/28/2023	\$2,010.00	Weekly	

\$7,746.36

Regular Expenses

Date	Amount	То	For
8/9/2023	\$90.00	Intuit	Quick Books
8/21/2023	\$12.89	Instant Ink	Ink
8/18/2023	\$19.58	City of Tampa	Water
8/20/2023	\$15.12	Amazon	Prime
8/30/2023	\$180.58	Frontier	Internet & Phone
8/31/2023	\$306.22	Teco	Power
8/24/2023	\$71.88	GO Daddy	Website
	\$696.27		

Checks

Date	#	A	Amount	То	For
8/4/2023		1152	\$1,025.00	Tony	Class Materials
8/4/2023		1155	\$600	Peter	Class Materials
8/4/2023		1153	\$900	Barbar T	Estate purchase
8/4/2023		1154	\$4,680	Fair Authority	1st installment for Fall show
8/4/2023		1156	\$100.00	Ellen Sisco	Reimbursement of overpayment
8/21/2023		1157	\$150.00	Lyra Solochek	Geode
8/21/2023		1158	\$200.00	Alendro	Lawn Care

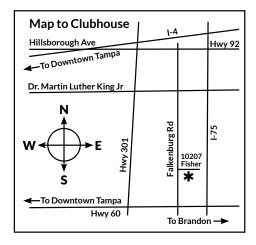
\$7,655.00

Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc.

Membership Application

*Mandatory fields

Adult 1 Name*	Emai	·[*		Birth month
Adult 2 Name*	Emai	·[*		Birth month
Child (under 18)				Birth month
Child (under 18)				Birth month
Child (under 18)				Birth month
Address				
City	State	ZIP		Phone*
Preferred form of contact* Email Text	☐ Phon	e		ceive your monthly newsletter Yes
I hereby apply for membership for myself and agree not to hold any claims against the		above,	Referred by:	
Signature	Date			



Annual dues (January 1-December 31: \$40 individual, \$20 for each additional adult in the household, and \$4 for each child under 18. **Multi-year membership:** \$140 individual for 4 years, \$70 per additional adult in household for 4 years

Lifetime membership: \$500 individual, \$250 per additional adult in household.

Make checks payable to "TBMSC" and mail with this application to 10207 Fisher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619, or drop it off at the club house when you visit.

Clubhouse: 10207 Fisher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619

Phone: (813) 684-2039

Website: www. tampabayrockclub.org

Regular membership meetings: 1st Saturday of Mar, June, Sept. and Dec.

Board meetings: 1st Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Newsletter: The Coral Geode

The Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club is a non-profit organization for the charitable and educational purposes of associating persons who are interested in natural science to work together as an organization in the gathering, displaying, and studying of rocks, shells, jewelry arts, and any kind of scientific objects of interest to the individual and the organization and to promote community interest in these subjects.

For Club Use

Cash or Check #	Amount	Receipt Done	Cards Done	Added to Mbr List	