

The Geode

Dec 2021



President's Message

Holiday Blessings

As I start this end of the year message- let me start by Thanking all our fabulous members for being a part of this Great Club. Without you, we would not exist.

We are Blessed to have a wonderful group of Board Members who get together monthly to keep up with club business.

Next are our very talented collection of Instructors who stretch our creative brains.

Thank You for all you do.

We had a Terrific Tailgate and brought in \$1,300 from a Lot of misc estate items. Thank You!

We are still sorting and pricing all the Faceting Rough that came in the last 2 estates. We have several totes ready and will have them posted up shortly.

As we head into 2022, we have some exciting workshops planned. You find the info in the Class updates in this issue.

May Everyone have a Blessed Holiday Season.

Gerri Lundergan

Club President

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Brad's Bench Tips – by Brad Smith MINI DRILL PRESS

If you find yourself drilling a number of small holes for your work, you might want to look at the small, inexpensive drill presses now available. They take up just minimal space on your bench and are always ready to give you nice straight holes. Some models even have a variable speed control. I've been very pleased with a low-priced one that's been well-used in my classes for over a year.

Because these machines are only a foot high, they're limited as to the size of workpieces that can fit into the machine and the size of the drill bits you can use. But I've had no problems with drill bits up to about 3/16" (4.5mm), even drilling steel.

The machines are sold by a number of companies. If you do get one, be sure to buy a spare belt because they are generally not available at local hardware stores.



LASER WELDING

A question came up recently about how to solder some jump rings to hold blue topaz briolettes onto a necklace. We've all heard about ways to do some soldering close to a stone, and some of us have sized a ring without taking the stones out of their mounts. We've used wet paper towels, garnet sand, cooling gels, and my favorite of suspending the stone in a dish of water. All techniques bank on the principle of using a small, hot flame to do the job quickly before the stone gets hot enough to crack or change color.

But each job is somewhat of a gamble. Some stones are hardy and some are frail. Jades and jaspers will generally take some heat, while others like topaz or opal are easily damaged. Trying to shield a stone from the torch is always a betting game, and sometimes you lose.

If soldering something close to a stone is too risky, perhaps it's time to consider a no-heat method like laser welding. Most jewelry stores have laser welders these days, and the cost of having it done is quite affordable. They used to have problems doing silver, but now seem to do it routinely.

I've used a local shop twice in the last year, once for a piece with little emeralds a "friend" asked me to repair and for a second piece where I needed a safety catch and didn't want the torch heat to expose all the solder lines again.



General Club Meeting Dec 4, 2021

Meeting called to order at 12:15

Treasurer's Report was read – see Board minutes. Approved as read

Minutes approved as posted in the November Geode.

Old Business –

Greig Lundergan gave an overview of the Fall show. Parking was a challenge, power going out, concession ran out of food and mis communication with center about having to move all tables at end of show.

Overall, the Vendors reported a good show and are looking forward to the spring show. Greig has met with the Florida State Fairgrounds, and we are moving forward on moving our show to the Special Events Center.

2021 End of Year Updates – “On Advice of Council” – we are allowed to update the club on these items- We found out early in 2021 that our books had not been done or done correctly for several years. We hired an Accountant to take over and do a full Audit. A Second Forensic audit is also being done for comparison. The current Treasurer was removed from office. Further fact finding indicated an attorney be hired. The club will be updated as we are advised.

Our Accountant will have our books done and brought current by the end of Dec and we will go into 2022 current and up to date. Protocols have been put into place to stay transparent and compliant with IRS Laws and Rulings. Then a budget can be started.

New Business –

2022 Election Results President – Gerri Lundergan

Vice President – Jim Denslow

Secretary – Joanne Cornell

Board – Tony Carrino, Lisa Miller, Christy Gorrow

Workshops upcoming – Anna Mazon from Poland will be in the clubhouse Feb 11-13 to do a Metal Clay Workshops

Carol Douglas from England will also be in the clubhouse Feb 11-13 to offer Mixed Metal/col Connection workshops.

We will be back at the Florida State Fair during the State Fair in the Creative Living building. This is great exposure for the club. Volunteer list will be posted in Jan.

