



THE *Happy Holidays!* CORAL GEODE

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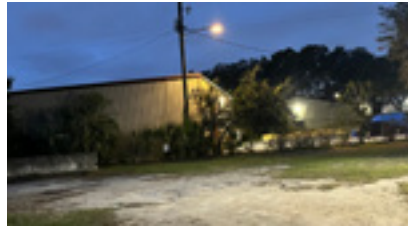
ABOUT OUR CLUB

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President's message

By Gerri Lundergan

2022 has been a fabulous year for the clubhouse.

Both of our shows reached record numbers, visiting instructors taught new techniques to members, all departments have been able to upgrade equipment either with great donated items and a few purchases.

Faceting has two new Ultra-Tec digital machines being shipped this week, plus the new cabinets to secure them in. Lapidary will be adding three new CabKing machines, the Metal shop has added new saws, files and has an almost new bench polisher.

Kiln Korner received a new pin finisher, bracelet and ring mandrels along with donations of new templates and tools. Plus, the two kilns that came in an estate donation.

Rocks, so many rocks along with stellar faceting rough has come in from several donations. This is giving our members access to great material to purchase.

Our Apprenticeship Program is in full swing and will bless us with new instructors in 2023 and 2024.

Catching up on clubhouse repairs, we got all the trees trimmed back, roof repairs on the sheds, installed a new hot water heater, upgraded the electrical and replaced outdated outlets throughout the clubhouse. We added outside outlets and replaced outside lighting for security at night. Our mailbox was installed, and we will no longer have a need for the PO Box — which saves us yearly on that cost.

We own our clubhouse — which is a blessing in and of itself. So many clubs have closed due to having to rent space. She keeps us and cares for us. She provides us a place to learn and make new friends. We must respect that and take care of her.

Going into 2023 we look forward to new workshops from visiting instructors, fieldtrips opening back up, continued growth and having a place to call Home.



Renew now before rates increase in 2023!

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. Four-year memberships will also increase to \$140 per adult, \$70 for each additional adult in the same household. Renew before Dec. 31 to take advantage of the current 2022 rate. If you wait until after the new year, 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



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

TBMSC holiday gathering

Thanks to everyone who came to the Holiday Potluck on Dec. 3. We were so busy mingling and eating delicious food, we forgot to take photos!

Congrats to Natasha for winning a four-year club membership in a raffle.

TBMSC to exhibit at the Florida State Fair in 2023



The Florida State Fair has invited us back for for 2023. The fair will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 9-20. This time, the club booth will be in the kids activities room. Young rockhounds will be able to examine rocks under a microscope and see and touch various rock specimens.

We will need volunteers to staff the booth. There will be two shifts per day (4.5 hours each), and we'll need two volunteers per shift. Contact Gerri to volunteer, or sign up for shifts at <https://bit.ly/3UMybl3>.

Election results

Congratulations to elected leaders for 2023

The winners are:

