



THE CORAL GEODE

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ABOUT OUR CLUB



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Calendar



[vecteezy.com](https://www.vecteezy.com)

President's message



**Peter
Favaro**

A new year is upon us and things are rolling fast. Vendor contracts for our spring show will be going out soon, and planning stages for the show are in full swing. For many years we have had ample stones for the kids sluice bags that typically generate a good bit of funds for the club, but sadly we have used up everything we had for that. If you have any small tumbled stones that you are willing to part with or even small cutoff pieces you'd consider donating, this will keep the club from having to use funds to buy stones for the sluice bags.

Classes are going again and soon some new ones will be added to the mix, so keep an eye out for announcements. If any member has a unique idea for a class that you can teach, please reach out to that department and talk to them and see what can be worked out. Skills we have should be passed along before they are lost. We are artists that work with what the world provided us and, as such, we should give back to help preserve our art.

I know a lot of you have seen the construction progress and we were hoping that it would be done or very close to it before we opened back up after the holidays, but sadly the contractor has had a medical emergency that required surgery and he is on the mend. Fingers crossed he will not be out too long recovering.

Lastly, we have our annual inventory coming up. We don't have a date yet, but we will need at least five volunteers who can lift some weight to sort through the rock shed as we need to empty out the rock shed and take inventory of our minerals. Lunch will be provided by the club for that day. Keep an eye out for an email to members for the dates and times.

Upcoming club shows in Florida

February 3-4

MERRITT ISLAND

Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club annual show; Kiwanis Island Recreation Center, 951 Kiwanis Island Park; Sat. 9:30-5:30, Sun. 10-4; \$6 admission, kids under 12 free if accompanied with adult; 26 vendors offering sale of handmade and handcrafted jewelry, rocks, slabs, specimens and minerals, findings, & holistic healing stones. There will be a sluice & spinning prize wheel for the children and young at heart. centralbrevardgems.com

February 24

LAKELAND

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society annual show; First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr; Sat. 9-4:30; \$3 Adults; Students and Teachers (with ID) Free; Over 25 vendors with rocks, minerals, fossils and jewelry. Door prizes, Silent and Chance Auctions, Spin N Win Wheel, Children's Treasure Dig for rocks and fossils. www.bonevalley.net/annual-show.html

March 1-3

LARGO

Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society annual show; Largo Event Center, 6340 126th Avenue N; Fri. 10-6,

Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$6 3-day pass, Children Under 12 free; free parking, silent auctions, grab bags and gem sluice mining for the kids. sgams.com.

April 6-7

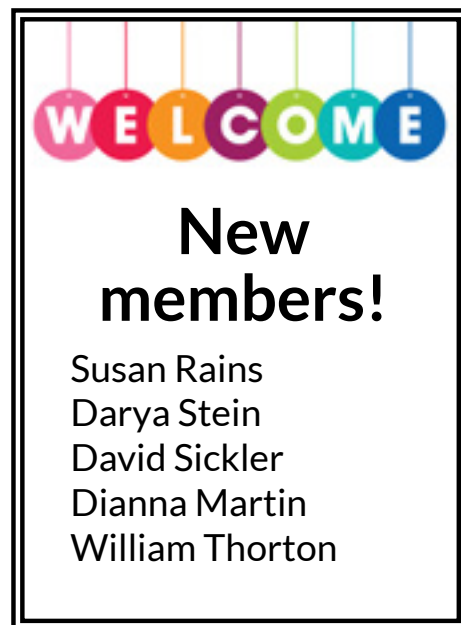
TAMPA

Spring Gem, Minerals and Jewelry Show. Retail and wholesale show hosted by the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club; Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy 301 N; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$10 adults, \$8 seniors/military, kids under 10 free. Minerals, cabochons, beads, jewelry, fossils, slabs, fluorescents. Kids corner with activities including a sluice and microscope viewing. Door prizes. tampabayrockclub.org.

April 27-28

SANFORD

Rock, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society; Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$6, Kids \$3, Scouts in uniform free. Vendors offering rocks, minerals, gemstones fossils, beads, artifacts, metaphysical stones, cabs. Silent auction, door prizes and family activities. www.cfmgs.org.



Have you renewed your membership?

All club memberships end on December 31. Check your membership card and if it has 2023 on it, it's time to renew!

The 2024 dues are \$40 for an adult, \$20 for additional adults in same household, and \$5 for youth under 18. There also are multi-year memberships available to take advantage of some savings.

You can go online to tampabayrockclub.org. On the header, click on Membership and it will let you download an application and give you the address if you want to mail in a check. You could also click on "Don't want to download the form, and want to do it all online? Just click here."

Looking forward to hearing from you.

— Christy Gorrow, Membership

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 [Tampa Bay Fossil Club](#) hosts fossil-hunting field trips. Go to their website for more information.

