

#### **IN THIS ISSUE**

#### Fall Show, **1**

President's message, 2

Elections, 3

Rockhounding

resources, 3

Construction update, 4

Lapidary, **5** 

Metal Clay, **5** 

Metal Shop, 6

Faceting, **7** 

Table Crafts, 7

Class Sign-ups, 8

Upcoming shows, 9

Calendar, 10

Board Minutes, **11** 

#### **ABOUT OUR CLUB**



**Address:** 10207 Fisher Ave., Tampa, FL33619

Email: info@tampabay rockclub.org

Phone: (813) 684-2039

Website: tampabayrockclub.org



<u>Calendar</u>

# THE OCTOBER 2024

# This Saturday, Oct. 26!

#### **Members Volunteer Day**

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26
- We need volunteers to help pack supplies and prepare them for movers for the Fall Show.
- Doughnuts and coffee will be served

# IT'S SHOW TIME!

Our 65th Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and MORE Show is taking place on Nov. 2-3 at the Florida State Fairgrounds Special Events Center. Our fall and spring shows are the main sources of club income. We will have 58 paid vendors offering a wide variety of amazing choices.

We are asking everyone to help out by taking a shift or more. We will tailor your assignment based on your level of comfort and willingness to get your hands dirty! Please sign up for a shift or two, or the whole weekend if you can.

Contact Christy Gorrow if you'd like to help. Or sign up for a slot on <u>Signup Genius.</u>

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 26: SHOW PREP DAY

We will begin at 9 a.m. to sort and pack our supplies to get everything ready for the movers who are arriving Thursday afternoon.

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 1: SETUP DAY

Helpers needed starting at 9 a.m. at the fairgrounds to set up the club tables and direct vendors to their booths. Entry is via the Orient Road gates only.

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOV. 2-3: FALL SHOW

The MLK gates will open at 8:30 a.m. We need volunteers to work the admission table, kids area, club table, monitor the show floor, and do some demos. On Sunday, we will need extra help packing up starting at around 4:30 p.m.

**IMPORTANT: All volunteers working on Saturday and Sunday, must have a digital parking pass to enter the fairgrounds.** (This is a new fairgrounds procedure.) Please reach out to a club officer, or myself so we can send you a link to obtain that parking pass. You must enter the Fairgrounds through the MLK Jr. gate.

obtain that parking pass. You must enter the Fairgrounds through the MLK Jr. gate. This is a fun event, where you meet and interact with people who have similar interests. Please spread the word; tell your family and friends. Let's make this the best show yet. Without club member involvement, we would not have become one of the largest rock and gem shows in Florida.

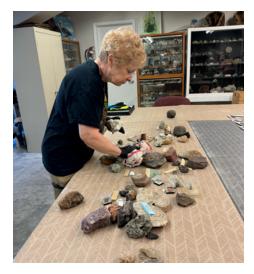
Feel free to contact me at tbmscshow@gmail.com if you have questions, or to get your parking pass. Thank you in advance for your participation. We hope to see everyone there.

Greig Lundergan, Dealer Chair



# **Cleaning up after the storms**











# President's message



Peter Favaro

Hello all. I hope that the storms didn't do any damage to your homes. The club had minimal damage, just lots of branches down.

Thank you to the few volunteers who helped clean up after both storms. We moved a lot of debris both times and was a physically rough job.

With that being said, sadly I must bring up something that has been a concern of mine and also of those that have been helping keep the club running for you, the membership. We are all volunteers that keep the club going from day to day, and for the last few times that we have asked for help getting things done, we have not had many stepping up to help. We had only the same few people show up each time. Most of these people are on the board and already are doing many other things to keep the club running. and I am seeing the stress that this is placing on them.

We, as the members of the club, need to start stepping up more so that the ones that have been doing all the work do not burn out. Many of us love this club and what it offers, not just in learning but in friendship. Everyone needs to understand that we have gotten to the point where if people do not start helping, we will no longer be able to function as we have in the past. This club has gone through so much since its inception in 1959, and I would hate to see it collapse due to lack of participation. We all are facing hardships over the past few months due to these catastrophic storms and I know that lives have been upheaved by

Continued on next page



#### Continued from previous page

them, as mine has also. We do not ask a lot most of the time, just some help here and there to keep going what we all cherish.

