



THE CORAL GEODE

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Calendar



Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club
64th Annual Fall
Gem, Mineral & Jewelry
Show

November 4 & 5, 2023
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, Florida

Free parking — Enter MLK gate.
Gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils, beads, kids
activities, demos, concession, onsite ATM.

Admission: \$10, \$8 for seniors and military,
free for kids under 10

www.tampabayrockclub.org

President's message

By Peter Favaro



My precious...

Another month of good things going on. The show is right around the corner and I personally am getting really excited.

If you have not signed up to be a volunteer and would like to help, please contact Greig Lundergan or me. There's also a signup sheet in the clubhouse. We can figure out where to have you help. At this point, we will be placing volunteers where we need them the most at the time they arrive.

Please, if you can help out on the Friday before the show to help us finish setting up we would really appreciate it. We also need help after the show on Sunday around 4:30 p.m. for tearing down and packing everything so that the movers can get everything out of there.

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Schedule note: Because we need to prepare for the Fall Show, there will be no classes or open shop Saturday, Oct. 28; Tuesday, Oct. 31 or Thursday, Nov. 2.



October 28, Nov. 2 and Nov. 3

Show volunteers meeting and work days

We will have a show volunteers meeting on **Saturday, Oct. 28**, to start packing bins and boxes for movers. We will start work at around 10 a.m. Parking passes for volunteers will be available to be picked up on this day. Lunch will be served.

Work will continue from around noon Thursday, Nov. 2, at the clubhouse, and from 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Florida State Fair venue.

If you haven't signed up for a volunteer shift for the show on Nov. 4 and/or Nov. 5, please contact Christy Gorrow at geodeeditor@gmail.com, Peter Favaro at hawk_doc@hotmail.com, or Greig Lundergan at greigl2010@yahoo.com.

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Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any show-related questions.

There will be a meeting/workday for all volunteers on Saturday, Oct. 28. We will start packing bins and staging them for movers. We will also be handing out parking passes for the show. If you are helping with set up or with the show in general and you have a parking pass, make sure you enter through the Orient Road gate.

Thank you all in advance for any time you can give us. I hope to see many of your smiling faces there.

The club election ballot will be emailed to members right after the show. Learn more about the candidates beforehand by going to **Pages 3-5**.

We have used equipment available for sale for our members. We have:

- two lapidary saws
- two Graves faceting machines
- a few tumblers

If you have questions about these, please reach out to foreman of department for descriptions and prices.



There are no contested positions this year's election. The ballot will go out after the Fall Show in November. Look for it in your email, and please cast your vote!

ELECTIONS

Meet the candidates

Lyra Solochek — Vice President

Areas of interest: Faceting, Lapidary, Metal/Silver, PMC/Enameling, Table crafts, Rocks and minerals

Background and hobbies

Lapidary arts (cabbing, faceting), silversmithing, viking knit, wire wrapping, rockhounding. William Holland Advanced Cabochon. Background in print design and editing, photography, media, video.



Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club?

I'd like to help keep the club running smoothly so we can share our collective knowledge and pass down the art of lapidary and jewelry making.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year?

To provide more classes beyond beginners, streamline the business side of the club, have more events for members.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Physical improvements being made to the clubhouse
- Purchasing new and up-to-date equipment
- Our transition to online signups and scheduling.

Name 3 things you feel the club could do better.

- Offer more advanced classes
- The club should showcase members' work, either in the clubhouse display cases and/or in the Geode newsletter.
- We need to show the public what our club offers by having an annual open house with demos, tours, members showcases, takeaway projects and sales.

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year?

Growth of membership, but also retention. How do we keep our members involved? This requires more classes to further develop a skill. We should also have members-only events throughout the year, including sales, workshops, or contests. We should invite more guest instructors.

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses?

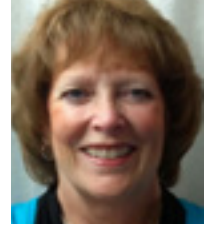
Material use or lab fee for classes to cover the wear and tear of equipment. Smaller fundraisers in addition to shows would help. We should also start applying for grants and other public funds that are available for nonprofit educational organizations.