GUEST INSTRUCTOR: SILVER AND LAPIDARY



Inlay workshops with Chuck Bruce

We are thrilled to announce that renowned instructor Chuck Bruce is coming to the club to teach two inlay workshops in February.

Chuck is a well known artist who teaches at various schools across the country, including William Holland Lapidary School in Georgia where his classes are usually full. He has been making jewelry for 19 years, with extensive knowledge in cabochons, chain making, chasing & repousse, cold connections, design, fold forming, gold, granulation, lost wax casting, mokume-gane, opals, inlay, intarsia, silver, spool knitting & steel tools.

Feb. 17-18

Silver inlay

The first class is Silver Inlay from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 17-18, where you will focus on silver inlay cuffs. Students should bring or purchase 2 to 3 slabs of rock that are of similar hardness that can be combined for inlay. Patterned stones do well with plain colored stone. Students can also inlay with wood, fossil ivory, bone, Fordite. Experience in silver and lapidary are required to take this class.

COST: \$410, which includes workshop fee, club shop time, student kit, lunch, instructor expenses and registration fee.

SIGNING UP: The Silver Inlay class is already full. But if you'd like to be on a wait list in case of a student cancellation, sign up at tinyurl.com/silverinlay.

For more information, contact Kathy Reid at kathyjoreid@verizon.net.



Feb. 19-20

Knife inlay

The second class is Knife Inlay from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 19-20. Students will work on two Texas Toothpick knives. Students need to bring two slabs of rock or several pieces of tumbled rock to inlay. Bring something that calls you or that's exceptional; it makes the knife. Patterned stones do very well with plain colored stones. There will be rock available but most people usually have something that is special already.

COST: \$410, which includes workshop fee, club shop time, student kit, lunch, instructor expenses and registration fee. Chuck will have extra knives (blanks) for sale. If club cabbings stations are full, we can offer two additional seats using Chuck's cabbings machines. These seats will be an additional \$50 to use his equipment.

SIGNING UP: Register online on Signup Genius at tinyurl.com/knifecclass.



LAPIDARY

New classes, new equipment

Classes have been going well, along with some new ones coming here soon. Instructor Lyra Solochek will be hosting an advanced cabochon class where you can learn how to make a heart for Valentine's Day. See information below.

Guest instructor Chuck Bruce from Indiana will be here to teach a couple of classes, including Knife Inlay. No silversmithing needed for this class. There are two seats open in the machine rental option. For more information, see [Page 3](#). Go to tinyurl.com/knifeclasse to register or join the wait list.

We also have signups for the next two Beginning Cabochon classes for February and March posted on tinyurl.com/cabochon1.

We have a new slab saw in to replace one of our broken ones (which is still for sale to members if they are interested in taking on a project).

NOTE: If you come in for open shop please pay attention as the cabbing machine with polishing wheels is out of commission. We moved the polishing wheels to the single wheel machines. Check with the shop monitor.

— Peter Favaro, Lapidary Foreman

Advanced Cabochon: Valentine Hearts



You will learn how to cab small heart-shaped cabochons in this half-day advanced workshop. Completion of the Beginning Cabochon class or a Lapidary Pass is required. (If you're an experienced cabber, please contact the Shop Foreman, Peter Favaro, to receive your Lapidary Pass.) Bring a water-proof apron, an Optivisor, a towel.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1-5 p.m.

Cost: \$55 (includes shop time, materials, registration fee, instructor fee)

Limit: 5 students

To register: tinyurl.com/heartcabs

Beginning Cabochon classes

Here are the dates for the next two classes:

- February 10-11
- March 23-24

These are two-day workshops covering the basics of turning slabs of rocks into polished pieces.

Go to the Signup Genius link (see article on the right) to reserve your spot. The cost of the class is \$210, which includes materials, instructor fees and shop time. A deposit of \$110 is required to save a spot, and the balance of \$100 should be paid to the instructor the day of the class. Bring a waterproof apron, an Optivisor, a large towel and lunch.



Reserve your seat using Signup Genius

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



A cut above

Foreman Tom Dershem is back and taking information of anyone interested in learning how to facet.

We have revamped the intro course, so it can now be completed much faster than before. This helps you see the results of your hard work quickly, and hopefully that will make you want to take more advanced classes to broaden your knowledge.

— Peter Favaro

METAL



Want to learn how to create 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.

