



# THE CORAL GEODE

## President's message

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### ABOUT OUR CLUB



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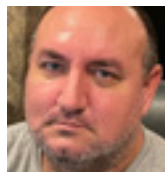
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**Calendar**



First, I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to help for the Spring Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show on April 6-7. Initial look at the numbers (and seeing all the shoppers at the venue) indicate the show went very well.



**Peter Favaro**

We had a total of 55 vendors. Some were regulars, some were returning, and several were new vendors who brought in new-to-us materials, including facet-grade stones, high-grade slabs, fluorescent specimens and more.

All of the vendors I spoke with were happy with how everything went. They've all said that we do a great job as hosts for the show, so we should be proud of what we do.

Now, we begin preparations for the next show, which will be November 2-3. So mark your calendars! We will be making some adjustments, including how we pack up our club materials so we can be better organized.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you all. You make this club a great one.

**Show report and photos, Page 2-4**





## 2024 SPRING GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW

# A successful show

A preliminary look indicates that we had a very good show, especially for Spring, which is typically slower than our Fall show. Paid attendance was around 1,700. We did a few things differently this time, including:

- Had a more aggressive advertisement campaign.
- Brought back our cabbing and faceting demos.
- Added an educational scavenger hunt for kids.
- Offered an adult bean bag toss for better prizes.
- Had on-site make-and-take classes.
- Added a few new vendors who offered different materials, including more slabs, facet-grade stones.



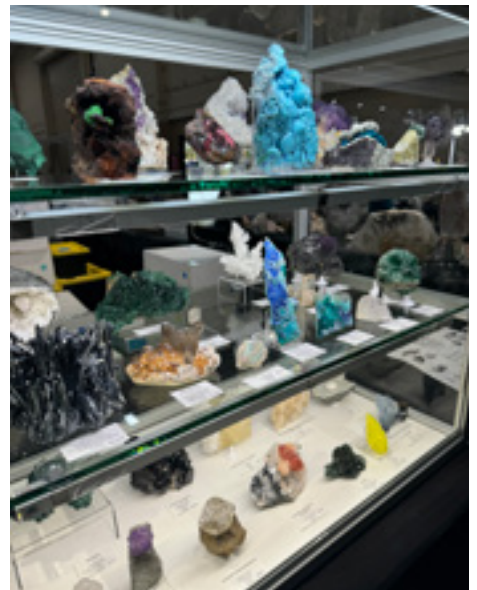
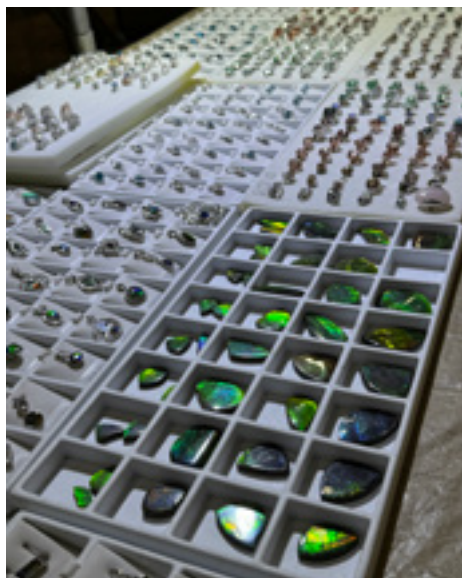


2024 SPRING GEM, MINERAL AND JEWELRY SHOW





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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!!**

# Quarterly Members Meeting

Saturday, June 1

9-11 a.m. Members tailgate  
11:15-11:45 a.m. Presentation  
11:45 a.m. Meeting

## TABLE CRAFTS

### Open shop schedule for April and May

Table Crafts will continue to meet on Thursday from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Due to a previous commitment, there will be no class on April 18, but we'll resume on April 25 and continue on the first four Thursdays in May (2, 9, 16, and 23). May 30 is currently questionable.

Several people have inquired about Viking Knit and Kumihimo. I will be getting back to them to set up dates for those particular crafts.

We always do various beading projects and if you have something in the works, bring your project and socialize, or if you're running into problems, I'll try to solve them for you.

Shop time is \$3.50 an hour, or \$10 for three hours. If you need materials, that cost is extra, or you can bring your own.