Linda Collins — Treasurer

Areas of interest: Faceting, Lapidary, Metal/Silver, PMC/Enameling, Table crafts, Rocks and minerals

Background and hobbies

All of the above plus Acrylic & Oil painting, Woodworking, Faceting



Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club?

I have experience in the accounting aspect of business, owned two businesses of my own and have worked with business executives during my working career. I have good common sense knowledge of how businesses should operate and hope to assist the team to continue to make the club successful going forward.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year?

I would like to encourage others to join the club and participate in all of the opportunities this club has to offer.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

1. Investing in club improvements
2. Having monthly club meetings to update membership
3. Exploring estate sales to acquire; obtaining equipment for resale

Name 3 things you feel the club could do better.

1. Start encouraging the younger generation to participate in club activities.
2. Continue to update club appearance.
3. Reach out to the membership for suggestions. Evaluate and implement if at all possible.

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year?

Set up online beginner classes

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses?

1. Definitely continue with our two shows every year. Possibly raising entry fees.
2. Raise shop fees by \$ 1.00
3. Encourage members to come in and practice the recent craft they have learned during open shop.

ELECTIONS

Meet the candidates

Katie Day — Secretary

Areas of interest: Faceting, Lapidary, Metal/Silver, Table crafts, Rocks and minerals

Background and hobbies

I lived most my life out west in Colorado. I am an active outdoorsy person and was looking for a change of scenery and landed in Tampa. I've worked in the tissue banking industry for a decade and have also recently received a certification as an End of Life Doula. Jewelry making has been a long lost love that I am excited to be rekindling.



Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club?

Being fairly newish to the area and out of my creative space for awhile; a leadership position with the club is a great way for me to meet my community at the same time of meeting my own goals around jewelry making as a business.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year?

For myself, it's really just learning more about the club and what we offer and how we are run. This is a perfect way for me to be more involved with the club so I can better understand what its needs are.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

Pricing, modalities, location

Name 3 things you feel the club could do better.

More instructors, better/more social media presence, better search engine presence

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year?

Growth and more instructors/more availability

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses?

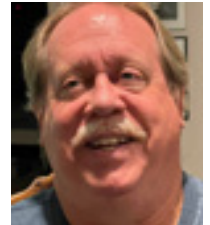
I think if we focused on membership growth and more online presence more people would know we exist and hopefully want to join. In the state the economy is; cost of all things is going up and it's a hard ask for members to carry this; especially those on a fixed or limited income. Affordability is the main reason why I myself joined. Maybe there is a way we could offer an online store for things either the club is selling or folks that want to make sales of their own creations but don't have a way to do that and the club would charge x% of a sale or a flat \$x for a listing.

Greig Lundergan — Board

Areas of interest: Rocks and minerals, other.

Background and hobbies

Hotel & Restaurant Management: Vehicle and RV sales. Currently Club treasurer 2-1/2 years, before that board member 2 years.



Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club?

To continue moving the club forward.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year?

Increase membership, increase instructors and classes offered. Finish club remodel.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

The current remodel, shows, transparency

Name 3 things you feel the club could do better.

More involvement by more current members: more members becoming monitors and instructors: increase club membership

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year?

Growth, greater member involvement

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses?

We have been doing a good job handling price increases so far, without affecting the membership to a large degree.

ELECTIONS

Meet the candidates

Richard “Rick” Jackson — Board

Areas of interest: Faceting, lapidary, metal/silver, rocks and minerals

Background and hobbies

Previous experience at Daisy Mountain Rock & Mineral Club (DMRMC). AA in Geology. Avid mineral collector. Certified in Lapidary Shop. Published photographer. Enjoy participating/ organizing/conducting collecting field trips.

Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club?

To further the club’s educational purpose. Enjoy the membership staff, members and events.

To learn more about collecting in the east US.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year?

Attract membership, showcase club talent, participate in STEAM events to attract younger students, demonstrate good will in collecting minerals, gems, cabbing material and jewelry fabrication.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

1) The Coral Geode is a great way to get the news out regarding club interior enhancements, equipment improvements. 2) Classes to improve and learn new skills. 3) Camaraderie is always No. 1 at the club, sharing of ideas and methods.

Name 3 things you feel the club could do better.

1) Promotion in the Community 2) College Scholarship Opportunity. 3) Advertising Show.

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year?

