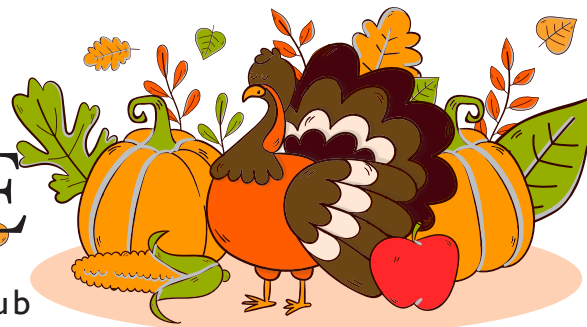


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gerri Lundergan

Wowzers !!! What a show. Our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Show was one of our biggest shows to date.

One hundred and eighty tables, over 40 vendors and a record numbers of attendees. After all expenses – we cleared \$17,000.

Words can not express my appreciation and gratitude to all our Club Members who volunteered their time helping with set up, running the show and breaking down. It truly takes a village to pull off a huge show like this and we succeeded with everyone's help.

We are already planning our Spring Show for April 2 & 3. The floor plan is started, and most spots are filled. Plus, pre-planning for our 63<sup>rd</sup> Fall Show has begun.

December 4th is our Tailgate/ Members Flea Market Sale Day. The event begins at 9 a.m. and will close at 10:30 a.m., so we can have our

Annual Meeting. Gates open at 8 a.m. for set up in the parking lot.

December 4th Member Market Day is one you will not want to miss. We are pulling out a Lot of material from the rock shed that will be offered for sale.

Geodes, Thunder Eggs, some rough, slabs, crystals, mineral specimens, and much more.

Our Nominating Chair Ron Wadas will be sending out the ballots in the next couple weeks to elect our Officers for 2022. Please reply to the email that you receive.

A warm welcome to all our new members and if you have a question, reach out to one of our officers or board members.

Thank You everyone again for helping to make this a great show!!!

Gerri  
President, TBM&SC

# GET YOUR SWAG ON!

TBM&SC T-Shirts, Hoodies, Zippys, Bags, Ball Caps and pretty much anything else we can logo are on sale now!

“Stop The Car I See A Rock” T-shirts are in stock.

S-XL: \$12

2XL: \$14

3XL: \$16

Ball Caps: \$15

Hoodie Bags: \$15 (great soft bag that can be tossed in the washer & dryer).

Go to Sanmar.com to shop for other items you would like to have an embroidered logo put on.

No minimums for embroidery items.

Message me the item number, size and then I can get you the price.

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# LAPIDARY CORNER

with Gerri Lundergan

Whew...

The saws were busy this past month getting ready for the show.

Now we have a fabulous selection of slabs in the clubhouse.

We will begin slabbing member material again next week.

Currently working on a new schedule for Lapidary with Beginning Cab classes, workshops, and open shop times. Will email this out once we get it firmed up.

## General Membership Meeting

Saturday,  
December 4  
11 a.m.

Immediately  
following our  
Tailgate event



# 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SHOW IN REVIEW

There is more to enjoy on the club Facebook page and on our Instagram page



Our Club Mascot Jasper Jack showing the group about Fluorescing minerals with a black light

Huge Thank You to Philip Stephenson for giving his presentation on Mining Agates & Jaspers in the northwest





# METAL CLAY WORKSHOPS

Taste of Metal Clay: Sunday, November 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$135 includes materials and club fee.

Dichroic Glass Cabs & Metal Clay, Thursdays, December 2, 9 & 16th, 12-3 p.m. \$195 includes materials and club fee.

Paper Clay Jewelry: Saturday, December 11, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$150 includes materials and club fee.

Twig Ring: Friday, February 11, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$295 Includes materials, lunch and club fee.

Fantasy Mushroom Pendant: Saturday & Sunday, February 12-13. \$640 includes materials, lunches and club fee. Bundle & save \$50 when you enroll in both workshops

Contact Barbara Rivolta: [Barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com) or 609-713-2202.



