



THE CORAL GEODE

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ABOUT OUR CLUB



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Calendar

President's message



Peter Favaro

Another month gone and more progress around the club. Clean up started early in the morning on July 9, and was a great success. We were able to really take care of some much needed trash removal and preparations inside for renovations. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen. Very soon the first phase of the construction project will start in the faceting area, so please pardon the dust.



Elections for leadership positions are coming up. If you want to get involved more with the day-to-day operations of the club, please reach out to election committee members Greig Lundergan or Melinda Riddle. (See more information on [Page 3](#).) Board meetings are once a month and we would love to have you join us. All members are also welcome to attend any of these monthly meetings.



Have you ever thought about becoming an Open Shop monitor or an instruc-

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Thank you!

Special thanks to volunteers who helped up with the club cleanup on July 9.

- Jamie Ammons
- Peggy Coffey
- Rick Jackson
- Regina Bieniek
- Jim Kammel
- Carlo Lucin
- Audrey Mayrent
- Sandy Fandetti
- Steve Fandetti
- Randy Rasmussen
- Kay Niedenthal
- Jeff Solochek
- Lyra Solochek



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tor? If you're interested, please reach out to the foreman of the area of interest and let them know.

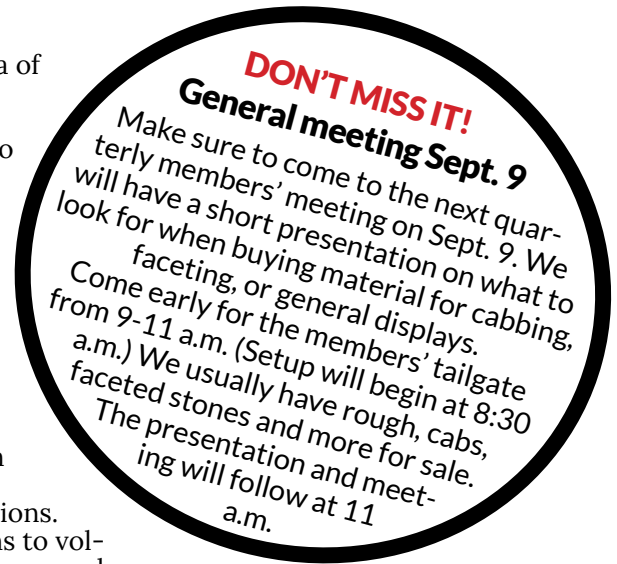
What does a monitor do? He or she oversees the proper use of equipment during Open Shop hours and give assistance to those who attend. Monitors are compensated for their time with Open Shop time equivalent to the amount of time worked. Another option is to receive a discount for a class we offer at the club.



Lastly, our show is not that far off, and we will need volunteers. So please keep your calendar free for the dates surrounding the show dates of Nov. 4-5. Sign up for time slots will be posted during our September tailgate/membership meeting. **(Because of the Labor Day holiday, this will take place on Sept. 9.)** Also keep an eye out for the sign up book in the clubhouse.

There also will be slots available for members to do demonstrations. (We are asking all people participating at the demonstration stations to volunteer an additional two hours of time before or after the demo.) Any member who would like to do this should sign up online on Signup Genius at bit.ly/2023demo, or contact Christy Gorrow.

As always, thank you all for making this such a great club.





New members!

Brenda Gregory

Mary DeGon

Ginger Mason

Dana LaClair

Katherine Alexander

Mary Keesling

Samantha Lundergan

Want to demo at our Fall Show?



Members! Start making your plans to volunteer and do demos at the Fall Show. Sign up is open on Signup Genius at bit.ly/2023demo.

WHEN: Nov. 4-5 at the Florida State Fairgrounds

WHAT: You may do demonstrations for table crafts, faceting, lapidary, wire wrapping, cold connections, metal clay or simple smithing.

SHIFTS: 2-3 demo hours per shift. If you're doing demos, you must also commit to two additional hours of volunteering Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

PERKS: Members are allowed to sell their work at the demo.

DEADLINE: Sign up will close Sept. 9.

CONTACT: For more information, contact Christy Gorrow at geodeeditor@gmail.com with a subject line of "Show Demo."

ELECTION

Help us make a difference

Elections are coming up to choose club leadership for next year. Anyone interested in running for a position should contact the Election Committee. Greig Lundergan and Melinda Riddle are the committee members this year.