Promote classes (local free advertising), introducing the club at community events

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses?

Raise membership fees.



Christy Gorrow — Board

Areas of interest: Table crafts -- Seed beading, Viking knit, and Kumihimo

Background and hobbies

Have a bachelor’s degree, with a major in art and minors in arts and crafts, and education, plus 30 additional hours of study in art. My hobbies include most forms of fine art and jewelry in particular.

Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club?

I’ve reached a point in my life that I have time to give back and share some of knowledge I have acquired through the years.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year?

Keep the club running smoothly and hopefully expand the number of active members.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

Updating the building for handicap accessibility, room organization, and paving the parking lot.

Name 3 things you feel the club could do better.

We need to focus on keeping our members interested and coming to the club. I’m willing to listen to members’ ideas and take them to the board.

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year?

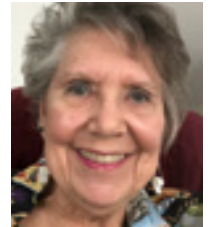
Mostly we need to think about new classes, or more in-depth classes, or new twists on techniques. I don’t think growth is the answer, we have approximately 200 members. But only about 25 active members. We need to come up with ideas to entice members back to the club.

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses?

Everyone must see the increases in the cost of everything we do. So, our expenses have increased just like theirs.

We need to increase our revenue to cover our expenses, so an increase in dues and shop fees are probably unavoidable.

Some new class offerings would help, but we need people to step up offer to share their knowledge and skills. They could be a one time thing, maybe not even rock or gem related, just “fun.”



ROCKHOUND REPORT

There's a new mine in Georgia



Purple Knight Amethyst Mine isn't big. But there's plenty of dirt to go through. If you're lucky, you'll find a beautiful amethyst point. Some facet-grade crystals have also been found.

By Lyra Solochek



No, not ours, sadly. This came out of the pit the day before.

Florida isn't the best place for rockhounding. So, to get our fix, my family and I recently traveled a few hours north to visit a new amethyst mine near Lexington, Georgia: Purple Knight Amethyst Mine.

This property sits on the amethyst belt that stretches across the area. Diamond Hill Mine in South Carolina and the now-closed Jackson Crossroad Amethyst Mine are also on this belt.

To access the mine, you have to be a member of a [VIP Facebook page](#) where the schedule and availability are posted. Post a comment on the page or direct message the organizer, Ben Campbell, to reserve a spot to dig. Membership is \$50 per year.

A full-day dig costs \$100 per person, payable at the site in cash only. That seems like a lot, but here's what you get:

- There's a limit of only 16 people per day at the mine, so you won't be fighting a crowd.
- Unlike some other mines, this is not just a tailings dig. Instead, you're chasing the amethyst vein on the property.
- The property has machines to help excavate.
- Staff members are hands on, and teach you how to tackle the vein.
- This is a cooperative effort to get results. Miners take turns tackling the pit, so all have a chance to take home some purple.

Of course, nothing is guaranteed. Some days might be better, some not

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Machines are on site and fired up regularly to open up the vein.



The pit can be a tight squeeze. So diggers take turns to get to the vein.

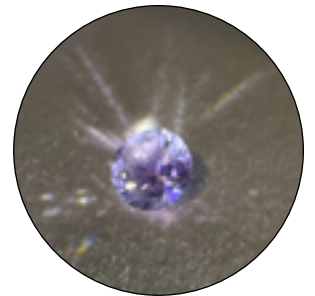
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so much. Organizer Ben Campbell is constantly checking the pit for results, and will fire up the excavator when the vein dries up.

Some large specimens come from tailings as well, so make sure you dig there as well.

Bonus: There's a spring-fed creek on the property where you can find some quartz, druzy clusters and sometimes beryl. (But watch out for sinkholes!)

We didn't have much luck finding large crystals. But my husband, Jeff, found a small facet-grade stone which I cut when I got home. It's nice to be able to take something from the ground to a gemstone.



The rough was 10 carats. After cutting away the blemishes, it ended as a 1.5 carat 7.5mm beauty.

OTHER PAY-TO-DIG MINES IN GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Here are a couple of mines I've visited, and recommend. There's also Graves Mountain, which is on my to-do list.

