



THE CORAL GEODE

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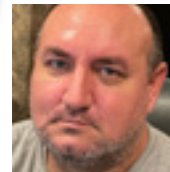


Calendar



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the Spring Show,
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President's message



**Peter
Favaro**

Happy Spring!

Another show is in the wraps, and I have to say I am truly grateful to all our members and their families that helped us pull this off. No show can happen without you the volunteers. Although our attendance numbers were down from the fall show, they are still very close to our last spring show, so I view that as a positive outcome. In the end we still made a profit for our wonderful club and that keeps our lights on and gives us the ability to keep on sharing our passion for our various crafts.

As we move forward from here as a club, the sky is the limit, along with our ability to adapt and improve our offerings. To do this I would like to get more input from you, the members, of what you would like us to offer, things that could help us increase our participation within the club, and lastly to help safeguard this club's legacy for future generations. Members of the board and I, and some of the general membership, have discussed things like using our YouTube channel to take some of our classes and making them a pay-to-view channel, so that we can offer a wider range of classes. This would be things that cover a wide variety of topics that can help refresh one's memory of, say, a technique that they have been struggling with, how to evaluate material for quality, and countless other possibilities. This is why I am asking for your input so that we can work together and strengthen our club's foundation for the future. Technology has been catching up to us very fast, but it will never be able to replace our ability to create pieces of art from our imagina-

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tions.

There will be a last chance to buy some of our used equipment until May. All you have to do is talk to me. Once May rolls around, I will open up the purchase of the equipment to the public. This equipment has been available for a while now and has just been sitting there taking up space, so it's time for it to go. There will also be three large tumblers that are currently in the shed that are in need of parts to make them functional for use, and these are able to be purchased. We also have long carpeted mats in the shed that are available as a final sale item.

Soon members will be able to shop for material in the shed, we have reconfigured the sheds and are in the process of sorting and pricing things in a what I hope will be a very organized manner. Many things will be labeled with the material type and as I stated before all prices will be clearly visible. All of this has been available to us in the past but now will all be centrally located and clearly priced.



New members!

- Joshua Owens and Clementine Smyer
- Ryan Wigginton and Jordin Wigginton + Logan Wigginton
- Dominic and Desiree Maurais
- Mike Newell
- Siva Padmasali
- Patrizia Ramirez
- Terry Petrey
- Susumu Ota and Gladys Proveda
- Danita Kohlhepp
- Dow Yung Kou
- Audrey Moody
- Rick Jackson

APRIL 22, 2023

Gerri Lundergan's Celebration of Life

Join us at Gerri Lundergan's Celebration of Life Ceremony, which will be held Saturday, April 22, at the Plant City American Legion, 2207 W. Baker St., Plant City 33563. Anyone who would like to share a Gerri story is welcome to speak. I hope to see all of the people whose life was touched by Gerri one way or another.

Sandwiches will be provided. If you could bring some refreshments or finger food, please click on the SignUp Genius logo below.

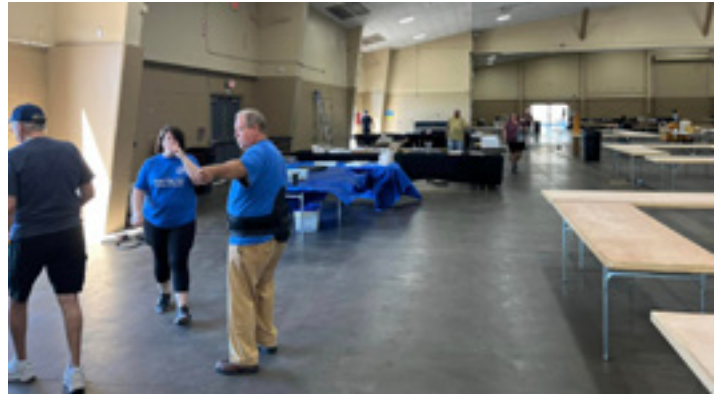
— Greig Lundergan



We need your input!

Members, it's time for the 2023 membership survey. Look for it in your email inbox next week, and submit your answers before May 1. Your participation will help us to improve club offerings.

TBMSC Spring Show 2023



Show volunteers,
I want to thank you all for the hard work you put in making this past show a success. While the attendance was down from the Fall Show, we did see a similar guest count from the last Spring Show. All the vendors that shared feedback expressed in glowing terms how much they appreciate all you do to make our shows a success.

