

# CORAL GEODE

A Publication of the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club

April

HOT ROCKS, COOL GEMS & FABULOUS JEWELRY

2021

## IN THIS ISSUE:

<i>Spring Show Update</i> .....	2
<i>Florida State Fair Demo</i> .....	2
<i>Beading Class</i> .....	2
<i>Lapidary Corner</i> .....	3
<i>Metal Shop News</i> .....	4
<i>March Board Minutes</i> .....	5
<i>Brad's Bench Tips</i> .....	5

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gerri Lundergan

Heading into April, we are still giddy with the outcome of our 1st Annual Spring Show.

The new venue is spectacular! Vendors were numerous, and attendees were thrilled with the selections available.

We have booked our Fall Show in the same location and vendors are already reserving their tables.

A huge round of thanks to all who volunteered their time to help put the show on. Our shows are large, and it takes our village to run them. We can not do it without you!

The Show Shed has had all its repairs finished. All the items are back in the shed. Many thanks to James Denslow for doing the needed repairs and everyone who helped move everything out and back.

The exterior lights at the front door and gate areas are now working dusk to dawn with

an added 3-directional light at the back door. Just in time for our Tuesday night classes to start up.

And, the water machine has been cleaned with a new 5-gallon jug installed. Cold water is back. Bring your own cup. The unit is in the Faceting room next to the bulletin board.

Now, on to the next event. For the past couple years, we have been given space at the Florida State Fair in the Family Living building to set up and do demos and share information about the Club. This year the dates are April 22 thru May 2. Times are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

You can volunteer all day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 1-4 p.m. Please let me know if you would be interested in volunteering time at our Club table.

You will get a parking pass and badge to get in for the day you volunteer. You can demonstrate the art you do and answer questions about the club. It is a lot of fun and we have met some great folks. Plus, it is always fun to

### ABOUT OUR CLUB

10207 Fisher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619

Email: [info@tampabayrockclub.org](mailto:info@tampabayrockclub.org)

Mailing Address: PO Box 89146  
Tampa, FL 33689

Phone: (813) 684-2039  
[Tampabayrockclub.org](http://Tampabayrockclub.org)



### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[TAMPABAYROCKCLUB.ORG](http://TAMPABAYROCKCLUB.ORG)

Continued from previous page

show what you make.

Beading has started back up on Tuesday morning, 10 a.m.-noon. Contact Nina Megginson, thebeadinglady1@gmail.com to join in on the fun.

Since we have not had a Club meeting since last year, we would like to take a survey of the members as to your thoughts on when you would like to begin having them again. We looked at the building and if we spread everyone out through faceting and the main room, with the officers in the front room, then everyone can see the meeting and be optimally distanced.

The other option is to have a Saturday morning meeting outside in the front yard under the shade, spread out in the yard. Or, are you happy with reading the Geode every month? One other option is to have quarterly Saturday meetings.

Remember – You – The membership is what keeps this club running.

We appreciate your ideas, suggestions, and willingness to volunteer.

Gerri Lundergan  
813-943-5665  
dunpaintedfarm@yahoo.com

## FLORIDA STATE FAIR DEMO APRIL 22-MAY 2

It's time again for the Florida State Fair! As we move forward this year, we are setting up at the Florida State Fair as we have the last couple of years. Many of us as well as the rest of the State of Florida have gotten our Covid shots and everyone is taking steps to get back to normal. We are looking to sign up about 3 people per day, all day if possible, or half day shifts. Hours are 9 a.m - 4 p.m. If you can demo, talk about the club, help sell T-shirts etc, please sign up for a shift. Sign up sheets will be at the club house, or call/text/email Gerri Lundergan.



## 8TH STAINED GLASS PROJECT FOR THE AQUARIUM COMPLETED

Finished this project today for the aquarium. It represents our wetlands habitat and the rosette spoonbills that reside there. It is the 8th window that I have done for them. Where this one's home will be is still to be determined. I think it is one of the best I have completed.



Hope you enjoy and if any of you are ever in Tampa, stop by to see them at the aquarium.