Hogg Mine

Where: 4098 Whitesville Rd, LaGrange, GA 30240

What you can find: Rose Quartz, Smoky Quartz, Beryl/Aquamarine, Black Tourmaline

Cost: \$35 per person, more for machine-dig days

Website: www.hoggmine.com

Diamond Hill Mine

Where: 100 Diamond Mine Rd, Abbeville, SC 29620

What you can find: Amethyst, Smoky Quartz, Milky Quartz, Skeletal Quartz, Beryl

Cost: \$35 per person, more for machine dig days

Website: diamondhillmine.com

If anyone is interested in going to any of these mines, email me at lyrasolochek@gmail.com. If there's enough interest, we might be able to arrange a club field trip one weekend.

KILN ARTS

Upcoming classes

October 21-22

Setting Glass in Metal Clay

Did you know that you can fire glass together with metal clay? This makes it possible to set glass without cold connections or soldering bezels. It also makes it possible to make silver bails that are permanently fired onto your glass cabochon. You will never have a glued on bail fail again.

You will learn how to make a fire-on bail and two methods of setting glass in metal clay.

Bring your own glass cabs or purchase from instructor. You will receive a written tutorial and firing instructions. Beginners welcome.

Class and materials fee, paid to instructor: \$250 (includes 50 grams fine silver clay, findings, miscellaneous items). Club Fee: \$70, paid to TBMSC. Dates (2 days, 10 hours total): Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information and registration, email barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com or text 609-713-2202.



Nov. 18-19

Bezel Setting Natural Stones in Metal Clay

Learn how to bezel set a natural stone in a metal clay pendant customized for the shape and character of your stone. Make a well fitted bezel that needs no soldering. Class and materials fee paid to instructor: \$250 includes metal clay, metal clay paste, bezel wire and miscellaneous items. Club fee: \$70 paid to TBMSC. Dates: Saturday, November 18 and Sunday November 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For info and registration, email barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com or text 609-713-2202.

Dec. 16

Herbal Bracelet

This lovely herbal or floral-themed bracelet is a perfect holiday gift. It is also a great introduction to metal clay jewelry making or a good way to refresh your skills. You will impress metal clay links with herbs or flowers and mold a toggle clasp. You will learn how to finish the fired bracelet and solder the jump rings connecting the bracelet links. Saturday, December 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Class fee and materials paid to instructor: \$125 includes silver metal clay, jump rings and miscellaneous items. Club fee: \$49 paid to TBMSC. For information and registration: email barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com or text 609-713-2202.

METAL

Want to learn how to create silver jewelry?

In the Beginning Silver nine-week course, you will learn how to saw, manipulate and solder silver into your own pieces of wearable art. For more information, email instructor Tony Carrino at tcarrino@verizon.net.



LAPIDARY

Want some rocks slabbed? We can help.

Classes have been filling up fast and we have implemented our online reservations for open shop and classes. Please use this system to sign up. That way if it is already full you don't waste gas. See more information below.

For those who have rough material you need slabbed, we offer that service. For details on pricing, contact Peter Favaro. You could also talk to Carlo Lucin on Tuesday evenings when he's in the shop working the saws.

Peter is working on getting a new polisher set up that uses and slurry to help give that great final polish on your work.

Last but not least we have two saws for sale. If you are interested please reach out to discuss them. If these are not bought before the show, they will be also available during the show for purchase. This will help us get the funds needed to buy a new saw that better fits what we need for the club.

We have a few new monitors and instructors now for lapidary. So if you see a new face back there say hello and welcome aboard.

— Peter Favaro

Reserve your seat using Signup Genius

We've officially launched class signups on Signup Genius for Lapidary classes and Open Shop. Click the links below to go to the signup pages.

[Beginning Cabochon](https://tinyurl.com/cabochon1) or
tinyurl.com/cabochon1

[Open Shop](https://tinyurl.com/openshop1) or
tinyurl.com/openshop1

Find the class or open shop you'd like to sign up for. Click on Sign Up for that date, then click on Save & Continue at the bottom.

- On the next page, fill in your name, email and phone number. If you've created a Signup Genius account, you may log in instead.
- For classes, a deposit is required to reserve a seat. Click on **Sign Up & Pay Now** to enter your payment information.
- For Open Shop, click on **Sign Up Now**. Please pay the monitor directly with cash, check or PayPal on the day of the Open Shop.
- If you need help signing up, contact Peter Favaro at hawk_doc@hotmail.com or Lyra Solochek at lyrasolochek@gmail.com.