Your participation in helping us get ready, set up, work during, and tear down after, are why we are one of the biggest and best rock, mineral and gem shows in Florida.

With you and your help, our shows would not have grown to the level of success that they have attained!

We expect the Fall Show – Nov. 4-5 – to be a roaring success, and anticipate a guest count in excess of 3,000 adults and kids.

I hope to see you at the club for our next quarterly club/tailgate meeting June 3.

Thanks again, enjoy your summer, and I will be asking for your help again come fall.

– Greig Lundergan



TBMSC Spring Show 2023



Show Report

We had a similar attendance to the last Spring Show, approximately 1,440 attendees, including children. The club made a good profit at this show, just like with the past two shows we have held at the Florida State Fairgrounds.

Using College Hunks to move our show materials to and from the fairgrounds was a decidedly smart move. Our volunteers were fresher and more lively during the show, and not overly taxed and worn out.

2023 Strawberry Festival jewelry contest winners

Christy Gorrow took three blue ribbons for first place and three red ribbons for second place at the 2023 Strawberry Festival Neighborhood Village contest, jewelry division. She also won a President's Award for her necklace.

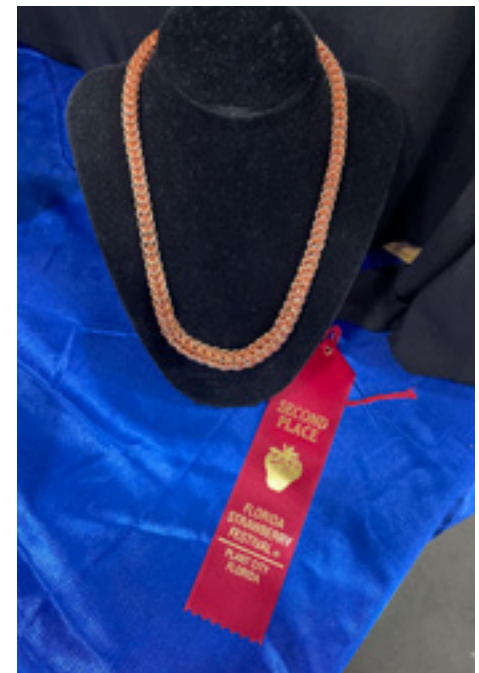


TABLE CRAFTS

Wire-wrapped

Wire wrap instructor Linda Collins showed students recently on how to create earrings with wire and beads.



Patriotic gnomes in May

All the gnome patterns are made with two-drop brick stitch.

Up next:

Patriotic Gnome – Saturday May 13 & 20 (12:30-3:30 p.m.) Table Crafts will be open on May 18 & 25 from 1-4 p.m. if you need extra time. (This will get him done in time for Labor Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day)

Contact Christy Gorrow to sign up and for the materials you'll need at cgorrow@juno.com or text 813-857-4454.

Class schedule for other gnomes:

- Halloween Gnome – Saturday Sept. 9 & 16 (12:30-3:30 p.m.) Table Crafts to be announced.
- Christmas Gnome – Saturday Nov. 11 & 18 (12:30-3:30 p.m.) Table Crafts Nov. 9 & 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. if you need extra time.

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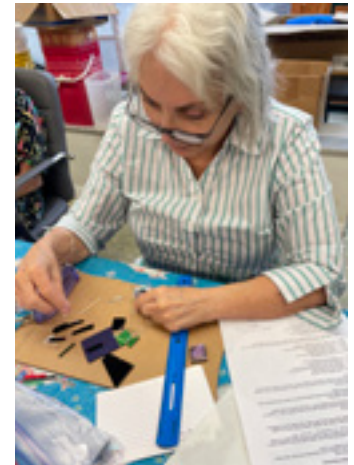
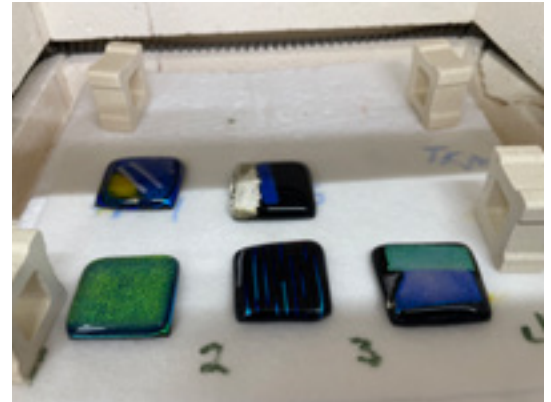
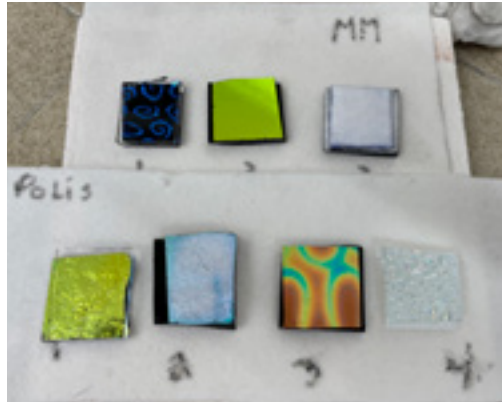
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Metal Clay, Fused Glass, Enameling