Gerri Lundergan, president

Peter Favaro, vice president

Greig Lundergan, treasurer

Tony Carrino, board

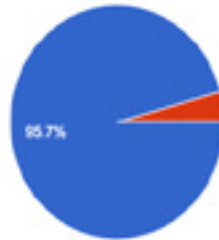
James Denslow, board

Yanitza Sendros, board

President - Gerri Lundergan (unopposed)
47 responses



Vice President - Peter Favaro (unopposed)
47 responses

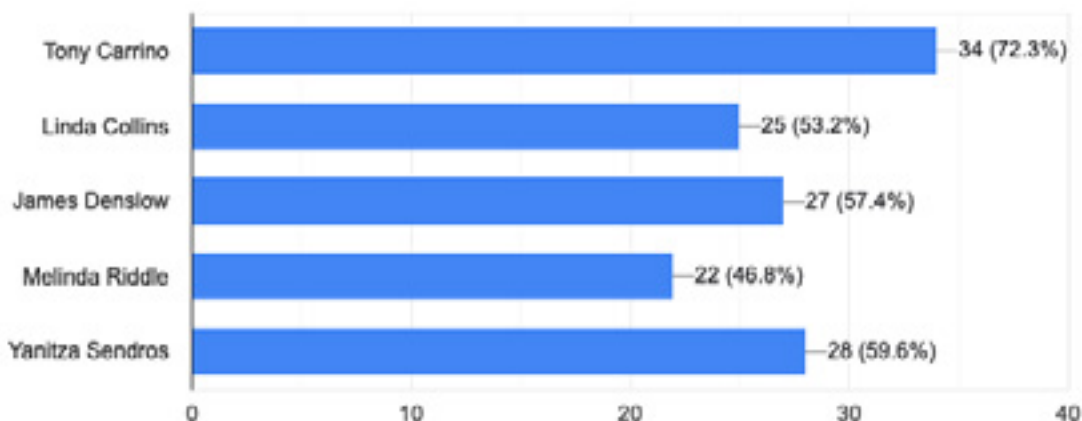


Treasurer - Greig Lundergan (unopposed)
47 responses



Board of Directors (Select 3)

47 responses



LAPIDARY CORNER

New machines are on the way!

Lapidary Hours

Tuesday 3-5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Shop staff

SHOP FOREMAN

Gerri Lundergan

SHOP STAFF

Carlo Lucin
Yanitza Sendros



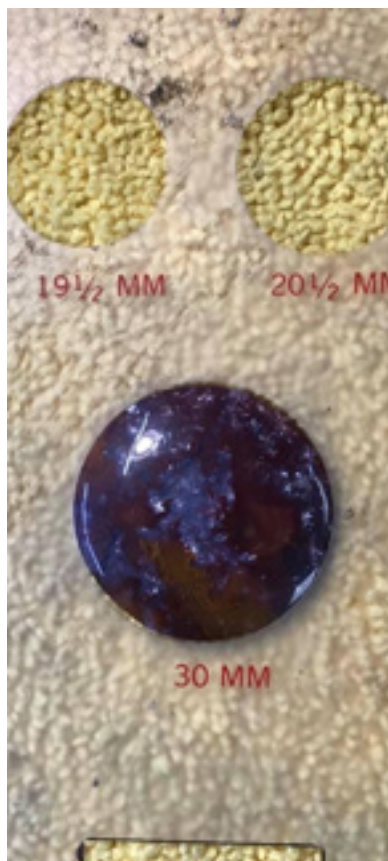
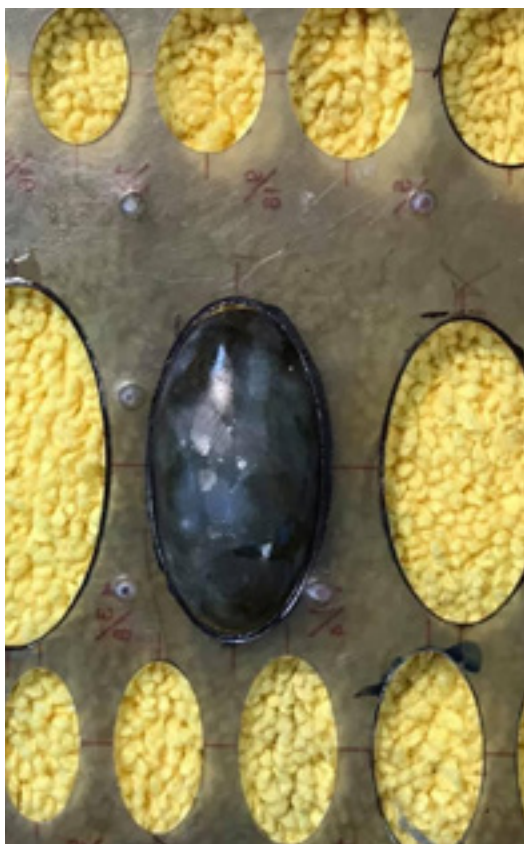
We are happy to announce the Lapidary Shop has ordered three new CabKing machines for the shop. We are so excited!

We will be offering the three used King-sley North machines for sale once the new ones arrive.

We received a new estate on Saturday, and it came with some stellar slabs. Looking for something new? We have Sci-Fi Jasper, some not too common jaspers, fluorite, great pattern snowflake obsidian. Plus some AAA charoite, dino bone, and some very nice augerine/charoite.

We have some dino bone and shattuckite in for stabilizing. Then will start on some turquoise.

We have a couple boxes of very nice plume agates cut thin for doublet projects and lots of backing material.



Advanced classes

Interested in learning advanced lapidary skills? We offer advanced classes including:

- Doublets
- Calibrated cabs (see photos at left)
- Basic intarsia
- Hearts/stars/crosses.

These classes are \$40 and include materials, instruction, and shop time.

Opals is also an advanced class. You must have completed Beginning Lapidary. It is a 15-hour class and is taught one on one. Class includes materials, instruction, and shop time. Cost is \$295.

Contact Gerri Lundergan to sign up for a class. 813-943-5665 or DunPainted1@gmail.com.

METAL CLAY

April 14, 15, 16, 2023 — Only a few spots left

PMC workshop with guest instructor Michael Marx

The Undersea World of Michael J. Marx

Join me as we explore the depths of our creativity below the waves. This advanced skills workshop will teach you how to make a fully finished, moving fish of your very own, using PMC Flex. We will design and construct our pieces using the wet/dry method, hollow form draping, multiple textures, coil embellishments and our own imaginations.

Dive deep and join us on an adventure! The adventure begins Friday evening at 6 p.m. with how Michael makes his beautiful fused glass cabs.

What to expect Saturday and Sunday: Saturday, we jump right in to creating. Sunday will be finishing up and firing your Kinetic Fish.

Cost: \$600. Includes instruction, shop time, lunch Saturday and Sunday, morning coffee and snacks.

Class Kit will contain:

- 50g pack of PMC Flex or equivalent
- Fish Scale Texture sheet and additional low-profile textures from Rolling Mill Resources
- Oval Template with ovals up to 2 inches long
- Wooden ½ eggs
- Rio Grande Extra Fine Mounted Mini Fiber wheel,
- Pro-polish Pad
- Large diameter heavy gauge sterling silver jump rings x3

To sign up, contact Gerri Lundergan at 813-943-5665 or dunpainted1@gmail.com.



Michael J. Marx



TBMSC INSTRUCTOR LIST

Tony Carrino

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Metal Shop Foreman and Instructor

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Faceting

Christy Gorrow

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Beading/Kumihimo/Viking Knit

Gerri Lundergan

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Lapidary, Lapidary Shop Foreman and Wire Wrapping

Barbara Rivolta

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PMC, Fused Glass

FACETING

Tom's classes resume

Tom Dershem is back in town, and will be starting up his faceting classes starting Dec. 17. If you're interested in taking his class, contact Tom at rocky1375@verizon.net



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.

Upcoming club shows in Florida

January 2023

14-15—DELAND: Annual show; Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society; Volusia County Fairgrounds (Tommy Lawrence Arena), 3150 E New York Ave., 1000 Walker St., Lot 292; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 adults, kids 12 and under free; Free parking, grand prize drawing, silent auction, over 40 vendors, demos, Visit website for \$1 off coupon. Contact Mary DeJan, (386) 871-6221; Email: tomokagmsvendor@gmail.com; Website: tomokagms.org

February 2023

4-5—MERRITT ISLAND: Show and sale; Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club; Kiwanis Recreation Center, 951 Kiwanis Island Park; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$6 adults, \$1 off coupon available on website, children under 12 are free with an adult. We will have about 25 vendors selling, rocks, minerals, specimens, gems, slabs, handmade and fabricated jewelry and findings. There will be a sluice and spinning wheel primarily for the kids. Silent auction and raffles will be running both days; contact Roz Mestre, (321) 431-0159; Email: roz.mestre@att.net; Website: centralbrevardgems.com

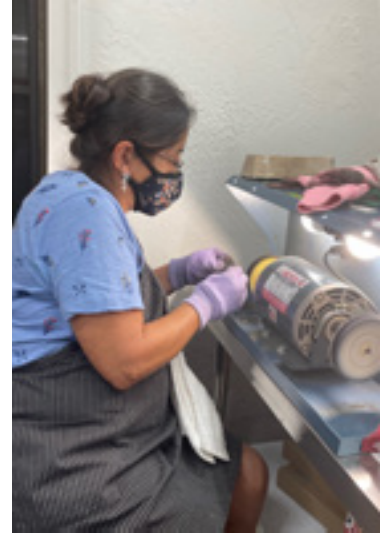
February 25

—LAKE- LAND: Annual show; Bone Valley GM&FS; First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, P.O. Box 906; Sat. 9-4:30; \$3 Adults, free for children under 18 and teachers; Door prizes, spin & win mineral wheel, kids treasure dig, educational displays, silent and chance auctions, lots of dealers selling rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gifts, hobby supplies; contact Jim Reed, (863) 255-0651; Email: BoneValley.info@gmail.com; Website: www.bonevalley.net/

April 1-2

—TAMPA: Annual show; Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club; FL State Fairgrounds, Special Events Center, 4800 U.S. 301, Enter through MLK Jr. entrance; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$10 at the door, \$8 if purchased in advance through club website. Parking is free. ATM out front. Inside event with A/C. Concession stand. Over 63 vendors, offering rough, slabbed, cabbed, rocks, geodes, minerals, crystals, jewelry, and fittings. A special kids section with: a sluice, rock IDing, blacklights, microscope, corn-hole and rock painting. Contact Greig Lundergan, (813) 684-2039; Email: tbmscshow@gmail.com; Website: tampabayrockclub.org

SCENES FROM THE METAL SHOP



TBMSC General Membership Minutes

December 3, 2022

- Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: 11:52
- Melinda Riddle motioned for minutes approval. Peter Favaro seconded the motioned. Approved by all
- Greig Lundergan listed all the expenses throughout the year. Went through the November report and listed the started and ended balance. It was discussed the safeguards put in place to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest since Greig, and Gerri are married. These safeguards were also put into the club's by-laws.
- We plan to offer ticket pre-sales for the spring show, and at least 20 new vendors. Have a full contract with the fairgrounds that we will have the same dates each year, and volunteers and vendors can plan around them.
- Discussed the possibility of a three-day show and it was decided No. Cost does not cover all the extra expense. Question was asked about moving to a bigger room and it was determined that the room we're currently in is perfect for the club.
- Lyra Solochech posted the results for the club officer election. President — Gerri Lundergan, Vice President — Peter Favaro, Treasurer — Greig Lundergan, Board Members — Tony Carrino, Yanitza Sendros and Jim Denslow
- Field trip has been cancelled due to red tide and we fed the Rock Pile and had a field trip to the clubhouse.
- March will be the next member meeting and there will be a tailgate with it. It looks like it will be on March 4, 2023
- Internship program has been started so that we can have instructors for open shop and additional instructors. We still need apprentices for a few other classes that we offer.
- Correction to the by-laws: According to current by-laws a Quorum is the number of members we report annually to the Federation. Since we no longer report to the Federation, the line has been adjusted to "the number of current members on our Membership Roster." Christy Gorrow motioned, and Lyra Solochech seconded it. Approved by all
- In April we will have the Michael Marx workshop. It will be set up that meals will be provided as well as snacks, so we don't lose anyone if they drive out for lunch and get stuck in traffic
- Entries for Florida State Fair are due by Dec. 9. Can pay the late fee and enter from the Dec. 10-16. \$3.00 per entry, \$6 for late entry. Strawberry Festival entry is free
- State Fair runs for two weeks — Feb. 9-20 — and our booth will be at the kids' room along with the STEM programs. Need volunteers for this event.
- Motion to adjourned the meeting proposed by Melinda Riddle and seconded by Lyra Solochech. Approved by all

TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022

Call to order: 6:28 p.m.

Board members present:

Greig Lundergan

Gerri Lundergan

Melinda Riddle

Linda Collins

Lyra Solochech

Frank Kenney

Joseph Kenney

Yanitza Sendros

Peter Favaro

Tony Carrino

- Motion to approve minutes presented by Melinda Riddle and seconded by Lyra Solochech. Approved by all
- Linda Collins was proposed as the assistant treasurer by Greig Lundergan. Seconded by Yanitza Sendros. Approved by all.
- Treasurer report was approved by Melinda Riddle and seconded by Lyra Solochech.
- Board approved a \$10,000 investment into a high earning CD. Lyra Solochech presented the motion. Melinda Riddle seconded the motion. Approved by all
- Tony Carrino updated the board with the current apprenticeship in this department.
- Gerri Lundergan updated the board with the current apprenticeship in her department.
- Linda Collins and Lyra Solochech will be taking over wire wrapping
- Inventories are due. There are no written list of the inventories and all that is available are pictures.
- Frank Kenney asked the reason why inventories were necessary. Gerri Lundergan answered that it was for insurance purposes. Accountability for where all the money and stock go.
- Peter Favaro will be over all of the inventories and asking for each department for the names and list of instruments used in each department
- Tony Carrino suggested that there will be a dollar amount minimum to the inventories so that we're not wasting time with every single piece of equipment and stock
- Gerri Lundergan and Peter Favaro suggested that they only inventory durables, but Tony Carrino stated that some of the durables are as little as \$10.00
- Gerri Lundergan suggested that each shop foreman take the lead in their department and choose what it is important to put on the inventory sheet
- Linda Collins asked about the inventory deadline. Gerri Lundergan stated that they must be completed by Feb 2023 and that's the reason why we're starting them this early
- State Fair has invited us back this year and they want to locate us in the same room as the kids' activities. Their hours have changed to 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. We need volunteers for the entire state fair and talk commenced of when how and what the volunteers will be doing.

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- Frank Kenney suggested 4 hours shift. Gerri Lundergan stated that it will take about two volunteers to run the table during the fair
- Discussion ensued concerning the best way to have volunteers for this event. Gerri Lundergan will be sending out an email with sign up sheets so a schedule can then be made available. Lyra is making a Signup Genius volunteer signup sheet
- Greig Lundergan stated that we have added a new row of tables for the spring show and we're moving the demo and membership tables to where the club table is. We have a total of 63 paid vendors. The club will be using a total of 20 tables. There currently are 20 vendors on the waiting list.
- Greig Lundergan stated that he's expecting a venue rise in price so the vendors will see an increase. Looking into doing pre-sales of tickets and that's how the public will be getting their discounts. No coupon for the Spring Show.
- Greig Lundergan did speak to the venue about the cost of the coffee and the taste of it. Venue has promised to investigate it and exchange coffee.
- Installation of officers for 2023 was done by Lyra Solochek.
- Discussion of a lifetime membership was proposed
- The change in the bylaws was approved during the club meeting on 12-3-2022 and they will be filed with the office in Tallahassee, FL
- Our final numbers in 2021 was \$72,000.00, net revenue was \$23,000. Still trying to finalize the numbers for 2022 and it should be finalized in the next 2-3 weeks
- The accountant will be returning our books. Linda Collins will be doing our books in the interim. Gerri Lundergan will be looking for another non-profit CPA to ensure that our taxes are filed correctly
- Gerri Lundergan was able to get a hold of the non-profit letter for the club, which she sent to PayPal and now we can send to apply to various organizations for grants
- In July 2022, it was approved that Lyra Solochek should receive compensation for writing and publishing the Geode newsletter. Effective immediately.
- Due to the insurance and current code requirements our electrical needed to be upgraded. After the tenting the outside lights and the kitchen have both been upgraded
- Frank Kenney proposed that the next board meeting be held on the 9th of January 2023. Motioned was seconded by Melinda Riddle and approved by all
- Peter Favaro suggested that the board investigate upgrading the equipment in the Lapidary shop. Motion was put forth to get 3 cab king six inch machines. Approved by all
- Motion to replace the rest of the machines after the spring show. Approved by all
- Melinda Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Greig Lundergan and approved by all.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

Gerri Lundergan, President
 Peter Favaro, Vice-President
 Greig Lundergan, Treasurer

Linda Collins, Assistant Treasurer
 Ardys Favaro, Secretary

Board Members

Tony Carrino
 James Denslow
 Christy Gorrow
 Frank Kenney
 Yanitza Sendros
 Lyra Solochek

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club of Tampa November 2022 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance Nov 01,2022

Checking \$44,423.14

Savings \$53,516.83

Ending Balances:

Checking

Savings

Deposits	Date			
	8-Nov	\$1,266.00		Weekly
	12-Nov	4300.00		Transferred from PayPal
	11/12/22	3772.00		Weekly
	11/19/22	3403.00		Weekly
	11/26/22	1247.00		Weekly
	11/29/22	1000.86		PayPal Transfer
Total		\$14,988.86		

Checks	#	AMT	TO	For
	11/27/22 #1098	\$200	Alejandro Rivers	Lawn Service
	11/8/22 #1090	\$45.00	Terminex	Taxes
	11//08/2022 #1091	\$35.00	FL Dept State	Sun Biz
	11/2/22 #1089	\$61.24	Tony Carrino	Acetylen
	11/10/22 #1093	\$450	Tony Carrino	Instructor Fees
	11/1/22 #1087	\$250	Fred Hendershot	Table fee refund / Fall Show
	11/12/22 #1094	\$27.95	Rock & Gem Mag	Renewal
	11/12/22 #1095	\$32.97	Peter Faravo	Faceting - Super Glue
	11/15/22 #1096	\$1,050.00	Tony Carrino	Instructor Fees
	11/18/22 #1097	2,361.98	KK Electrical CO.	Electricial repairs/Outside outlets
	11/8/22 #1092	\$54.00	Katherine Milo	Open Shop Hr Refund
TOTAL		\$4,568.14		

Reaccuring Utilities / Expenses

11/28/22 Frontier	\$166.36
11/16/22 Water	\$15.12
11/29/22 TECO	\$150.82
11/9/22 Intuit	\$85.00
11/18/22 Instant Ink	\$12.89
11/20/22 Amzn Prime	<u>\$15.12</u>
TOTAL	\$445.31

Other Expenc For	Amount	TO
11/22/22 Faceting	\$155.67	Kinsely North
11/22/22 Faceting Plates	\$985.50	Hi teck Diamond
2-Nov Insurance	\$804.20	Philly Accident Ins
11/3/22 Insurance	\$6,023.32	Safepoint Building Ins

Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc. Membership Application

*Adult #1	*Email	Birth Month
*Adult #2	*Email	Birth Month
*Child (under 18)		Birth Month
*Child (under 18)		Birth Month
*Child (under 18)		Birth Month
Street		
City	State	Zip
*Preferred form of contact		*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) \$40 Individual, \$20 for each additional adult in household, and \$5 for each child under 18. Multi-year membership: \$140.00 individual for 4 years, \$70.00 per additional adult in household for 4 years.

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

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Mailing Address: 10207 Fisher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619
Phone: (813) 684-2039
Website: www.TampaBayRockClub.org
Email: info@tampabayrockclub.org
Membership Meetings: 1st Saturday of March, June, Sept. and Dec. 1 p.m.
Executive Meetings: 1st Monday of each month at 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. We are affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

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