Work has already begun on our Spring Show. Letters will be sent out to vendors, and we are currently seeking bead vendors to add to our mix.

With no further business – general motion to adjourn was unanimous

11/15/2021 Board meeting - commenced at 6:50 p.m.

Gerri Lundergan
Greig Lundergan
Lisa Miller
Deb Pierson
Joanne Cornell
Melinda Riddle
Jim Denslow
Tony Carrino
Christy Gorrow

Treasurer's report

Checking \$10,977.85
Money Market Savings \$53,501.13
Expenses:
Frontier \$159.25
TECO \$232.48
Lawn Service \$1080.00
P.O. Box \$188.00
Floyd estate settled for \$1450
Sunbiz \$70.00
Table Refund \$200.00
Estate Purchase \$1,000.00
Attorney Retainer \$750.00
SWAG Purchase \$892.92

Melinda motion to approve Treasurer's report Lisa 1st and Tony 2nd all approved

Old Business

1.Show report Deb-

Total Expenses: \$8925.56
Facility Rental \$3,304.03
Security PCPD \$1848.50
Facebook Advertising \$657.93
Table Rental (180 Tables) \$1,715.05
Volunteer/Vendor Lunch \$306.52
Supplies \$1,093.53

Income from Event: \$25,886.30

Table Fees \$16,800.00

Club Table \$2,943.00

Admission Table \$6,143.30

-Greig-issues with the community - center lack of communication caused issues, power issues w/ Robbins jewelry resolved-going to go to fairgrounds to see what they have to offer.

-Diagram to work out the power issues for next show, possible 2nd generator from the city

-Christy offered to lend her generator for Sluice for next show.

2. Ballots/Installation of officers:

Ballots going out Thursday, Tony indicated terms will change with approval of new By Laws -Joanne to draft and send copy to Greig, Melinda and Tony before next committee meeting.

3. Tailgate:

December 4, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Club meeting at 11:00 a.m. and Fordite class will begin after meeting.

4. Bylaws:

No update

5. Insurance update:

Deb reports we have 2 separate insurance companies -Club is completely insured for wind, hurricane all buildings and contents for \$524,000; -previous costs \$2,600; new cost will be \$4,641; property liability is \$2,000 plus as the value of the building has been appraised, brought up to date.

-Gerri pulled tax info we are zoned for heavy commercial class 4 -as heavy industrial rating

6. Paint

Ron -Club to buy paint and we will need volunteers to help painting the outside of the building. Repairs to building estimate approx. \$20,000, club looking to DIY the repairs.

Lisa Motion to approve Greig 1st and Jim 2nd.

New Business

1. Newsletter-Issues with Newsletter - rewritten not edited correctly else, was not the same and multiple corrections -Lisa's daughter will take over for \$100 a month Motion Deb -Lisa 2nd motion to hire Lisa's daughter Meghan Tony moved and Christy 2nd all approved
2. Spring show/Fall show-appt 10 am 11.16 at fairgrounds to see what they have to offer, parking, concession will be plentiful.
3. Fall Show-Sadie Gibbs Martin Center - baseball tournaments parking will be an issue, food ran out, lighting outside is dim
 - a. Greig- Ideas for a Volunteers Brunch the Sunday after the show is over hosted in Clubhouse, Bob Evans, cracker Barrel to caterer - Frank and family would like to run the Children's activities, Frank also can assist with marketing and volunteers.
 - b. Google listing has been fixed