KILN CORNER

Fused Dichroic Glass Cabochons

In March, Barbara Rivolta taught a class on how to cut, shape, stack and fire dichroic glass cabochons for making earrings, pendants and other jewelry.



Upcoming club shows in Florida

April 22-23—SANFORD, FL: Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc., a non-profit 501(C)3 educational organization, is hosting a Rock, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show on April 22nd and 23rd, 2023 at the City of Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd., Sanford, FL 32771. Show time: Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 9am to 4pm. Vendors offering rocks, minerals, gemstones, fossils, beads, jewelry, artifacts, meta-physical stones, handcrafted cabochons, etc. Silent auction, door prizes, demonstrations and family activities. Admission fee: Adults \$5, Kids \$2 and Scouts in uniform free. Website: www.cfmgs.org. Contact: President Salvatore Sansone 321-278-9294 or e-mail: ssfossilhunter@aol.com

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.

LAPIDARY

Lapidary shop is getting a facelift

Lapidary is still closed for now, but things are looking quite different in the back. We've moved some rough and slab material to the shed, and soon there will be new paint on the walls along with two CabKing machines being set up.

Classes will be resuming soon. I already have the next two series of classes almost completely full. There will be some new instructors soon also so that we might be able to expand our class availability. On top of that, I am working on getting some workshops set up for some more advanced classes and will keep you all posted as they are scheduled.

For those interested in a opal class please reach out to schedule it. This will be a one-on-one class so it is first come, first served once we are opened back up.

— Peter Favaro

FACETING



What's new in faceting

Sadly we are still closed for now, but I am getting there. There will be a few new instructors also who will be teaching soon to help increase our class offerings.

I am putting together a few workshops that will not be classes on cutting, but more about how to evaluate rough for purchase and a polishing presentation. Once I have them all ready I will announce the dates of these.

— Peter Favaro

METAL SHOP

Come work on your silver projects



OPEN SHOP HOURS

- Tuesdays: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

RESERVATION REQUIRED

How to reserve: We currently do not have a set schedule for monitors, but will try to accommodate as needs arise. Contact Linda Collins at 508-944-3399 if you would like to make a reservation.

Shop fee: \$5 per hour — cash (must be exact, no change available), check or PayPal.

Requirement: You must have proof (class completion card) that you've taken the Beginning Silversmithing class. If you're already an accomplished silversmith and would like to attend Open Shop, contact Metal Shop Foreman Tony Carrino to get on the approved list.

Want to take a silver class?

Contact instructor Tony Carrino for the start date of the next series of Beginning Silver-smithing class by emailing tcarrino@verizon.net.

TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023

Call to order: 6:36 p.m.

Board members present: Greig Lundergan, Linda Collins (by phone), Lyra Solochek, Yanitza Sendros, Peter Favaro, Christy Gorrow, James Denslow