We'd love to see more people join this group!  
– Christy Gorrow



**WELCOME**

## New members!

Thomas Cronan  
Phillip McDade  
Cornelia Cracium  
Patt Fosnaught  
Angela & Archie  
Ocampo  
JD Davila  
Anne Lena Schindler  
& Sophia Schindler  
Joey Gonzalez  
Rosanne Grey & Ally  
Grey  
Jenny Lewis  
Joshua Hunsinger &  
Delaney Hunsinger

## Upcoming club shows in Florida

**April 27-28**

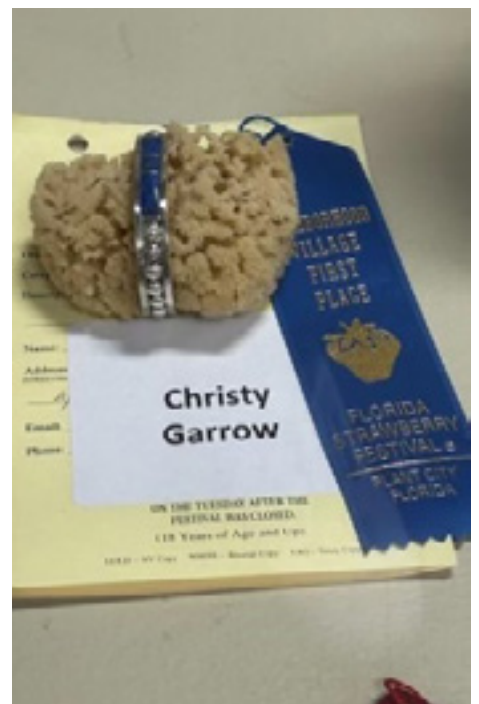
**SANFORD**

Rock, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show hosted by the Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society.; Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd; Sat. 9-5, Sunday . 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](http://www.cfmgs.org).



# Ribbons, ribbons, and more ribbons!

Our board member and membership director Christy Garrow had very good results with her entries in the Strawberry Festival competition this year. She brought home five first place ribbons, and one second place. Congratulations, Christy!



LAPIDARY

# New wheels, new classes

Classes are still going well. We are trying to get another class time set up for middle of the week. No details on that yet, but know that we are working on it.

We've invested in some new wheels. When you're working on them, keep in mind that they will be more aggressive until they're broken in. So keep a soft hand and look at your stone often.

– Peter Favaro, Lapidary Shop foreman

## Beginning Cabochon – March class



## Beginning Cabochon classes

Here are dates for upcoming lapidary classes:

- April 20-21
- May 11-12
- June 15-16
- July 13-14

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

Go to the [Signup Genius link](#) 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.

You must wear closed-toed shoes. Bring a waterproof apron, an Optivisor, a large towel and lunch.

### CLASS SIGNUPS





## FACETING

# Faceting Shop has been busy lately

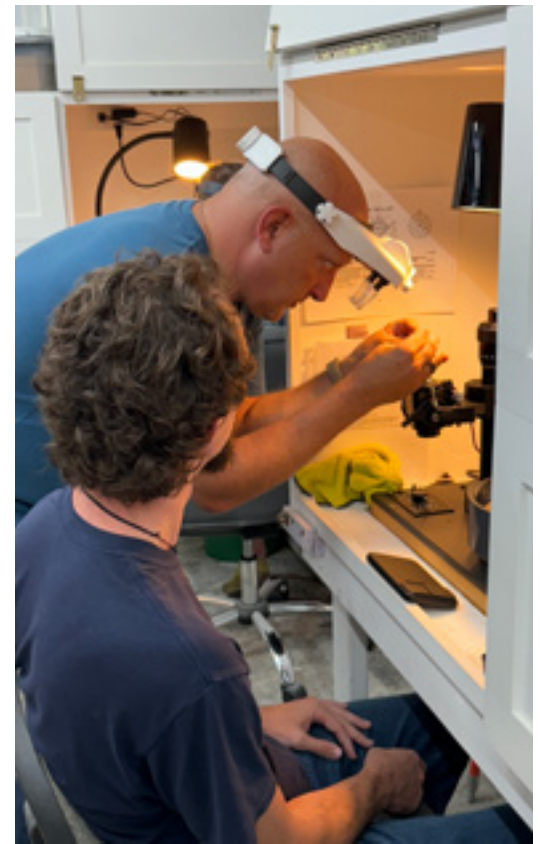


Faceting classes have been scheduled for May 4-5 and May 18-19. If you're interested in taking one of these two-day classes, go to [SignUp Genius](#). Contact James Kammel if you have any questions.

The classes have been revamped to help you all finish the beginning stone faster, and still have a good result. We have all four Ultra-Tec VL machines up and running now.