4. Enameling Kiln for sale with supplies offered to the Club for \$500, Melinda Motion to approve to Purchase and Lisa 2nd approved
5. T-shirt's vendor mis printed an "S" need to take to vendor to heat press the change to a Z
6. Metal Clay workshop with Anna Mazon from Poland: Club won the bid to host this workshop that will take place Feb 10th-12th 2022, lunch will be provided for the workshop all weekend
7. State Fair Booth 2022– a lot of exposure for club-no cost, Club will be provided 2 to 3 tables, displays for 2 weeks, need volunteers; free parking and entrance for volunteering only- Club Lisa motion to approve Tony 2nd all approved
8. Club owns a Geo cracker and can crack Geodes at shows if no other vendor offering
9. Quartz tubs form estate- a Vendor from Arkansas bought everything for \$750, all the strands of chipped beads were sold for \$470, and the hematite was a big hit for the raffles
10. Presentation w/Phillip Stephenson - re his mines had a great weekend, he will be back next November 2022,
11. Deb knows of a science teacher who teaches 8th grade special needs students, who has invited a Club member to give a presentation
12. Tony suggested we formulate a response to all members to club to notify everyone we have retained a lawyer, Club is in the process of an audit, details will be provided in the future - will have our Attorney approve
13. Christy-Renewal notices to send in December
14. New email, new PayPal accounts and other accounts moving forward
15. Deb suggested a 2nd iPad for shows-Tony stated we need to set up a hotspot instead-add members on the square account for sales only.
16. On November 22,2021 a motion to approve to move the Spring and Fall shows of 2022 to the Florida State Fairgrounds by Joanne, Jim 1st and Melinda 2nd all approved.

Lisa motion to adjourn the meeting Joanne 1st and Deb 2nd all approved.

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Lapidary Corner

Please Welcome our New Staff /Instructors

Beginning Cabochons classes are starting back up.

Tuesday 6-9 - Carlo Lucin

Wed 9-12 - Deb Pearson

Thurs 9-12 - Ron Wadas

Saturday 9-12 Gerri Lundergan

Classes are 6 weeks and at the end you will be able to come in for Open shop time.

We are keeping classes small – 1-2 per session.

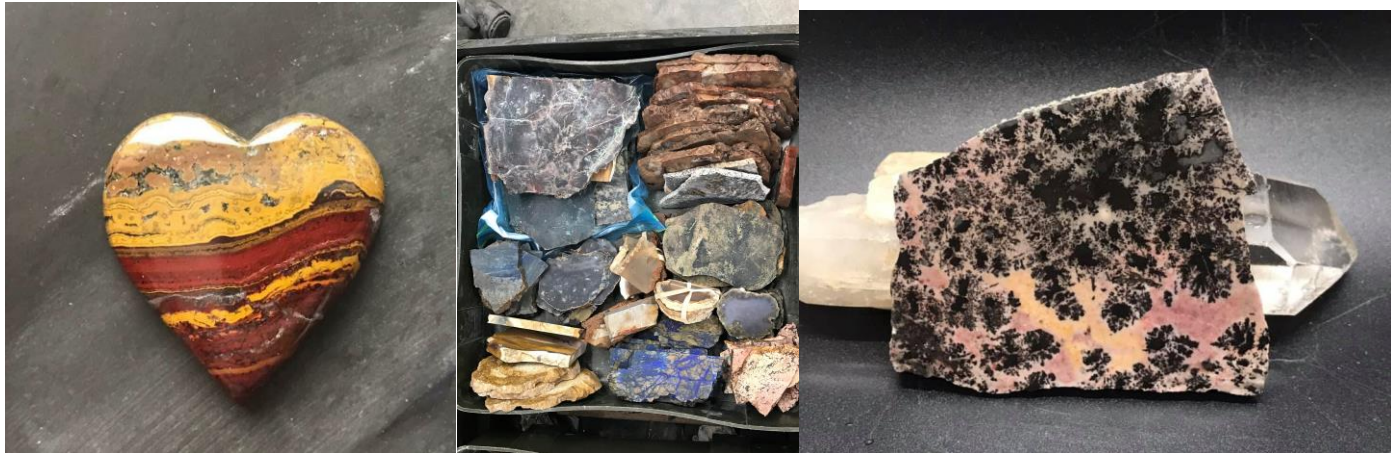
Contact Gerri Lundergan for more info dunpaintedfarm@yahoo.com 813-943-5665

Slabbing has commenced again now that the show is over. We are running 2-3 weeks on material. See Mark or Gerri

We keep several trays of slabs available for purchase in the Lapidary Shop. See Staff for details.

We are running Open shop at the same times – limited seats available – You must contact Gerri to reserve a spot.

Plus - we have trays and trays of slabs available...



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Apologies – we had to create our own Geode this month.

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