Non-Board members present: Melinda Riddle

- Yanitza Sendros and Lyra Solochek moved for the previous meeting minutes to be approved. James Denslow and Greig Lundergan seconded the motion. All approved.
- The treasurer's report was given by Greig Lundergan.
- This month's deposits will be erratic because of the club's upcoming classes.
- Spring show made \$35,000 on tables and paid \$30,000 to the Florida State Fair.
- The College Hunk movers fee has been split since some posted in March and some in April.
- Christy Gorrow moved for the treasure's report to be approved. Lyra Solochek and James Denslow second the motion. All approved.
- The Spring Show report was also given by Greig Lundergan
- Concern for the vendors' lunch on Friday was raised. Since the quality of the food given at this show was not good. It lacked some of the main ingredients and the bread was soggy.
- Need to get at least two more tablets before the next show. This will ensure that all cash transactions are also being recorded in the payment system.
- The overall profit was \$17,500. The club received a credit from the State Fair from an overestimation on parking.
- An increase of \$2.00 per table would cover the cost of having the AC on Friday during set up.
- All decisions regarding the increase in price were postponed until after the fair has its board meeting in July.
- Discussion on the vendor grievances: Mainly competing against wholesale and not being on the same spot as the last show.
- Yanitza Sendros asked about charging a premium fee to vendors for them to get their desired spot. Greig Lundergan explained that is not possible since he must ensure a balance of offerings across the different aisles.
- Handicap parking was closer to the building this year. The food at the concession is still questionable.
- Discussion of using different venues followed.
- Discussion of changing the dates for future spring show
- The Fall Show will still be during the first weekend of November.
- Despite all the other events that were going on during the show in the Tampa Bay area, the attendance was approximately the same as last year's Spring Show.
- Peter Favaro suggested that we analyze the trend of spring show attendance vs. fall show attendance to see whether the Spring Show should be smaller.

Other business:

- AC repairs will cost around \$170. Ardys Favaro moved for the repairs to take place. Greig Lundergan second the motion. All approved.

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- Peter Favaro talked to T-Mobile about switching our current phone line. We can keep our number and receive two cellphones and unlimited data – which would allow us to use hotspots for internet connection. The total cost will be about the same as we are currently paying for a phone service. However, the plan would also include a year subscription to Microsoft 365, which would allow the club to save the annual cost for subscribing to the software.
- Discussion ensued on what services were connected to the current internet line to make sure the T-Mobile plan will work, ie. ADT security system
- A subscription-based YouTube classes were discussed next and whether at home editing would be fair to the volunteers. Peter Favaro stated that now the club does not have the technical capabilities to support such an endeavor. Until the club can update its equipment, we must rely on volunteers doing the task at home.
- A discussion took place whether a camcorder or a Go-Pro would be better for recording these videos.
- Lyra Solochek volunteered multiple devices to see which of these devices recorded with the best quality.
- A survey will be added to the Geode to ask members for input on the context of the classes.
- Open shop attendance has been low to non-existent in some areas. The might have to adjust the available times.
- Suggestion was made by Peter Favaro that the club may want to do more half-day or full-day workshops to compensate to get more people in the clubhouse.
- The construction bid received by Vail Remodeling and Custom Cabinets LLC. Was reviewed item by item. Greig Lundergan suggested that a revised version of the bid be issued to accommodate the latest changes.
- Lyra Solochek brought up the youth summer programs and asked whether they were going to be happening this year. Discussion ensues on whether it is feasible and can we have them ready for this summer.
- A sign-up genius will be set up for Gerri Lundergan’s memorial. Easy finger foods are the goal.
- Greig Lundergan wrote a thank-you note for all the volunteers that helped in the show and it will go out on the issue of the Geode.
- Greig Lundergan and Lyra Solochek moved for the meeting to adjourned. Yanitza Sendros and James Denslow seconded the motion. All approved.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

Peter Favaro, President
James Denslow, Vice President
Greig Lundergan, Treasurer
Linda Collins, Assistant Treasurer
Ardys Favaro, Secretary

Board Members

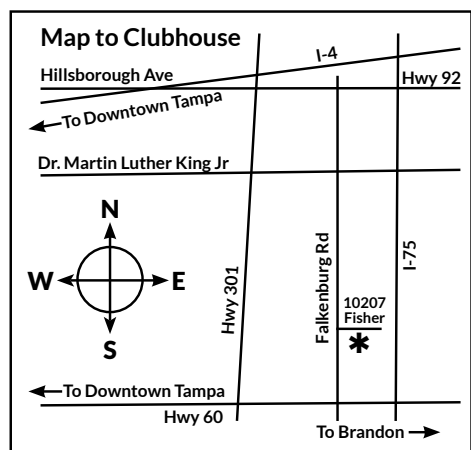
Tony Carrino
Christy Gorrow
Frank Kenney

Carlo Lucin
Yanitza Sendros
Lyra Solochek

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	