These seats are open:

- Vice President (This is a special election to complete the term of the current vice president, who is stepping down at the end of the year.)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Board of Directors (three seats)

Send an email to tampamineral@gmail.com to be to place your name on the ballot. Deadline is 11 a.m. Sept. 9.

Candidates will introduce themselves at the general membership meeting. They will also have to fill in a questionnaire, which the election committee will send out.

For more information or to put your name in the running, contact Greig Lundergan at greigl2010@yahoo.com.



In additon to elected positions, we are also seeking a new Dealer/Show Chair to take over from Greig Lundergan next year. Greig will train the new Chair on what the job entails.

Contact Greig at greigl2010@yahoo.com.



[vecteezy.com](https://www.vecteezy.com)

LAPIDARY

Cabochon class now offered on Thursdays



Weekend lapidary classes are filling fast as usual. To meet demand, we will offer a six-session Thursday morning class every other week for those who can't make it on the weekends.

The cost of the class will be the same as the two-day weekend class. Total time will be the same for both, just that your shop time will be more spaced out.

You can check for availability for the August two-day classes scheduled for Aug. 5-6 and Aug. 26-27.

Contact Peter Favaro for more information at hawk_doc@hotmail.com.

— Peter Favaro



Beginning Cabochon class June 10-11

FACETING

New Thursday classes added

Faceting foreman Tom Dershem won't be back for a while, but that doesn't mean we have stopped having classes. In addition to Saturday sessions, we are adding Thursday classes which will be held every other week. Keep an eye out for an email announcing class dates.

If you're interested in taking the class, contact Peter Favaro at hawk_doc@hotmail.com.

To accommodate more students, the club just ordered two more new Ultra-Tec faceting machines for the club. They should arrive in September.

— Peter Favaro



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.



KILN ARTS

Upcoming classes

CANCELED

Setting Glass in Metal Clay

Instructor Barbara Rivolta had to cancel this class.

No kiln arts classes in August

Barbara Rivolta and other artists (including Michael J. Marx, who was our guest instructor in April) will be teaching at the Metal Clay Artists Symposium at Sawtooth School For Visual Art in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Aug. 24-27. For information and registration, go to MCASSawtooth.com.

Looking forward to Fall

Barbara is planning these classes. More information to come.

Sept. 17: Metal Clay Lace Cuff and Earrings using bronze & copper

Oct. 22: Setting Natural Stones in Fine Silver Metal Clay (no soldering)

Dec. 10: Holiday Brooch and Earrings in Sterling Metal Clay

KILN ARTS



Glass cabochon class

June 11, June 17



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METAL SHOP

Want to learn how to create your own silver jewelry?



Tony Carrino demonstrates how to solder during a Beginning Silver class.

In the Beginning Silver nine-week course you will learn how to saw, manipulate and solder silver into your own pieces of wearable art. The next series will begin Aug. 1. Classes will be from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, email tcarrino@verizon.net.



TABLE CRAFTS

Viking Knit, Kumihimo, Beads, more!



Table Crafts will meet every Thursday in July from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., with 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. available by request. If you have unfinished projects, come join us. I know there are several unfinished delica beaded bracelets in the closet. Plus, I know several people didn't finish their Viking Knit from the last class. If there's something in the way of Chaining, Viking Knit, Beading, or Kumihimo you would like to try, let me know. Table Crafts fee is \$3.50 an hour, but if you want to stay 3 hours, the cost is \$10. Email cgorrow@juno.com, text 813-857-4454 or leave a message to reserve a space and time.

— Christy Gorrow

Gnome classes

- Halloween Gnome — Saturday Sept. 9 & 16 (12:30-3:30 p.m.) OpenTable Crafts for July, August and September — to be announced.
- Christmas Gnome— Saturday Nov. 11 & 18 (12:30-3:30 p.m.) Open Table Crafts Nov. 9 & 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. if you need extra time

All the gnome patterns are made with two-drop brick stitch. Contact Christy Gorrow to sign up and for the materials you'll need at cgorrow@juno.com or text 813-857-4454.