## COMING TO TBM&SC



**Anna Mazon'**

Metal Clay Master Class Workshops

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

February 11th thru 13th, 2022





# FACETING PROJECTS

Congratulations to Lyra, John, Eric & Leland on completing their faceted stones.



## DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> FORDITE WORKSHOP #2 WITH PAUL MEYER

Learn how to work Fordite, Corvettite, Jeepite, Surfite, 1p.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is \$50 - material provided. Class limited to 5 students.

Must have completed Beginning Cabochons to take this class & be a current TBM&SC member.

Contact Gerri Lundergan at [dunpaintedfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:dunpaintedfarm@yahoo.com) or 813-943-5665 to sign up or for more information.





# BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

## MARKING YOUR TOOLS

It makes sense to mark your tools if you ever lend them to friends or take them out to classes or workshops. Question is how to mark them permanently. For metal tools, I use a very small ball bur running fast in the Dremel or Foredom to "engrave" my initials. Other times I'll form the initials with a number of hits with a center punch.

But for hammer handles and other wooden tools, the country boy in me came back and thought "Why not make a branding iron?" If you'd like to try one, all you need is a little scrap copper or nickel about 22-24 gauge, a piece of heavy brass or copper for a base, about 6 inches of metal rod and a piece of wood for the handle.



I formed my initials from a couple 4mm strips of sheet nickel. The "S" was one

piece, but the "B" was three pieces soldered together with hard. (Remember to form the letters backwards). I then soldered the letters with medium onto a piece of

1/8 inch thick brass bar to act as a heat sink. Finally, I soldered a piece of 1/8 round rod on the back of the brass bar as a shaft to join to a wooden handle.

## NO SCRATCH VISE JAWS

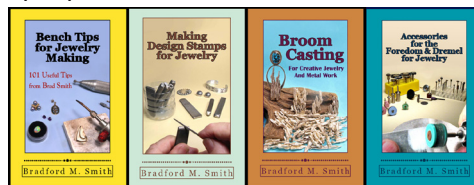
If your bench vise has replaceable jaws, there is a simple modification to customize it for bending sheet metal and holding jewelry pieces without worrying about the jaws leaving scratch marks.

I make a duplicate set of jaws from high density plastic such as Nylon or Delrin. Remove the jaws and use them as a template. Cut two pieces from a 1/2 inch sheet of scrap plastic.

Then clamp the steel jaw over the plastic and drill through the steel side and into the plastic. Finally, use a larger drill to countersink the plastic for the screw heads.



Plastic can be obtained from the scrap bin at a local plastics store, can be purchased online from Ebay, or can be repurposed from an old kitchen cutting board.



Be More Productive With Brad's "How To" Books: [Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith)

## SLATE OF OFFICERS

From the Nominating Chair Ron Wadas

Here is the slate of officers on the ballet as of November 8, 2021. If anyone is interested in running for any Office or Board position, contact me at [ronwadas@hotmail.com](mailto:ronwadas@hotmail.com).

- President: Gerri Lundergan
- Vice President: Jim Denslow
- Secretary: Joanne Cornell (2 year term)
- Board: Tony Carreno (2 year term)
- Board: Christy Gorrow (2 year term)
- Board: Lisa Miller (2 year term)

Ballots will be sent out by November 20. You will have 10 days to reply to the emailed ballot. Results will be announced at our December 4 meeting.

# TAMPA BAY MINERAL AND SCIENCE CLUB BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2021

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Gerri Lundergan, Grieg Lundergan, Lisa Miler, Deb Pearson, Joanne Cornell, Melinda Riddle, Jim Denslow, Tony Carrino, Christy Gorrow.

**Minutes:** Minutes approved as read in last month's Geode.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking \$9,693.04. Money Market Savings \$53,499.75. On October 4, 2021 transferred \$5,000 from savings.