This coming Saturday, Oct. 26, is the final chance we have to get things ready for the Fall Show. Help is necessary to get the last things ready beforehand, so we have everything ready for the movers. Having everything organized and ready to go will help keep the movers' costs down.

In the past when we had call outs for help we had 15-25 people show up to get things done and we got them done quickly. I am not asking for that many to show up, as there is not a super large amount to be done. But I truly hope that we do get some additional assistance not just the same few that have been showing up.

For us to survive as a club, we need more help in other ways as well: We need more monitors, more instructors in lapidary, help with maintenance of the clubhouse, and in the end we need more participation overall. We cannot rely on the shows to sustain us monetarily as this is not a good strategy, especially given the increasing expenses and financial strains we all are under. Please help us keep this club going.

# Want to help chart the club's future? Run for a post in the 2025 election.

The leadership election for 2025 is fast approaching. Nominations will be accepted through October. Voting begins after the show, on Nov. 16, and will close on Dec. 5.

Seats opening up are:

- President
- Vice President
- Three seats on the board of directors

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please send an email to **tampamineral@gmail.com** with "Election" in the subject line. Or contact board members Christy Gorrow or Kathy Reid who are on the Nomination Committee.

# Rockhounding resources

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

- <u>Florida Rockhounding Location</u> <u>Guide & Map</u>
- How To Find Rocks rockhounding guide in Florida
- Obtaining fossil permits in Florida
- <u>Gator Girl Rocks: America's Best</u> <u>Rockhounding Resource</u>

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

# The wall is no more!

The old concrete wall in the back of the property has been removed! After searching for years, we finally found a company who could demolish the extra-strength industrial wall that came with the property. By removing it, we will have better drainage, plus more options for parking and other expansion projects.





#### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**





# Getting a taste for cabbing

We had one student in the lapidary shop in September for Peter Favaro's Beginning Cabochon class.





If you're interested in turning rocks into beautiful cabochons to be used in jewelry, learn how to do some cabbing. Our next Beginning Cabochon class is set for **Nov. 16-17**. This is a two-day workshop, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. There are still seats open. Enroll at <u>Signup Genius</u>.

# METAL CLAY Playing with bronze clay

Instructor Barbara Rivolta taught students how to create a "thumb print" ring in a gold-toned bronze metal clay with a kiln-safe gemstone. The inside of the ring band was powder-coated to give it a pop of color as well as a smooth texture.





# METAL SHOP Discovering silversmithing

Under the guidance of instructor Lisa Miller, students learned the fundamentals of fabricating silver jewelry in the Silver 1.1 and 1.2 classes this past month. The next class, Silver 1.3, starts Oct. 26.











#### **TABLE CRAFTS**



# Get crafty on Wednesdays

Table Crafts session is now 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays. These open sessions are \$3.50 per hour or \$10 for three hours.

There has been some interest in classes on weekends for kumihimo. If you're interested this or any other table craft classes such as viking knit or peyote stitch, contact Christy Gorrow at cgorrow@juno.com.



# FACETING Fall classes have begun







The next available classes are:

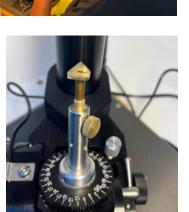
- Nov. 23-24
- Dec. 21-22

These are two-day classes, part of a three-part series on cutting faceted stones. The following topics will be covered:

- Choosing cutting material
- Stone dopping
- Facet cutting
- Transferring a stone
- Facet polishing
- Proper operation and care of a faceting machine.

Each student will complete a minimum of one stone. Cost: \$230. Cutting material, shop

and instructor fees are included. Deposit of \$130 required to reserve a seat. Students must bring own OptiVisor. Closed-toe shoes required. No loose clothing; long hair must be tied back. Contact Jim Kammel at jmkammel@ gmail.com for more information. Go to <u>Signup Genius</u> to register.



# **CLASS AND OPEN SHOP SIGNUPS**

### **Beginning Cabochon class**

**Click here** to sign up

SignUpGenius



9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Nov. 16-17

This is a two-day workshop covering the basics of turning slabs of rocks into polished pieces. The cost of the class is \$230, which includes materials,

instructor fees and shop time. A deposit of \$130 is required to save a spot, and the balance of \$100 should be paid to the instructor the day of the class. You must wear closed-toed shoes. No loose clothing and long hair must be tied back. Bring a waterproof apron, an Optivisor, a large towel and lunch.