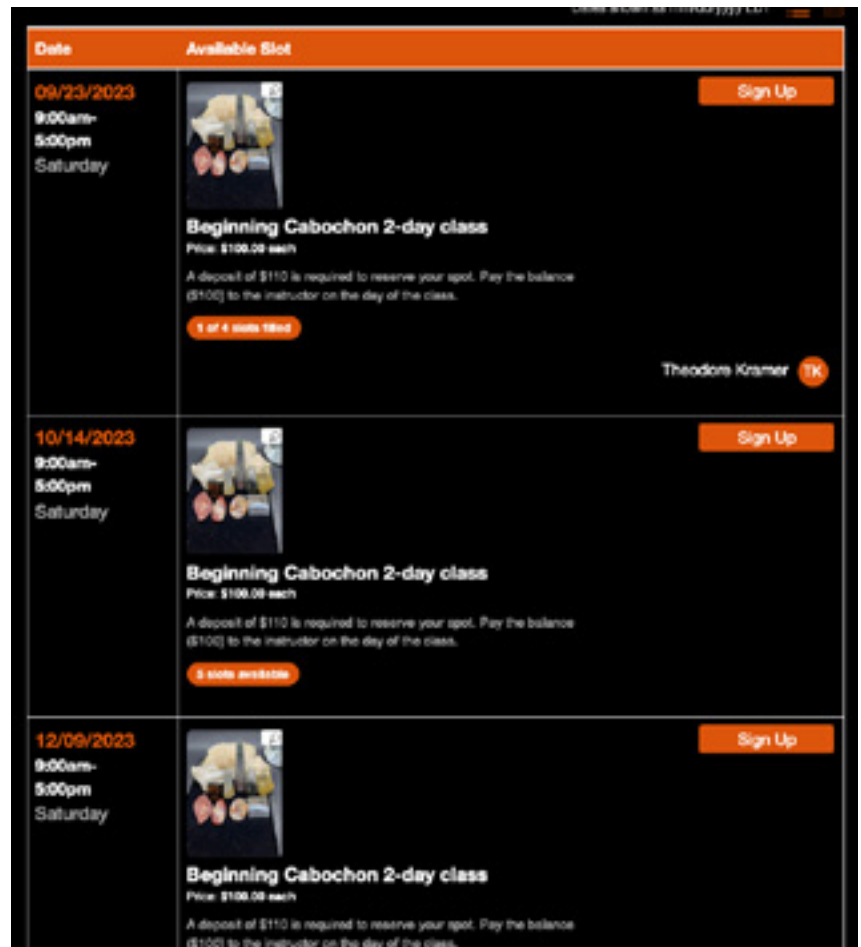


TABLE CRAFTS

Viking Knit, Kumihimo, Beads, more!

Table Crafts will meet Oct. 12 and Oct. 19 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., with 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. available by request.

If you have unfinished projects, in Viking Knit, Kumihimo, Chaining or Beading, come join us. 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 class

• 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

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.



FACETING

Two more new faceting machines

Our two new machines are installed and set up in the cabinets, so we now have four of the Ultra-Tec VLs with Digital Angle Dial.

We are selling two older Graves MK 4s. Please reach out to me if you are interested in them. They are good basic machines that will allow you to practice your skills. They will each come with dops to hold the stones, but no plates for the actual cutting. Members get first shot at them before we sell them at the Fall Show.

Good news about Faceting Foreman Tom Dershem. He is on the mend and hoping to be back in Florida soon. Please keep him in your thoughts and wish him a speedy recovery.

LETTING GO?



If you have used equipment or tools you no longer use, you can post them for sale on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Make sure the posting includes:

- the item
- description and photo
- price
- contact information of the seller

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Club shows in Florida

Oct. 21-22

PORT ST. LUCIE

Wholesale and retail show hosted by St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club at MID-FLORIDA event Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4. Adults \$5, children free with an adult. Raffles, demonstrations, treasure table, kids' corner.