Club shows in Florida

Sept. 23-24

SANFORD

Show and sale; Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc; Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$6, Kids \$3, Scouts in uniform Free; Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, Inc., a nonprofit 501(C)3 education organization, is hosting Rock, Mineral, Gem & Fossil Show with Vendors offering rocks, minerals, gemstones, fossils, beads, jewelry, artifacts, metaphysical stones, handcrafted stones, etc. Silent auction & family activities; contact Salvatore Sansone, (321) 278-9294; Email: ssfossilhunter@aol.com; Website: www.cfmgs.org

Nov. 4-5

TAMPA

Annual show; Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club of Tampa FL Inc; Florida State Fairgrounds, 4008 US Hwy 301, 10207 Fisher Ave; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission- \$10, Seniors and Military \$8, Kids under 10 Free; We offer a great diversity of vendors. A fun-filled kids section, a Sluice, a kids Bean Bag game, and a Microscope to view your rocks up close. Plus someone in the kids section available to answer all of your rock questions. We also have a concession stand open during the show and an ATM out front; contact Greig Lundergan, (813) 684-2039; Email: tbmscshow@gmail.com; Website: tampabayrockclub.org/

Nov. 18-19

WEST PALM BEACH

Annual show; Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches; South Florida Fairgrounds, Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Adults \$10, 2 day pass \$15, Children under 12 are free. Visit gmspb.org for a \$1 off coupon; Dealers from all over the country offering jewelry, beads, rocks, minerals, loose gemstones, settings, findings, fossils, meteorites, tools, books, and more. Educational activities and exhibits. Demonstration area. Hourly prizes and a grand prize; contact Richard Tracey, (803) 518-1385; Email: rtracey@gladesassociates.com

CALENDAR

GENERAL CLUB HOURS

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



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

Saturday, July 15
9am BEGINNING CABOCHON
DAY 1 (No lapidary open shop)

Sunday, July 16
9am BEGINNING CABOCHON
DAY 2

Thursday, July 20
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, July 22
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday, July 25
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, July 27
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, July 29
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday, August 1
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, August 3
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, August 5
9am BEGINNING CABOCHON
DAY 1 (No lapidary open shop)

Sunday, August 6
9am BEGINNING CABOCHON
DAY 2

Monday, August 7
6:30pm BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 8
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, August 10
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, August 12
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday, August 15
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, August 17
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, August 19
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday, August 22
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, August 24
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, August 26
9am BEGINNING CABOCHON
DAY 1 (No lapidary open shop)

Sunday, August 27
9am BEGINNING CABOCHON
DAY 2

Tuesday, August 29
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, August 31
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, September 2
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday, September 5
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, September 7
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, September 9
9a TAILGATE
11a GENERAL MEETING
12:30pm HALLOWEEN GNOME

Monday, September 11
6:30pm BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 12
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, September 14
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, September 16
9am Lapidary Open Shop
12:30pm HALLOWEEN GNOME

Sunday, September 17
METAL CLAY: LACE CUFF AND
EARRINGS

Tuesday, September 19
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, September 21
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, September 23
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday, September 26
3pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, September 28
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday, September 30
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Brad's Bench Tips

By Bradford Smith



Ochre Applicator

Yellow ochre is used when you want to be sure the solder won't flow on an area of your piece while you're soldering another area. The only problem with ochre is coming up with a good way to store and apply it.

I use recycled nail polish bottles. They seal well and have a built-in brush applicator. Just clean them out with a little acetone or nail polish remover, and they're ready to go.

"24 Easy Metal Textures" - With No Rolling Mill Required

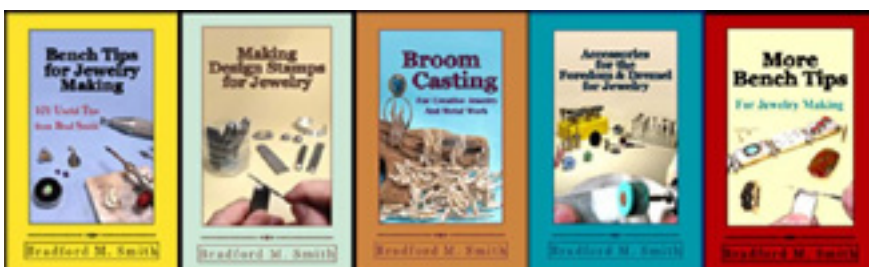
It details 24 different techniques for adding texture to your jewelry and metal work without the need for heavy equipment like a mill. The techniques make use of more common tools and materials around the shop — like hammers, stamps, punches, and tool bits for the Dremel or Foredom.

Each technique is explained in detail with:

- Description and pictures of the technique
- Procedures for creating the texture
- List of tools and supplies needed
- Options for modifying and personalizing

These methods are both useful and practical. I use them in my own work, and I teach them to others in classes and workshops. What's more is they're practical. None should put a dent in your budget.