### **Beginning Faceting class**



- Nov. 23-24
- Dec. 21-22

This is a two-day class on cutting faceted gemstones (transparent stones similar in appearance to diamonds). You will learn how to choose cutting material, dop the stone, cut and polish facets, transfer a stone, proper operation and care of a faceting machine. Each student will complete one stone.

Cost is \$230 total, which includes materials, instructor fee, club shop time and use of machines. A deposit of \$130 is required to reserve a seat. The balance of \$100 should be paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class.

Each student should have his/her own Optivisor to closely examine the stone during the cutting process. These are available on Amazon or Harbor Freight.

You must wear closed-toed shoes. No loose clothing and long hair must be tied back.

### Silversmithing 1.3 class



In the third and final class of the Fundamentals of Silversmithing Course, the student will create a sterling silver pendant featuring a round or oval cabochon. This class consists of two four-hour classes.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 26 and Nov. 9

Cost: \$144\* Materials and the use of tools are included in the cost. (\*Materials cost is subject to change based on market prices.) Deposit of \$52 on Signup Genius required to save a seat. Prerequisite: Must have completed Silver 1.1 and 1.2. Students must bring own Optivisor. Closed-toed shoes required.

Contact instructor Lisa Miller at meggymoo65@gmail.com or 772-631-1405 for more information about the Fundamentals of Silversmithing Course.





to sign up

SignUpGenius

**Click here** 

to sign up

SignUpGenius

Continued from previous page

## Lapidary Open Shop Reservations

Members who completed the Beginning Cabochon class may use equipment in the Lapidary Shop during Open Shop. You must present your shop pass to the monitor when you sign in. If you do not have a card, ask the monitor or shop foreman for one. If you have previous cabbing experience, but did not take the Beginning Cabochon class, talk to the shop foreman

cabbing experience, but did not take the Beginning Cabochon class, talk to the shop foreman for a Skills Check to get your shop pass. You must be a current member to use club facilities. Cost is \$6 per hour.

PayPal or exact change only.

### **Metal Open Shop Reservations**

Members who completed the Beginning Silver course may use the Metal Shop during Open Shop hours. You must present your shop pass to the monitor when you sign in. If you do not have a card, ask the monitor or shop foreman for one. If you have previous smithing experience, but did not take the Beginning class, talk to the shop foreman for a Skills Check to get your shop pass. You must be a current member. Cost is \$6 per hour. **PayPal or exact change only.** 

Click here to sign up

Click here to sign up

SignUpGenius



# Upcoming club shows in Florida

**Nov. 2-3:** The Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club 65th Annual Rock, Gem, Jewelry and MORE! show, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL. Over 50 vendors offering an assortment of unique slabs, cabochons, beads, gems, jewelry, specimens and more.Kids' section with a sluice, a touch table with rock identification, scavenger hunt and a bean bag toss. Learn how to make jewelry at the in-person make-and-take classes. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and military (with ID), free for kids under 10. Parking is free, when you enter through the MLK entrance.

**Nov. 9-10:** Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne, FL; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5. Under 13 is free. \$1 off coupon available on website; Finished jewelry, gemstones, minerals, fossils, crystals, jewelry-making supplies, and more. Fun for all ages. Bring the kids to "Bea's Kidz Digs" to experience rock hounding and take home a souvenir. www.canaveral-mgs.com.

**Nov. 23-24:** Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches; show and sale; Expo Center East, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL. Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults/Seniors one day \$10, two days \$15, Children under 12 are free; The 57th annual Gem, Mineral, Bead, Jewelry and Fossil Show. Features include over 80 dealers offering a wide range of items. Fine jewelry, Southwestern Native American jewelry, bead jewelry, loose beads, rocks and minerals for collecting, loose gemstones, settings, fossils. gmspb.org

**Dec. 6-8:** Withlacoochee Rockhounds Annual Show; Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Road, Hudson, FL; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5 for adults. Children under 14 free. withlacoocheerockhounds.com

**Dec. 7-8:** Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild annual show; Better Families Through Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts Studio, 6723 SW 81st St., Miami, FL; Sat. 11-7, Sun. 11-7; Admission is \$10 – children under 12 admitted free with paid adult admission; There will be exhibits, displays, demonstrations, raffles, plus vendors showcasing mineral & fossil specimens, gemstones, fine jewelry, and artisan-crafted collectibles. Children's activities include lapidary crafts, rock painting, surprise grab bags, and scavenger hunts. miamigemandmineral. com.