We have a Graves faceting machine for sale. If you know someone who's interested in getting into faceting, it's a decent starter machine. It's missing a few things, like dops and cutting plates. But the bonus for buying it is that it also comes with the first class of the faceting course built into the price.





## CLASS AND open SHOP SIGNUPS



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#### BEGINNING CABOCHON



### Beginning Faceting classes

Here are dates for upcoming faceting classes:

- May 4-5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- May 18-19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

This is a two-day introductory class on cutting faceted gemstones (transparent stones similar in appearance to diamonds).

The following topics will be covered in the class:

- Choosing cutting material
- Stone dopping
- Facet cutting
- Transferring a stone
- Facet polishing

Students will also be taught the proper operation and care of a faceting machine. Each student will complete one stone.

Cost is \$210 total, which includes materials, instructor fee, club shop time and use of machines. A deposit of \$110 is required to reserve a seat. The balance 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.

#### BEGINNING FACETING



### 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 capping experience, but did not take the Beginning Cabochon class, talk to the shop foreman for a Skill Check to get your shop pass. You must be a current member to use club facilities. Cost is \$5 per hour. PayPal or exact change only.

#### LAPIDARY OPEN SHOP



### Metal Open Shop Reservations

Members who completed the Beginning Silver course may use the Metal 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 smithing experience, but did not take the Beginning class, talk to the shop foreman for a Skill Check to get your shop pass. You must be a current member. Cost is \$5 per hour. PayPal or exact change only.

#### METAL OPEN SHOP



**UPCOMING WIRE WRAPPING CLASSES**



**April 20 and May 11**

**Wire Wrapping I**

\$60

Your class includes:

- A 3-hour class – (taking home at least 2 completed projects)
- Instructor, shop, and material fees
- Two packages of different shaped wire
- Leather necklace for each stone
- A selection of polished stones for your project

DATES:

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 20

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 11

Skills learned in this class will be:

- How to manipulate & shape wire
- How to make a simple bale
- How to read the curves of your stone to compliment the wire wrap



**April 27 and May 18**

**Wire Wrapping II**

\$65

Your class includes:

- A 3-hour class – (taking home at least 2 completed projects)
- Instructor, shop and material fees
- Three packages of different shaped wire
- Make a wire necklace for each stone
- A selection of polished cabochons for your projects

DATES:

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 27

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 18

Skills learned in this class will be:

- How to manipulate & shape wire
- How to make a designed bale
- How to wrap and compliment the finish design of the stone

**To sign up for these classes:**

Contact Instructor Linda Collins for class availability.

Cell: 508-944-3399

Email: LCollins1953@gmail.com

Loaner Jewelry tools will be available for those who do not have them.



## UPCOMING WIRE CLASSES



**April 23**

### **Star Necklace and Earrings — \$50**

Your class will include:

- A 3-hour class — (taking home your completed necklace and earrings)
- Instructor, shop, and material fees
- Wire for the earrings and necklace
- Coated necklace wire for the necklace with jump rings and lobster claw
- A selection of beads for your project

**DATE:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 23

Skills learned in this class will be:

- How to shape wire to form several lengths of pearl drops
  - How to finish necklace with clasps
  - How to form wire and wire wrap beads for earrings
  - What tools to use to completing your project
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**May 7**

### **Open Spiral Bracelet and Earrings — \$50**

Your class will include:

- A 3- hour class - (taking home your completed bracelet)
- Instructor, shop, and material fees
- Wire for earrings and bracelet

**DATE:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, May 7

Skills learned in this class will be:

- How to shape & manipulate wire
  - How to make a clasp
  - What tools to use to completing your project
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**May 16**

### **Homestrung Bracelet — \$55**

Your class will include:

- A 3- hour class - (taking home a completed bracelet)
- Instructor, shop, and material fees
- Wire for the bracelet
- A selection of beads for your project

**DATE:** 11-2 p.m. Thursday, May 16

Skills learned in this class will be:

- How to shape & manipulate wire
  - What tools to use to completing your project
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**CALENDAR**

**GENERAL CLUB HOURS**

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



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

**Saturday Apr 13, 2024**

9 a.m.-1p.m. Club hours  
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Open Shop

**Tuesday Apr 16, 2024**

2-5 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

**Thursday Apr 18, 2024**

Club hours by appointment

**Saturday Apr 20, 2024**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Club hours  
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON, Day 1  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. WIRE WRAPPING I  
 No Lapidary Open Shop