Copies are available now at <https://amazon.com/dp/B0BPGPTBNH/>



Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

Board Members present: Ardys Favaro, Peter Favaro, Greig Lundergan, Tony Carrino, James Denslow, Christy Gorrow, Lyra Solochech, Linda Collins by phone

Non-Board Members present: Melinda Riddle

- Call to order: 6:32 p.m.
- Motion to approve June minutes made by Tony Carrino. Seconded by Greig Lundergan. Approved by all.
- Treasurer report was given by Greig Lundergan
 - Profit was made this month.
 - Started receiving payments for the Fall Show.
 - Discussion on the monthly Amazon subscription cost, and whether it is worth keeping the membership. If we do decide to keep it we will move to start paying the membership annually to save money.
 - Tony Carrino motioned to switch Amazon account from monthly to yearly. Greig Lundergan second the motion. Approved by all.
 - Treasurer's report was motioned to be approved by Tony Carrino. Seconded by James Denslow and approved by all.
- Show preparations going forward as expected.
 - Discussion on the logistics of scheduling demos throughout the show.
 - Discussion on logistics of arranging of the tables.
 - Discussion on table cost and parking for future shows.
 - Updating Rock and Gem magazine with our show dates.
- Cleaning update.
 - Volunteer Work Day was a success, thanks to those who participated.
 - Discussion on how to discard the remaining debris.
- Elections Update
 - Due to health concerns Vice President James Denslow will have to step down from his position.
 - Melinda Riddle will join Greig Lundergan on the Elections Committee as a member representative.
- Class updates
 - Silversmith class will start August 1.
 - Will finish the Signup Genius online signup function, and it will be implemented by September 1.
 - There will be a series of lapidary and faceting classes for Thursdays.
 - Open shop will be \$15 flat fee in order to ensure that we can pay for the cost of opening the clubhouse.
 - Because of reduced attendance, board proposes having reduced summer hours for open shop.
- Next general member meeting moved to September 9 because of the Labor Day holiday. Tailgate will be 9-11 a.m. and the meeting will be at 11.
- Motion to adjourn proposed by Tony Carrino. Seconded by James Denslow. Approved by all.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

Peter Favaro, President
James Denslow, Vice-President
Greig Lundergan, Treasurer
Ardys Favaro, Secretary

Board Members

Tony Carrino
Linda Collins (Assistant Treasurer)
Christy Gorrow
Carlo Lucin
Yanitza Sendros
Lyra Solochech

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club of Tampa FL, Inc

June 2023 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	Checking \$46,197.92	Savings \$52,092.17
		Interest \$1.71
Ending Balance	\$48,062.80	\$52,096.25
		Income \$12,894.00
		Expenses 11,128.77
		Profit/Loss \$1,765.23

Deposits

Method	Date	Amount
Weekly	6/8/2023	\$2,912
PayPal	6/13/2023	\$1,351.66
Weekly	6/24/2023	\$8,630

Totals \$12,894

Checks	Date	Amount	TO	For
1148	6/24/2023	\$150.00	Lyra Solochek	Geode
1149	6/24/2023	\$200	Alejandro Rivera	Lawn

Total \$350.00

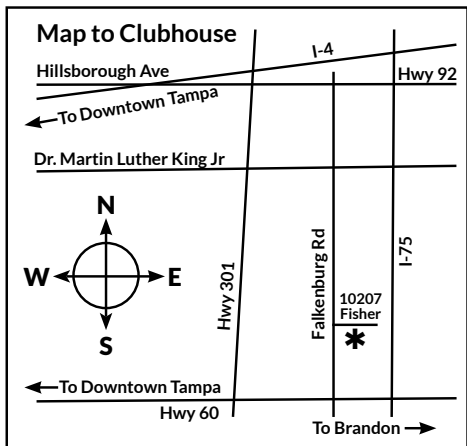
Recurring Expenses

TO	Date	Amount	For
Insta Ink	6/20/2023	\$12.89	Ink
Intuit	6/8/2023	\$85.00	Quick Books
City of Tampa	6/16/2023	\$19.58	Water /Trash
Amazon	6/16/2023	\$15.12	Subscription

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		Phone*
Preferred form of contact* <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Phone				Are you willing to receive your monthly newsletter by Email? <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	