Oct. 28

WILDWOOD

More than 20 exhibitors, all members of The Villages Gem and Mineral Society. Lots of unique one-of-a-kind items for sale. Great gifts for everyone! You'll find rock art, jewelry (including hand silver smithed), stone mosaics, wire wrapping, rough stones, and many more. Rohan Recreation Center, 850 Kristine Way, (The Villages); Sat. 10-2; Free Admission & Parking; One day only holiday sale. tvgemandmineralsociety.com/

Nov. 4-5

TAMPA

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club offers more than 60 vendors. A fun-filled kids section, a sluice, a kids bean bag game, and a microscope to view your rocks. We also have a concession stand open during the show and an ATM out front. Florida State Fairgrounds, 4008 US Hwy 301. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$10, Seniors and Military \$8, Kids under 10 Free. Free parking. tampabayrockclub.org/

Nov. 11-12

MELBOURNE

This will be our 50th annual Parade of Gems Show hosted by Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E Hibiscus Blvd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5; www.canaveral-mgs.com/our-show.html

Nov. 18-19

WEST PALM BEACH

Show and sale hosted by Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. Jewelry, beads, rocks, minerals, gemstones, settings, findings, fossils, meteorites, tools, books, and more. Educational activities and exhibits. Demonstration area. 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.

Dec. 1-3

HUDSON

Annual show hosted by Withlacoochee Rockhounds. Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Road; Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; \$5 Adults. 14 and under free. withlacoocheerockhounds.com

Dec. 2-3

MIAMI

Annual show hosted by Miami Mineralogical and Lapidary Guild; Westchester Cultural Arts Center, 7930 SW 40 St. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Adults \$5, children under 12 free with adult. Mineral displays & exhibits, children's activities, gem mining sluice, geode cutting, and vendors with specimens, cut gemstones, fossils, artisan jewelry, lapidary crafts, lapidary supplies. miamigemandmineral.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 October 7, 2023

9am Club hours
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday October 10, 2023

3pm Club hours
4pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday October 12, 2023

9am Club hours
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday October 14, 2023

9am BEGINNING CABOCHON,
Day 1
9am Club hours

Sunday October 15, 2023

9am BEGINNING CABOCHON,
Day 2

Tuesday October 17, 2023

3pm Club hours
4pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday October 19, 2023

9am Club hours
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday October 21, 2023

9am Club hours
9am Lapidary Open Shop
10am SETTING GLASS IN METAL
CLAY, Day 1

Sunday October 22, 2023

10am SETTING GLASS IN METAL
CLAY, Day 2

Tuesday October 24, 2023

3pm Club hours
4pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday October 26, 2023

9am Club hours
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday October 28, 2023

All day No class or open shop
9am Club hours
10am SHOW VOLUNTEER WORK
DAY

Tuesday October 31, 2023

No class or open shop
3pm Club hours

Thursday November 2, 2023

No class or open shop
9am Club hours
9am FALL SHOW PREP

Friday November 3, 2023

9am FALL SHOW SETUP

Saturday November 4, 2023

Club closed for show
10am FALL SHOW

Sunday November 5, 2023

10am FALL SHOW

Tuesday November 7, 2023

3pm Club hours
4pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday November 9, 2023

9am Club hours
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday November 11, 2023

9am Club hours
9am Lapidary Open Shop
12:30pm Christmas Gnome

Monday November 13, 2023

6:30pm TBMSC Board Meeting

Tuesday November 14, 2023

3pm Club hours
4pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday November 16, 2023

9am Club hours
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday November 18, 2023

9am Club hours
9am Lapidary Open Shop
10am BEZEL SETTING STONES IN
METAL CLAY, Day 1
12:30pm CHRISTMAS GNOME

Sunday November 19, 2023

10am BEZEL SETTING STONES IN
METAL CLAY, Day 2

Tuesday November 21, 2023

3pm Club hours
4pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday November 23, 2023

9am Club hours
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday November 25, 2023

9am Club hours
9am Lapidary Open Shop

Tuesday November 28, 2023

3pm Club hours
4pm Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday November 30, 2023

9am Club hours
10am Silver Open Shop

Saturday December 2, 2023

9am Club hours
9am Tailgate
11am General members meeting

Monday December 4, 2023

6:30pm TBMSC Board Meeting

TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2023

Board Members present: Ardys Favaro, Peter Favaro, Tony Carrino, Lyra Solochek, James Denslow, Melinda Riddle, Greig Lundergan (by phone)