#### CALENDAR

### **GENERAL CLUB HOURS**

Tuesday: 4-8 p.m. Wednesday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday: By appointment Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



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

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024 9 a.m. VOLUNTEER DAY FOR SHOW PREP

9 a.m. Club hours 9 a.m. SILVER 1.3: PENDANT, DAY 1

**Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024** 4 p.m. Club hours 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop 4 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024 11 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

**Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024** Club closed for show prep

**Friday, Nov. 1, 2024** CLUB CLOSED Fall Show Setup Day at the Florida State Fairgrounds

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 All day CLUB CLOSED 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fall Show at the Florida State Fairgrounds

**Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024** All day CLUB CLOSED 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fall Show at the Florida State Fairgrounds

**Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024** 4 p.m. Club hours 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop 4 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024

11 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024 9 a.m. Lapidary Open Shop 9 a.m. Metal Open Shop 9 a.m. SILVER 1.3: PENDANT, DAY 2

Monday, Nov. 11, 2024 6:30 p.m. TBMSC BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024** 4 p.m. Club hours 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop 4 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024 11 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024 Voting begins 9 a.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON, Day 1 9 a.m. Club hours 9 a.m. Metal Open Shop

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024 9 a.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON, Day 2

**Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024** 4 p.m. Club hours 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop 4 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024 11 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

**Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024** 9 a.m. Club hours 9 a.m. FACETING DAY 1 9 a.m. Lapidary Open Shop 9 a.m. Metal Open Shop 9 a.m. SILVER 1.1

**Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024** 9 a.m. FACETING DAY 2

**Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024** 4 p.m. Club hours 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop 4 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024 11 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

**Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024** 9 a.m. Club hours 9 a.m. Lapidary Open Shop 9 a.m. Metal Open Shop

Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 6:30 p.m. TBMSC BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024** 4 p.m. Club hours 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop 4 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024 11 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

**Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024** Voting closes for club elections

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024 9 a.m. Club hours 9 a.m. Holiday gathering/meeting

# **TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes**

#### Octover 21, 2024

Present: Linda Collins, Lyra Solochek, Peter Favaro, Melinda Riddle, Kathy Reid, Katie Day, Christy Gorrow, Ellen Sisco

On Phone : Carlo Lucin Call to order 6:35 p.m.

- Approval of minutes from last meeting, Melinda Riddle motions to approve last months minutes, Lyra Solochek seconds, and all approve
- Treasurer's report given by Linda Collins
   Discussion for reports from the last two months. Some charge disputes, more information is needed on card.
   Discussion on insurance costs
   Motion to approve treasurers report made by Melinda Riddle, seconded by Christy Gorrow, and approved by all

Open issues

- Concrete pouring for parking area will be done hopefully by the end of the month or the first week of November weather of course permitting.
- Contractor will be by on Saturday to texture the walls and put up the door moldings.
- Bathroom door opening discussion
- Class schedules need to be submitted for at least next five months from instructors.

New issues

- Insurance renewal is coming up. Company that we had no longer is offering insurance in Florida. There are two companies that will cover us, one for the about same price that we are paying now or another that is slightly higher. Motion to resolve by Melinda Riddle, seconded by Ellen Sisco and approved by all.
- Insurance allows us to have one-time classes without a full membership requirements. Club will also start offering non-member pricing for one-time participants.
- Membership tracking: Member number discussed.
- Final show prep for Saturday the 26th. Raffles will be offered at show.
- Refrigerator needs replacement, will look for pricing
- Member fee increase necessary to offset cost increases.
- SEVERE need for volunteers and engagement
- Need to purchase a new safe with digital control pad
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Melinda Riddle, seconded by Lyra Solochek and approved by all.

#### **ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC**

#### Officers

#### **Board Members**

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

Seat 1: Christy GorrowSeat 4: 0Seat 2: Aurora Aguilar\*Seat 5: kSeat 3: Ellen SiscoSeat 6: N

Seat 4: Carlo Lucin\* Seat 5: Kathy Reid Seat 6: Melinda Riddle\*

\*Seats up for election this fall

. . . . . . . . . . . . . .