Outstanding checks \$1,425 (#1014, #1009).

Highlights:

- Sunbiz update \$70.50
- Plant city business license \$236.25
- Septic system \$2,388.80, (in need of repair to drain field estimate \$5000)
- T-Shirts \$800 for fall show
- KK Electric \$760 for Electrical work
- Accountant \$3,000
- Plant City Business License \$236.25
- Refunds show \$550
- Deposits:
  - 9/3-10/5 Total Deposits \$3100
- September Spent: \$8,540.72
- September Income \$6324.11
- Recurring bills:
  - Terminix \$368.73
  - Frontier \$160.07
  - Teco \$274.47
- Pending deposit of moldavite sale
- Insurance is due 10/31 \$2,628

Currently receiving new quotes as current policy is under insured. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Greig Lundergan and 2nd by Lisa Miller.

## Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session by Deb Pearson and 2nd by Melinda Riddle. Motion to come out of Executive Session by Greig Lundergan and 2nd Tony Carrino.

## Old Business

1. Floyd Estate settled.
2. Show Report:
  - a. Replaced all vendors who backed out with new vendors.
  - b. Five (5) refunds were returned.
  - c. Vendors who currently owe money are due the 15th and will follow up.
  - d. Requested 180 tables, currently have 120; Gerri to coordinate to obtain the 60 tables.
3. Nominating Committee:
  - a. Ron stated no one has contacted him.
  - b. Current members up for election/re-election:
    - Gerri Lundergan, President
    - Jim Denslow, Vice President
    - Joanne Cornell, Secretary, upcoming new term
    - Tony Carrino, Christie Gorrow and Lisa Miller are up for next year.
4. Bylaws Committee
  - a. Currently being revised.
  - b. Revising terms for President and Vice President to 2 years terms instead of 1 year term.
  - c. Eliminating requirement of a maximum 2 terms in a row.
  - d. Board's responsibility of the club not members - open for suggestion.
  - e. Will continue working on bylaws and open to all suggestions.
5. Septic tank pump did not work, pump needs to be replaced, alarm is fixed, drain will need to be replaced. Estimate of \$5,000. For now we will take it easy and address after Fall show.

## New Business

1. Fund Raising
  - a. When Mark returns will set up online slab sales.
  - b. Possible raffle online through Facebook, which is linked to Instagram.
  - c. Fundraising committee, need two people
2. Department Reports
  - a. Certification class for PNC on Thursday.

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b. Tom not coming back until his medical issues will allow.

c. Lisa Miller Metal Shop-started new class on Tuesday's night new students 3 to 4, Saturday's class less people.

d. No Lapidary classes until after show and Mark returns to assist with inventory for show.

### 3. Insurance

a. Met with insurance agent and discovered we are grossly under insured, policy not updated for 10 years & no wind coverage - will add and send new quotes. Deb will touch base with agent.

b. Insurance car rental, is not for car rental, it is for person doing business for club.

### Other Business

- Mark flew out to El Paso and drove to Demming and went to the rock club, met all officers, own several claims, looked at saws and helped them to repair, he gave coral, and they are sending product to club and will go to El Paso club.
- Kym wants to run Sunshine Committee.

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- Pay P.O. Box. Contact postal office to let them know our intent to add a mailbox.
- Program Committee, need a new chair for quarterly club meetings.
- Discussed moving board meetings to the first of the month moving forward, next meeting not until December 6, 2021. January 3, 2022, new day to have board meeting
- Christmas party still undecided, need to clean the driveway. Lights against shed will be cleaned out and sent to scrap yard.
- Bids for painting are on hold until after Show estimated at \$9,000, replace rotted wood & start a raffle to help raise money
- Torches-Tony, Gerri and Lisa will discuss after meeting.

Tony Carrino motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Lisa Miller and 2nd by Deb Pearson, all approved.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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