Non-Board Members present: Katie Day

- Call to order: 6:32 p.m.
- Motion to approve September minutes made by Melinda Riddle. Seconded by Lyra Solochek. Approved by all.
- Treasurer report was given by Greig Lundergan
 - Second payment to the state grounds is going out.
 - The change to the phone will be reflected on the next report.
 - Amazon account discrepancies need to be resolved. Greig Lundergan will be sorting it out next time he's in the club house.
 - Motion to approve the Treasurer report made by Tony Carrino. Seconded by Melinda Riddle. Approved by all.
- Had a couple of donations with equipment. Members will receive first look at the equipment.
- Faceting: All new faceting machines have been secured in the cabinets.
 - Tom Dershem will be back soon. So another faceting instructor soon.
- Construction update:
 - Contractor will be able to continue forward with the renovations.
 - Ramp, and sheet rock will be completed by the end of this week.
- Show update
 - College Hunks estimate is the same amount as last year. There will be two charges for this transaction.
 - Volunteers needed in order to stage all equipment and material heading into the show. Date will be published in Geode newsletter.
- Discussion on a new Metal Shop safety class for the different departments.
- Elections Update
 - There is someone to run for each position. All information about the candidates will be sent out this week in the Geode. Ballots will be sent after the show.
- Executive session was held to discuss the status of a member.
- 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
Christy Gorrow
Carlo Lucin
Melinda Riddle
Lyra Solochek

2023 September Treasurer's report

Checking

Beginning Balance \$43,225.03

Ending Balance \$43,077.97

Savings

\$52,099.79

Interest \$1.71

\$52,101.50

Income \$8,027

Expenses \$8,318.32

(+/-) {\$297}

Deposits

Date	\$	Type
9/5/2023	\$250	Weekly
9/11/2023	\$55	Weekly
9/11/2023	\$4,702.40	PayPal
9/19/2023	\$284	Sign-up Genius Tutition Deposit
9/20/2023	\$94	Sign-up Genius Tutition Deposit
9/22/2023	\$2,080.35	PayPal
9/23/2023	<u>\$555</u>	Weekly
	\$8,021	

Checks

Date	#	\$	To	For
9/10/2023	1160	\$150	Lyra Solocek	Geode
9/10/2023	PayPal	\$200	Alejamdro Rivera	Lawn
9/10/2023	1161	\$4,800	Fair Authority	2nd Show Payment
9/10/2023	1159	\$25	Christy Gorrow	Class Materials
		\$5,325		

Reg Expenses

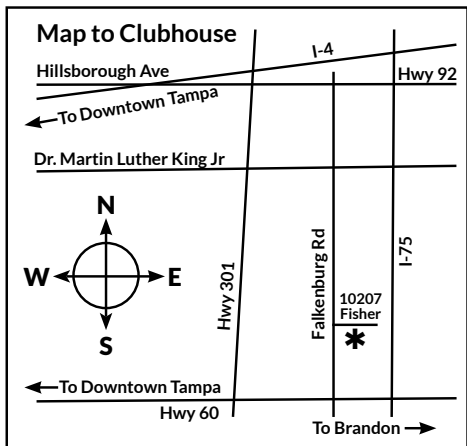
9/7/2023	\$11.99	Sign-up Genius	Sign up programs
9/8/2023	\$90.00	Intuit	Quick Books
9/12/2023	\$60	T-Mobile	Phone
9/13/2023	\$15.12	Amazon Prime	Membership
9/18/2023	\$23.84	City of Tampa	Waterbill
9/21/2023	\$12.89	Instant Ink	Ink for printer
9/21/2023	\$15.12	Amazon Prime	Online useage
9/25/2023	\$1,116.67	Auto-Owners	Insurance Yearly
9/25/2023	\$777	Philly Insurance	Insurance Yearly
9/26/2023	\$353.69	Terminix	Pest Control Yearly
9/26/2023	\$183.41	Frontier	Last phone bill
9/28/2023	\$40	Facebook	Show Ads
9/29/2023	\$293.59	Teco	Power
	\$2,993.32		

Misc Expenses

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	
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