**Sunday Apr 21, 2024**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON, Day 2

**Tuesday Apr 23, 2024**

2-5 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

**Thursday Apr 25, 2024**

Club hours by appointment  
 10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Table Crafts  
 Open Shop

**Saturday Apr 27, 2024**

9 a.m.-1p.m. Club hours  
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 11a.m.-2 p.m. WIRE WRAPPING II

**Tuesday Apr 30, 2024**

2-5 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

**Thursday May 2, 2024**

Club hours by appointment  
 10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Table Crafts

Open Shop

**Saturday May 4, 2024**

9 a.m.-1p.m. Club hours  
 9 a.m.-3 p.m. BEGINNING FACETING

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Open Shop

**Sunday May 5, 2024**

9a.m.-3 p.m. BEGINNING FACETING

**Monday May 6, 2024**

6:30p.m. TBMSC Board Meeting

**Tuesday May 7, 2024**

2-5 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop  
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. OPEN SPIRAL BRACELET/EARRINGS

**Thursday May 9, 2024**

Club hours by appointment  
 10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Table Crafts  
 Open Shop

**Saturday May 11, 2024**

9 a.m.-1p.m. Club hours  
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON, Day 1  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. WIRE WRAPPING I

**Sunday May 12, 2024**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON, Day 2

**Tuesday May 14, 2024**

2-5 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

**Thursday May 16, 2024**

Club hours by appointment  
 10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Table Crafts  
 Open Shop

11 a.m.-2 p.m. HOMESTRUNG BRACELET

**Saturday May 18, 2024**

9 a.m.-1p.m. Club hours  
 9 a.m.-3 p.m. BEGINNING FACETING

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. WIRE WRAPPING II

**Sunday May 19, 2024**

9 a.m.-3 p.m. BEGINNING FACETING

**Tuesday May 21, 2024**

2-5 p.m. Metal Open Shop  
 4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

**Thursday May 23, 2024**

Club hours by appointment  
 10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Table Crafts  
 Open Shop

**Saturday May 25, 2024**

9 a.m.-1p.m. Club hours  
 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop  
 10a.m.-1 p.m. Metal Open Shop

**Tuesday May 28, 2024**

4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

**Thursday May 30, 2024**

Club hours by appointment

**Saturday Jun 1, 2024**

9 a.m.-1p.m. Club hours  
 9 a.m. Members Tailgate  
 11:30 a.m. Presentation  
 11:45 a.m. Members quarterly meeting

No Lapidary Open Shop

**Mon Jun 3, 2024**

6:30p.m. TBMSC Board Meeting



# TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024

Board Members present: Peter Favaro, Christy Gorrow, Lyra Solochek, Linda Collins, Melinda Riddle, Ellen Sisco, Carlo Lucin, Kathy Reid

Non-Board Member present: Ken Moser

Call to order: 6:30 p.m.

Motion to approve February minutes made by Melinda Riddle. Seconded by Christy Garrow. Approved by all.

**Treasurer report** was given by Linda Collins.

- Show payments, Large balances paid.
- Expenditures/income: discussion, offsetting cost options discussion. Amazon fixed and one month refund.
- Vote to approve March report, discussion. Melinda Riddle moves for approval, Linda Collins seconds. Approved by all.

**Show update:** We will have demos for cabbing and faceting, kids scavenger hunt, make-and-take classes. Parking passes will have to be picked up before the show. Movers are scheduled for before and after the show. Logistics/time discussion. Discount coupons for other events at the fairgrounds. Advertising for show, kicks up this week.

**Metal Shop:** Tony Carrino has resigned as foreman and instructor. Linda Collins is taking over as foreman of the Metal Shop. She plans to have student kits, changes to the syllabus. We have prospects on new instructors. Classes should use Signup Genius to take deposits, discussion. Discussion on if we need a new tumbler for metal polishing.

**Construction Update:** Room set ups/needs discussion. Anonymous donor deposited donation money to help finish the driveway paving. Construction delayed because contractor was in accident. Discussion on paint and samples for building, contractor options.

**Lapidary:** We need to get new wheels as the plated wheels are getting dull. Discussion on getting sintered wheels. Motion to approve getting new lapidary materials by Ellen Sisco, seconded by Linda Collins and approved by all.

Motion to adjourn proposed by Ellen Sisco. Seconded by Kathy Reid. Approved by all.

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## ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

### Officers

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

### Board Members

Christy Gorrow  
Carlo Lucin  
Kathy Reid  
Melinda Riddle  
Ellen Sisco

<b>2024 March Treasurer's Report</b>					
		CHECKING			SAVINGS
Beginning Balance:		\$ 30,896.51			\$ 52,108.52
				Withdrawal	\$ (20,000.00)
Ending Balance:		\$ 35,881.85			\$ 32,109.55
Income/Expenses:		<b>\$ (4,985.34)</b>		Interest	<b>\$ 1.03</b>
<b>Income: Paypal, Sign-up Genius, Weekly Club Income, Mmbrshp Renewal</b>					
03.01.2024	Sign-up Genius	\$ 104.00			
03.04.2024	Deposit-Spring Show-Classes-Open Shop	\$ 2,011.00			
03.06.2024	Sign-up Genius	\$ 208.00			
03.05.2024	Amazon Prime/refund	\$ 15.10			
03.12.2024	Deposit - Open Shop/Classes	\$ 869.00			
03.13.2024	Deposit - Transfer from Savings	\$ 20,000.00			
03.13.2024	Deposit - Donation	\$5,000.00			
03.18.2024	Deposit - PayPal Transfer	\$ 6,154.80			
03.19.2024	Deposit - Sign up Genius	\$ 104.00			
03.25.2024	Deposit - Show/Classes/Mmbrshp	\$ 599.00			
		<b>\$ 35,064.90</b>			
<b>Monthly Expenses</b>					
03.03.2024	T-Mobile Co. Phone	\$ (124.35)			
03.18.2024	Company Utilities	\$ (32.16)			
03.07.2024	Sign-up Genius	\$ (11.99)			
03.20.2024	HP Insta Ink	\$ (15.04)			
03.04.2024	L Solochek-Geode(Feb&Mar)/Thai/Instr/Kingsley	\$ (358.50)			
03.28.2024	Teco				
		<b>\$ (542.04)</b>			
<b>Misc. Expenses</b>					
03.04.2024	West Shore Pizza(Chuck Bruce Class)	\$ (107.04)			
03.06.2024	Citispark - Advertisement April Show	\$ (1,049.98)			
03.11.2024	FaceBook - Show Advertising	\$ (75.00)			
03.12.2024	College Hunks - Movers for Show Equip.	\$ (99.00)			
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03.12.2024	Amazon - Show Supplies	\$ (21.49)			
03.13.2024	Amazon - Show Supplies	\$ (68.62)			
03.14.2024	Harbor Freight - Lapidary Supplies	\$ (96.65)			
03.15.2024	Amazon - Show Supplies	\$ (24.67)			
03.18.2024	Amazon - Show Supplies	\$ (15.10)			
03.18.2024	FaceBook - Show Advertising	\$ (30.99)			
03.18.2024	FaceBook - Show Advertising	\$ (4.17)			
03.19.2024	Home Depot - Lapidary Supplies	\$ (39.32)			
03.25.2024	Home Depot - Lapidary Supplies	\$ (30.09)			
		<b>\$ (1,761.12)</b>			
<b>2024 February Treasurer's Report - Cont'd</b>					
<b>Club Improvement Expenses</b>					
03.15.2024	Florida State Fairgrounds	\$ (25,413.80)			
		<b>\$ (25,413.80)</b>			
<b>Specialty Class Instructors</b>					
02.18.2024	Chuck Bruce Materials - Bracelet Inlay	\$ (1,262.60)			
02.20.2024	Chuck Bruce Materials - Knife Inlay	\$ (1,100.00)			
		<b>\$ (2,362.60)</b>			

## TBMSC INSTRUCTOR LIST

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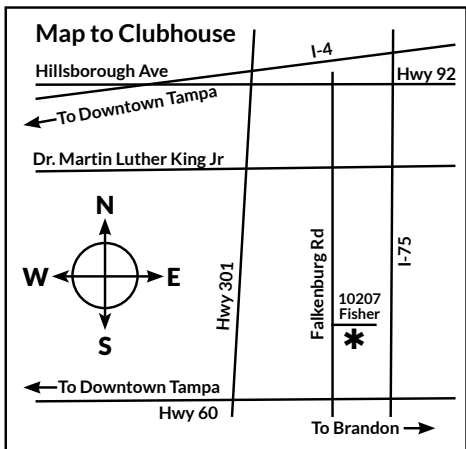
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## Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc. Membership Application

\*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	