TABLE CRAFTS

Work on your projects at the table crafts open shop

Table Crafts will continue to meet on Thursdays from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. There are some projects in the planning, so continue to watch the Geode for pictures and dates. In the meantime, come bring anything you're working on or something you'd like to try and I'll do the best I can to help you out. Plus it a good time to socialize and see what other people are making. Please join us if you're interested in learning:

- basic beading (peyote and/or brick stitch)
- kumihimo (a really neat form of Japanese braiding with or without beads, makes very nice necklaces and bracelets)
- Viking knit (a technique similar to spool knitting with wire, makes great necklace for your pendants)

— Christy Gorrow



TBMSC Instructor List

Tony Carrino

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Linda Collins

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CALENDAR

GENERAL CLUB HOURS

Tuesday: 4-8 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 Jan 13, 2024
9am-5pm BEGINNING
CABOCHON DAY 1

9am-1pm Club hours
Sunday Jan 14, 2024
9am-5pm BEGINNING
CABOCHON DAY 2

Tuesday Jan 16, 2024
4-8pm Club hours
4-8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday Jan 18, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
10am-1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday Jan 20, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
9am-1pm Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday Jan 23, 2024
4-8pm Club hours
4-8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday Jan 25, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
10a-1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday Jan 27, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
9am-1pm Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday Jan 30, 2024
4pm-8pm Club hours
4pm-8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday Feb 1, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
10a-1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday Feb 3, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
9am-1pm Lapidary Open Shop
1-5pm ADVANCED CABOCHON:
HEARTS

Mon Feb 5, 2024
6:30pm TBMSC BOARD
MEETING

Tuesday Feb 6, 2024
4-8pm Club hours
4-8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday Feb 8, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
10a-1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday Feb 10, 2024
9am-5pm BEGINNING
CABOCHON Day 1
9am-1pm Club hours

Sunday Feb 11, 2024
9am-5pm BEGINNING
CABOCHON Day 2

Tuesday Feb 13, 2024
4-8pm Club hours
4-8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday Feb 15, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
10am-1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday Feb 17, 2024
9am-5pm CHUCK BRUCE
SILVER INLAY Day 1
9am-1pm Club hours

Sunday Feb 18, 2024
9am-5pm CHUCK BRUCE
SILVER INLAY Day 2

Mon Feb 19, 2024
9am-5pm CHUCK BRUCE
KNIFE INLAY Day 1

Tuesday Feb 20, 2024
9am-5pm CHUCK BRUCE
KNIFE INLAY Day 2
4-8pm Club hours
5-8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday Feb 22, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
10a-1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday Feb 24, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
9am-1pm Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday Feb 27, 2024
4pm-8pm Club hours
4pm-8pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday Feb 29, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
10am-1pm Silver Open Shop

Saturday Mar 2, 2024
9am-1pm Club hours
9-11am CLUB TAILGATE
11am MEMBERS MEETING

Mon Mar 4, 2024
6:30pm TBMSC BOARD
MEETING

Brad's Bench Tips

By Bradford Smith

Templates

Whenever I have to make more than two to three exact copies of a sheet metal component, I think of making a template. Templates let me easily draw the shape of an item to cut out.

Art stores or online sources like cooltools.us and kingsleynorth.com sell templates for common shapes like circles, ovals, hearts, etc. but for nonstandard shapes, I make my own out of a scrap of sheet plastic or sheet metal. My preference is brass. I carefully lay out the shape using a steel ruler, a set of dividers, a scribe, and a fine center punch.



One example is the brass template in the photo above that let's me quickly trace the design of ginkgo leaf earrings onto silver sheet. Another is the nickel template which makes it easy to drill a pattern of holes for pin inlay into wooden handles.

"24 Easy Metal Textures" - With No Rolling Mill Required

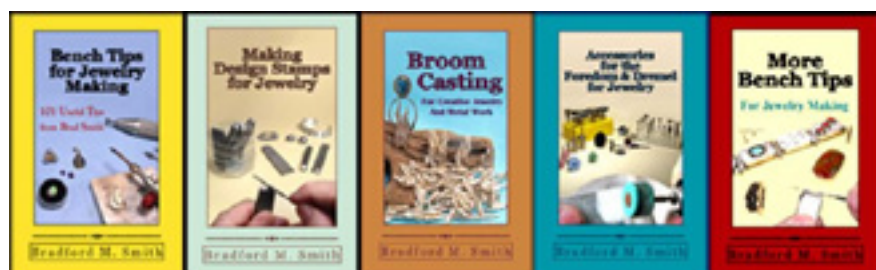
It details 24 different techniques for adding texture to your jewelry and metal work without the need for heavy equipment like a mill. The techniques make use of more common tools and materials around the shop — like hammers, stamps, punches, and tool bits for the Dremel or Foredom.

Each technique is explained in detail with:

- Description and pictures of the technique
- Procedures for creating the texture
- List of tools and supplies needed
- Options for modifying and personalizing

These methods are both useful and practical. I use them in my own work, and I teach them to others in classes and workshops. What's more is they're practical. None should put a dent in your budget.