Ken

## BEADERS BACK IN BUSINESS!



JOIN THE  
BEADERS  
TUESDAYS  
10 A.M.-  
12P.M.



# LAPIDARY CORNER

with Gerri Lundergan



The shop has been busy.

Mark has been busy cutting member's materials and lots of spectacular Club material.

Our Lapidary members who are in the shop have been buying those slabs as fast as they come out of the saws.

We would like to welcome Ron Wadas as our newest Staff Member. Ron will be overseeing Open Shop on Thursday mornings.

Slab sales were great at the show. Plus, we met a lot of Rock folks who became members.

The Rock Pile has been fed, again. Bring a rock pick and dig down a bit. Some buried treasures are sure to be unearthed.

The next Beginning Cabochon class starts April 10. This session is full. Cabochon 2 also starts April 10 and is full.

- New Lapidary Schedule beginning April 13.
- Tuesday 6-9 p.m. Open Shop – You must reserve a spot.
- Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Open Shop - You must reserve a spot.
- Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Beginning Cabochon..
- Saturday 1-4 p.m. Cabochon 2.



# METAL SHOP NEWS

Good Afternoon and Happy April!

I hope everyone had a good March and has been enjoying the beautiful weather.

We are currently in the final two weeks of the Tuesday afternoon Silver I class. Donna and Deanne have completed their copper bangle bracelet, their sterling silver ring band and their pendant with a cabochon. They are currently finishing their last project which is a split-shank ring with a bezel-set cabochon. The next Silver I class starts Tuesday, April 13, from 6-9 pm. The class will run approximately 8 weeks with an end date some time in the beginning of June.

In addition to our Silver I class, we have Open Shop on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All members who have either completed the Silver I course or can show competence with the torches and other Metal Shop equipment are welcome to come. Space is limited, so please let me know ahead of time if you are coming.

We are still looking for people willing and able to help as monitors in the shop or to teach a workshop or class. Please see me if you are able to volunteer in any of those areas.

Lisa Miller





# TAMPA BAY MINERAL AND SCIENCE CLUB BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2021

Board Meeting Members in Attendance: Susan Buc-ciero, Gerri Lundergan, Lisa Miller, Christy Gorrow, Melinda Riddle, Greig Lundergan, James Denslow, Tony Carrino, Jerri Heer, Irene Potter

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Replacement of Board Member: Christy Gorrow is now taking the place of Peter Favaro. Motion to ap-prove change in board member by Lisa Miller. Sec-ond to approve change in board member by Jerri Heer. All approve the change in board member.

Secretary's Minutes from February, 2021

Board Meeting: Motion to accept February 2021 minutes by Jerri Heer. Second to accept February 2021 minutes by Melinda Riddle. All approve the minutes from February 2021 board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: \$19,253.89 in checking; \$43,392.92 in money market; \$62,646.81 total in all accounts. There are no additions or corrections to treasurer's report.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on security cameras: They are installed and the system is in operation. The club monitors the cameras and the system, however, there is local sup-port for the system by the security camera company which has been in business in Tampa for 30 years. There is a monitor in the clubhouse that shows all cameras simultaneously, and the system will retain video for 60 days.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Show Update: The spring 2021 show is full; 152 tables have been sold at the new venue: The Sadye Martin Gibbs Community Center in Plant City. This is approximately \$15,000 in income for the club. There is also enough space to have 8-10 feet be-tween vendor tables, and the lighting is much better at this venue. Show floor plans were distributed at the board meeting. New dealers will be present at this show due to the Fossil Fest being cancelled this

spring. Our spring 2022 show (next year) has been reserved in this new venue for the 1st week of April so that there is no competition with the Fossil Fest in 2022. This will result in these new vendors be-ing able to attend our 2022 spring show. There are admissions positions still needed for this spring 2021 show: 3-4 people per shift to take temperatures upon entry into the building, administering wrist bands, and maintaining the club booth. The shifts available are 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. AND 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

2. Shop and Class Updates: News about classes and the shop is being submitted to the Geode for mem-bers to get information due to General Membership meetings still on hold.

3. Keys, