



THE CORAL GEODE

SEPTEMBER 2022

**The clubhouse will be closed Sept. 17-22 for termite tenting.
Please plan accordingly.**

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President's message

By Gerri Lundergan

Wow!!!

Our auction saw some crazy paddle waving, bidding wars and members battling for first -choice bidding.

For all the fabulous items you won, the club won: to the tune of \$5,800.

Thank you!!!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped get everything ready and set up, and to all the members who showed up.

Y'all rocked the day!

Next up, the Nominating Committee will be putting together the final slate of nominee's information for you. Our Officers and Board of Directors are here to work for you and the club. Get to know them and why they want to be one of your officers or board members. If you want to chat with them, let the nominating committee know, and they can arrange for you to meet and talk to the candidates or ask when they will be in the clubhouse next.

Ballots will be sent out right after the show in October. Voting will run for two weeks and the results will be announced in the November Geode. Officers will be installed at the December Club Meeting/Christmas party.

The final exciting announcement — I know, more good news?

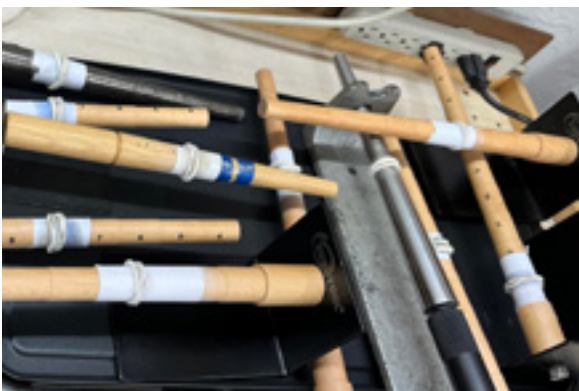
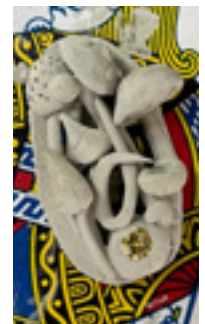
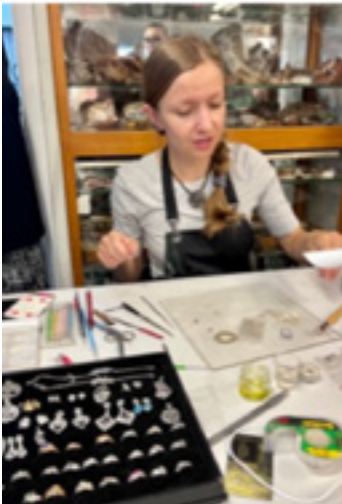
I am giddy with excitement over this next one...

We have three members who have volunteered to take over as our Field Trip Committee. More in this issue.

Again, thank you for being part of the club and helping make it great!!!

Master classes with Anna Mazon

We had a fabulous workshop with Anna Mazon from Poland. Terrific learning experiences, fabulous food and fun. Barbara has her list of classes planned for the rest of the year and into 2023. See class information and contact Barbara Rivolta at Barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com for more information. Remember to put the dot between her name when you send her an email. Otherwise it goes to someone in Italy.



FALL SHOW: OCT. 15-16

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club's 63rd annual Fall Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show is fast approaching. The event will run from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 15 and 16, and will take place at the Florida State Fairgrounds in the Special Event Center.

Volunteers needed

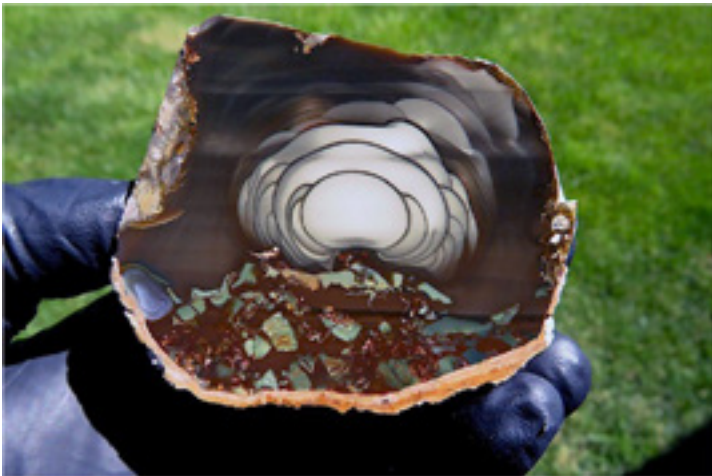
The success of the show relies on volunteers from club members. We need help with:

- Loading trucks to move show material to the venue (Thursday before show)
- Setting up club tables and kids and demonstration areas (Friday before show)
- Admission table (Saturday and Sunday)
- Club table and floor monitors (Saturday and Sunday)
- Demonstrations (Saturday and Sunday)
- Kids activities (Saturday and Sunday)
- Breakdown and packing after the show (Sunday evening)



Greig Lundergan will manage volunteer assignments. Contact him at greigl2010@yahoo.com to sign up.

SHOW PRESENTATION: WHISKEY CREEK JASPER



Philip Stephenson will be joining us at our Fall Show on Oct 15-16.

Yes, he will have Whiskey Creek Jasper available, along with the other stones he mines.

Stick around after the show on Saturday, Oct. 15. At 5:30 p.m., Philip will give a presentation about his new Whiskey Creek Jasper, pictured at left.



FIELD TRIPS

Field trip committee named

We would like to welcome Steven LaVasseur, Camille Mourant and Carlo Lucin as our new Field Trip Committee members.

These three spend a lot of time out collecting fossils, sharks teeth, calcite and other Florida collectibles.

They will be putting together trips for our members to join in and help ID those finds.

There will be a list of what you need to bring along, where to meet and what to expect to find.

Camille and Steven also scuba and dive out in the Venice beach area, plus the three of the kayak.

Club trips will be beach and river trips to start. But they will let us know when they are going diving and kayaking in case anyone wants to tag along with their own kayaks or diving equipment.

There will be a couple trips to North Florida, and they are plotting and planning those.

Our club field trips will be family friendly. Bring the kids, but you must leave the dogs home.



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.

METAL SHOP NEWS

New classes, new monitors

- Tony is halfway through his Beginning Metal class and will be planning dates for the next session.

- Susie Maxon has a Bracelet workshop on Sept. 24. See the information to sign up for this class on [Page 6](#).

- We have two new Open Shop Monitors.

October Open Shop

There are 7 benches available for our Open Shop days.

Oct. 1: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Oct. 8: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Contact Tony Carrino at tcarrino@verizon.net or Gerri Lundergan at DunPainted1@gmail.com to sign up, or come in and put your name on the calendar on the metal shop door.

FACETING NEWS

Ultra Tecs are coming!

In the next few weeks, you will see some changes happening over in the Faceting area.

We are having a new set of faceting cabinets built to house all of our Faceting machines and to make room for the two new Ultra Tec digital-head machines we ordered.

The new Ultra Tecs will let students do more advanced stone patterns, and allow for continued use on the machines as dops can be removed and put back.

Tom Dershem is on the mend from a recent surgery. We miss him and wish him a speedy recovery.

Having two faceting instructors allows for more days offered to our members and continued flow in the classes.

If interested in taking a faceting class, contact Peter Favaro for availability at Hawk_doc@hotmail.com.

Now that the auction is over – the rocks will be moved out of the faceting area and classes will resume.



LAPIDARY CORNER

Wait, there's more . . .

Thank you all for your rock purchases. The auction was fabulous. There are still bags of cutting rough, slabs and a few other goodies left over. Plus, there are always slabs for sale in the Lapidary Room. High-grade material is also available, but locked up, so ask Gerri if you are interested.

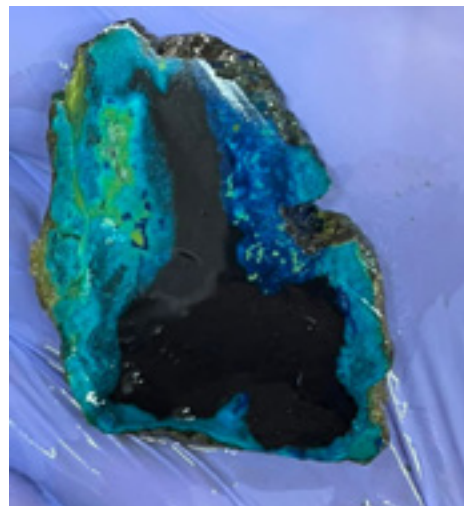
Time to slab

We are ready to start slabbing your rough. Bring it on Tuesdays 4-8 p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Carlo and Yanitza are ready to start slabbing it up for you.

Classes

Beginning Lapidary classes are available on days we are in the shop: Tuesdays 4-9 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Open shop have the same hours. To reserve open shop time or sign up for classes, contact Gerri Lundergan 813-943-5665 or dunpainted1@gmail.com.



KILN CORNER

Mitsubishi halting PMC production

Sadly, we have learned that beginning in mid-2023, Mitsubishi Corporation will no longer manufacture PMC products. In the meantime, Rio Grande (USA distributor) will continue to supply PMC to individuals and vendors as long as supplies last. If you have taken my Camp PMC 101 certification class, your discounts will still be honored with ClayRevolution.com and RioGrande.com. Right now the Camp PMC certification course is being revamped so we can continue to insure that students taking classes in metal clay can be assured of quality classes using the latest techniques. While we are sad that PMC may be going away, there are many brands of metal clay available in today's marketplace. Some of these include Art Clay, Aussie Clays, F.Y.I. and CoolTools .999 and .960.



Upcoming classes

SEPT. 24

LAZY SQUAW LINKS

A 6-hour silver workshop with Susan H. Maxon. The effect of a Lazy Squaw pattern is a cross between a Herringbone and a Chevron and a Foxtail pattern. The Lazy Squaw pattern lends itself to a number of adaptations.

Students will learn this simple and mesmerizing technique for chain making in this fun and challenging workshop. You will find yourself "in the zone" and time will fly by. The double version of the technique will be demonstrated and time will be available for those comfortable with the torch to explore it.

We will learn how to make consistent oval jump rings with half-round wire. We will learn to pick-solder to make soldered, yet movable, links. The bracelet catch will be integrated and invisible.

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

COST: The workshop fee is \$130 per person with a materials fee of \$30.00, paid directly to the instructor. This includes required sterling silver and an illustrated written instruction booklet.

The regular shop fee of \$7/ hour will apply.

CONTACT: Susan Maxon at susanmaxon@honorsgran.com to sign up for the class.



STARTING SOON

FACETING

Beginning Faceting is starting back up soon, taught by Peter Favaro.

- Beginning Faceting 1.0 – Tuesday 6-9 p.m. is a 6-week course
- Beginning Faceting 1.0 – Saturdays 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. is a 3-week course

The Beginning Faceting 1.0 includes a Beginning Faceting book, material for your first stone, class instruction and shop time.

COST: \$240, includes book, materials, instruction and shop time.

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PMC, Fused Glass, Enameling

Upcoming classes

ENAMEL AND PRECIOUS METAL CLAY CLASSES

SEPT. 11 AND SEPT 24 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

ENAMELED PENDANT ON SILVER METAL CLAY

Silver metal clay and enamels are a perfect partner in this pendant. You will make a textured, 'champlevé' base with a frame that references traditional 'cloisonné'. Bright transparent enamels allow the texture to shine through. Class and Materials Fee: \$200 paid to instructor + \$70 Club Fee paid to TBMSC



OCT. 9 AND 23, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

PENDANT SET WITH A NATURAL STONE

Design a silver pendant and setting for a bezel set natural stone. You will learn how to calculate for shrinkage, make templates and a bezel for the stone. Learn how to customize the bezel for the stone and how to attach it to the pendant base without soldering. Using this ingenious method, you will be able to make a bezel setting for your stone that fits well and looks like a traditionally metal smithed setting.

Class and Materials Fee: \$175 paid to instructor + \$70 Club Fee paid to TBMSC.

Provide your own cabochon or purchase from the club.



NOV. 13, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

BUTTON RING SET WITH CZ CABOCHON

This lovely ring features a setting molded from a button and set with a flat-backed cubic zirconia. Learn how to size a metal clay ring and calculate for shrinkage, make a band, and set a flatbacked CZ.

Class and Materials Fee: \$130 paid to instructor + \$35 paid to TBMSC



DEC. 11, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

SILVER PENDANT SET WITH A GLASS CABOCHON

Design a textured pendant set with a glass cabochon. The cabochon may be one you've made or one that is purchased.

Class and Materials Fee: \$110 paid to instructor + \$35 Club Fee paid to TBMSC



TASTE OF METAL CLAY — MAKE AND TAKE

OCT. 1, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

FALL LEAF EARRINGS

Just in time for Fall, make a mold from a natural leaf and use it to make earrings perfect for the season. Learn how to roll and cut silver metal clay. You will torch fire them with a culinary torch, polish the silver, and assemble your earrings.

Class and Materials Fee: \$120 paid to instructor + \$42 Club Fee paid to TBMSC

NOV. 12, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

HOLIDAY WREATH PENDANT

Learn how to make little leaves, berries, and other decorative elements and attach them to a silver base. Torch fire and finish the pendant just in time for the holidays.

Class and Materials Fee: \$120 paid to instructor + \$42 Club Fee paid to TBMSC

How to register

To register for my classes at the TBMSC please email me at barbara.rivolta@gmail.com. Payment for the inclusive class and materials fee may be made by check or via PayPal. Payment may be made in full or with a deposit of half the fee with the remainder due on the day of class. A deposit or payment in full must be received prior to class to ensure enrollment. Club fees are due on the day of the class.

We have a new water heater!

Just in time for winter, a new hot water heater has been installed in the clubhouse. Careful! We now have hot water in the bathrooms and kitchen! Thanks, James Denslow, for the installation.



Membership notice

Soon it will be time to renew your memberships, and I wanted to remind you that the board has voted to increase an adult membership to \$40 per year and \$20 for each additional adult in the same household. Junior (youth) memberships will remain \$5 each. Multi-year memberships will also be increasing. If you renew before we close for the Winter Holidays you can take advantage of the current rate for 2022. If you wait until after the holidays, the 2023 rate will go into effect. The price also will be increased on the website on the same day. A renewal would be a great holiday gift for a family or an individual.

—Christy Gorrow,
membership coordinator

Upcoming club shows in Florida

SEPTEMBER 17-18

SANFORD

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc; Sanford Civic Center, 401 S. Seminole Blvd., Sanford, FL. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4. Adults \$5, Kids \$2, Scouts in uniform free; Vendors offering rocks, minerals, gemstones, fossils, jewelry, artifacts, metaphysical stones. Silent auction and door prizes offered, demonstrations, family activities and scavenger hunt. Contact Salvatore Sansone, (321) 278-9294. ssfossilhunter@aol.com. www.cfmgs.org.

NOV. 12-13

MELBOURNE

Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adult \$5; contact Dave Wayment; webiec-mgs@gmail.com; www.canaveral-mgs.com/our-show.html

NOV. 19-20

WEST PALM BEACH

Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches; South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd, 2940 Bellarosa Circle; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$9, 2-Day Pass \$14, Children 12 and under free. Visit website for \$1 off coupon. Free parking, door prizes, hourly prize and other prize drawings, over 70 dealers, Gem and fossil mining, geodecracking, displays, demonstrations, speakers, activities for children, spin the wheel game. Contact Barbara Ringhiser, 561-585-2080; bar5678@aol.com; gmspb.org.

Shop fees have gone up

Beginning Sept. 1, shop fees have increased to \$7 per hour. This applies to faceting, lapidary, metal and kiln crafts.

Table crafts fees will be \$3.50 per hour or \$10 for three hours.



Online calendar

Club events, classes, and open shops hours will be posted on the TBMS Google calendar. Click [here](#).

TBMSC Special Meeting Executive Committee Minutes

August 29, 2022

PRESENT: Gerri Lundergan, Greig Lundergan, Christy Gorrow, Deb Pearson, Ardys Favaro, Peter Favaro, Tony Carrino and Melinda Riddle. Over the phone Lyra Solochek and Frank Kenney.

Joanne Resigned her position as Secretary last meeting

1. Need to fill Secretary position: Melinda moved to nominate Ardys Favaro as secretary. Tony second it. Everyone approved
2. Who is up for election: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and three board positions. Lyra on who has applied: 3 open board seats- Melinda, Tony and Peter. President-Gerri. Vice-President-Jim. Treasurer-Greig. (Linda Collins and Yanitza Sendros also applied for the board after this meeting.)
3. Board responsibilities: Officers have established extra positions: Tony, Metal Shop Foreman; Christy, Membership; Greig, Dealer Chair for Shows; Melinda, ? ; Lyra, newsletters.
4. Discussed instead of members birthdays we use their Club Anniversary
5. Accountant: Lizzete of On-Site Accounting in Plant Cit. She specializes in non-profits and forensic accounting. She has given a range of costs based on transactions. Melinda moved and Greig second. Everyone approved
6. Insurance: Brian at Fearnow is who we want to move to; keeping insurance company, but changing insurance agents. Birthday parties and other events are covered under insurance as "educational event."
7. Per Insurance repairs: Hot water heater needs to be moved and replaced...estimate of \$500 per Jim. Frank-suggestion of a on/off switch to be installed for during non-club hours. Lyra asked about tank-less. Frank-does not believe that it will work for the club.
8. Field trip chairs- Carlo. Steven and Camile. Will be present at September Club meeting.
9. Miscellaneous: Melinda Mulberry is having a Fossil Show 2023.

Next Board Meeting in Oct 3. Frank mentioned coupon done sending ¼ sized for copy and distribution Tony motioned to adjourned. Deb seconded it. All approved.

2022 ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

Gerri Lundergan, President
James Denslow, Vice-President
Ardys Favaro, Secretary
Deb Pearson, Treasurer

Board Members

Tony Carrino
Christy Gorrow
Greig Lundergan
Frank Kenney
Melinda Riddle
Lyra Solochek

TBMSC Treasurer's Report

August 1-31, 2022

Beginning Balances 8/1/22:		Ending Balances 8/31/22:	
Checking		\$38,587.43	\$43,979.13
Savings		\$53,512.79	\$53,514.15
Deposits:			
8/4/22	\$1,629.00	Refund	\$22.58 Amazon
8/11/22	\$1,582.00	PayPal	\$7,195.96 8/25/22
8/18/22	\$324.00		\$7,238.74
8/25/22	\$1,798.00		
	<u>\$5,333.00</u>	TOTAL =	\$12,551.54

Utilities/Recurring:

Frontier	\$167.84	Phone and internet
Water	\$19.64	
TECO	\$231.04	Electric
INTUIT	\$25.00	Accounting Software
GoDaddy	\$71.88	Website
Instant Ink	\$12.89	Subscription
	<u>\$528.29</u>	Total Monthly

Checks:

Carrino	\$13.58	silver shop (1078)
State Fair	\$4,675.00	Fall Show (1079)
Carrino	\$690.00	Silver instructor fee (1080)
Lundergan	\$420.00	Lapidary instructor fee (1081)
	<u>\$5,798.58</u>	

General Club	\$71.75	baking soda, thumb drives, paper towels
Rio Grande	\$120.19	Kiln/Metal
Cool Tools	\$64.10	Kiln
Amazon	\$126.49	club supplies
Publix	\$31.13	water, club supplies
Dollar Tree	\$56.44	Lapidary
Filters Fast	\$154.66	Subscription
QuickBooks	\$56.13	Software upgrade
FaceBook Ads	\$152.08	Fall show
TOTAL	<u>\$832.97</u>	

TBMSC General Membership Minutes

Sept. 3 , 2022

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am by President Gerri Lundergan

Minutes and Treasurer Report will be put in the Geode

1. Update on the repairs

The club will be tented for termites 19-22 of September 2022

Volunteers needed on the 17 September 2022 to help get the yard and house ready for the tent

2. Show Report

We are full.

Phillip Stephenson is coming back

Saturday night after the show there will be a presentation about his new Whiskey Creek claim

Dan Arkwright will be present at the show. Will be sharing his Florida Agatized Coral, cutting coral open and showing how to polish it on a cabbng machine and knowledge of the club and its beginnings. His Dad is one of our founders.

3. Elections

List of members running for positions

President- Gerri Lundergan

Vice President- Peter Favaro and Jim Denslow

Treasurer- Greig Lundergan

Board Members- Melinda Riddle, Tony Carrino and Yanitza Sendros

4. Field Trip Committee

Carlos Lucin, Camille Mourant and Steven LeVasseur

They will be on putting together field trips for the club – more in the Geode

Will be starting up in October

5. Move to Adjourn the meeting. All aproved

Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc. Membership Application

Adult #1	Occupation	Birth Month
Adult #2	Occupation	Birth Month
Child (under 18)		Birth Month
Child (under 18)		Birth Month
Child (under 18)		Birth Month
Street		
City	State	Zip
E-mail Address		Phone ()
		Are you willing to receive your monthly newsletter by E-mail? <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) \$30 Individual, \$15 for each additional adult in household, and \$5 for each child under 18. Multi-year membership: \$100.00 individual for 4 years, \$50.00 per additional adult in household for 4 years.

Make check payable to "TBMSC" and mail with this application to Membership Chair-person, 10207 Fisher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619 or drop it off at the clubhouse when you visit!

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Phone: (813) 684-2039
Website: www.TampaBayRockClub.org
Email: info@tampabayrockclub.org
Membership Meetings: 1st Saturday of each quarter at 1 P.M.
Executive Meetings: 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M.
Monthly Newsletter: The Coral Geode

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