Copies are available now at <https://amazon.com/dp/B0BPGPTBNH/>



Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

Board members present: Peter Favaro, Tony Carrino, Christy Gorrow, Carlo Lucin, Lyra Solochek, Linda Collins, Melinda Riddle, Greig Lundergan by phone

Non-Board Members present: Kathy Reid, Rick Jackson, Katie Day

- Call to order: 6:27 p.m.
- Swear in new officers: Lyra Solochek (vice president), Linda Collins (treasurer), Katie Day (secretary), Greig Lundergan (board member), Christy Gorrow (board member), Rick Jackson (board member)
- Greig Lundergan resigns because of health reasons. The executive board selects Kathy Reid, who is sworn in.
- Motioned to approve minutes made by Tony Carrino. Seconded by Melinda Riddle. Approved by all.
- Treasurer report was given by Linda Collins.
 1. October and November reports need to be created for final approval.
 2. Lawn care payment discussion
 3. Treasurer report was motioned to be approved by Melinda Riddle. Seconded by Lyra Solochek, approved by all.
- Construction update: On hold due to unforeseen health issues with contractor. Peter Favaro will seek a commercial contractor to finish the concrete work and to remodel the bathroom to ADA standards.
- Show discussion: Contracts will need to be reworded, rules updated about security, advertising plans.
- Classes: Discussion on syllabus for silver (on file in office) and faceting (Tom Dershem is working on it).
- Inventory needs to get done, new pictures updated and recently added equipment need to be added.
- Motion to adjourn proposed by Melinda Riddle. Seconded by Christy Gorrow. Approved by all. Time 7:38 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

Peter Favaro, President
Lyra Solochek, Vice President
Linda Collins, Treasurer
Katie Day, Secretary

Board Members

Tony Carrino
Christy Gorrow
Rick Jackson
Carlo Lucin
Kathy Reid
Melinda Riddle

2023 December Treasurer's Report

	CHECKING	SAVINGS
Beginning Balance:	\$35,576.01	\$52,103.21
		\$2.75
Ending Balance:	\$29,327.17	\$52,105.96
Income/Expenses:	(\$6,248.84)	(interest) \$2.75

Income: Paypal, Sign-up Genius, Weekly Club Income

Date	\$
12/14/23 Deposit-Sign Up Genius	\$ 389.00
12/7/23 Deposit-Club Classes & Sales	\$ 1,664.44
12/6/23 Deposit-Sign Up Genius	\$ 104.00
	\$2,157.44

Monthly Expenses

12/4/23 T-Mobile Co. Phone	\$ (124.35)
12/8/23 Intuit	\$ (90.00)
12/15/23 Amazon Prime	\$ (15.12)
12/18/23 Check 1171-Lyra Solocek	\$ (300.00)
12/18/23 Company Utilities Payment	\$ (23.15)
12/20/23 HP Insta Ink	\$ (12.89)
12/21/23 Amazon Prime	\$ (15.12)
12/26/23 Prfd Rwd's for Bus-Debit Rush Fee Waiver of \$	\$ -
12/29/23 Teco Utility Bill	\$ (114.45)
	\$ (695.08)

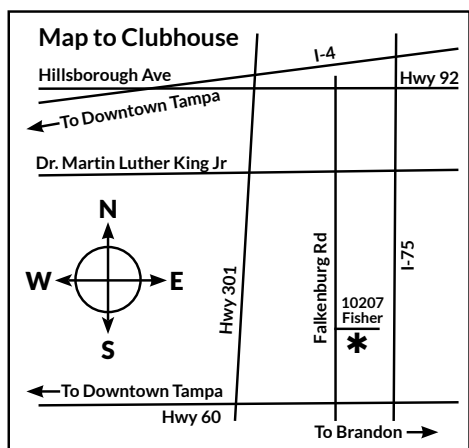
Misc. Expenses

Date	\$
12/1/23 Debit Card	\$ (42.76)
12/1/23 Debit Card	\$ (41.25)
12/4/23 Check 1169-Brad Conterno	\$ (90.00)
12/7/23 Check 1170-Val's Home Remodeling	\$ (2,175.00)
12/8/23 Sign Up Genius-refund	\$ (11.99)
12/11/23 Sign-Up Genius-refund	\$ (110.00)
12/20/23 Check 1172-Nov Show Balance	\$ (330.20)
12/20/23 Check 1173-April Show Deposit Due	\$ (4,910.00)
	\$ (7,711.20)

Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc. Membership Application

*Mandatory fields

Adult 1 Name*	Email*	Birth month
Adult 2 Name*	Email*	Birth month
Child (under 18)		Birth month
Child (under 18)		Birth month
Child (under 18)		Birth month
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Preferred form of contact*		Are you willing to receive your monthly newsletter by Email?
<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Phone		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I hereby apply for membership for myself and others listed above, and agree not to hold any claims against the club.*		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	
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