# 2024 August Treasurer's Report

	- (	CHECKING		SAV	INGS	
Beginning Balance:	\$	39,803.19	\$	47	7,113.15	
Ending Balance:	\$	41,456.86	\$	47	7,114.35	
Income/Expenses:	\$	(1,653.67)		6	1.20	Interest Income
Income: Paypal, Sign-up Genius, Weekly Club I	ncome	. Membership	Renewal			
Sign-up Genius	\$	861.30				:
Payal Transfer	\$	5,691.89				
Deposits - Show	\$	4,535.00				
Deposits - Classes & Misc.	\$	369.50				
	\$	11,457.69				
August Expenses						
Clubhouse Expenses						
T-Mobile Co. Phone	\$	124.35				
Company Utilities	\$	23.18				
Monthly Geode (August)	\$	190.00				
Sign Up Genius	\$	11.99				
Amazon Prime	\$	15.10				
HP Insta Ink	\$	15.04				
Teco (July)	\$	198.68				
	\$	578.34				
Fall Show Expenses						
Florida State Fairgrounds (3rd Payment)	\$	5,055.00				
Amazon Digital	\$	5.60				
Go Daddy	\$	1,715.28				
Go Daddy	\$	231.70				
	\$	7,007.58				
Building Maintenance						
Patrick Bearse (Electrical Outlets)	\$	100.00				
Peter Favaro (remodeling supplies)	\$	35.40				
Filters Fast	\$	182.70				
	\$	318.10				
Property Maintenance	~	400.00				
Monthly Lawn Care (June/July)	\$	400.00				
LumberJacks (Tree Trimming)	<u>Ş</u>	1,500.00				
	\$	1,900.00				

## 2024 September Treasurer's Report

	(	CHECKING		S	SAVINGS	
Beginning Balance:	\$	41,456.86		\$	47,114.35	
Ending Balance:	\$	36,825.88	:	\$	47,115.51	
Income/Expenses:	\$	4,630.98	_	\$	1.16	- Interest Income -
Income: Paypal, Sign-up Genius, Weekly Club In	icome.	. Mmbrshp Re	newal			
Sign-up Genius	\$	588.30				:
Payal Transfer	\$	-				
Deposits - Show	\$	1,695.00				
Deposits - Classes & Misc	\$	235.50				
	\$	2,518.80				
September Expenses						
Clubhouse Expenses						
T-Mobile Co. Phone	\$	124.35				
Company Utilities	\$	23.18				
Monthly Geode (September)	\$	150.00				
Philadelphia Insurance Company	\$	777.00				
Sign Up Genius	\$	11.99				
Amazon Prime	\$	15.10				
Amazon Digital	\$	5.60				
HP Insta Ink	\$	15.04				
Teco (August)	\$	239.13				
	\$	1,361.39				
Show Expenses						
Amazon Market Place	\$	88.48				
Amazon tokoyo	\$	2.07				
Florida State Fairgrounds (4th Pymnt)	<u></u>	5,055.00				
	\$	5,145.55				
Lapidary Expenses						
Ellen Sisco - Motor Rplcmnt - Saw	\$	100.00				
Ellen Sisco - Tumbler & Faucet	\$	171.96				
	\$	271.96				
Building Maintenance						
Terminex	¢	370.88				
Terrinica	\$	<b>370.88</b>				
	<u>ې</u>	370.00				

#### Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc. Membership Application

#### \*Mandatory fields

Adult 1 Name*	Emai	I*		Birth month		
Adult 2 Name*	Emai	i <b>l</b> *		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*	I	1	Are you willing to rec	eive your monthly newsletter		
Email Text Phone			by Email? 🗌 Yes 🗌 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					
Map to Clubhouse Hillsborough Ave To Downtown Tampa Dr. Martin Luther King Jr	additional ac Multi-year n in household	lult in the ho nembership for 4 years		lividual, \$20 for each ch child under 18. years, \$70 per additional adult er additional adult in house-		

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

ς

To Downtown Tampa

Falkenburg Rd

10207 Fisher

\*

To Brandon ->

Hwy 301

Hwy 60

I-75

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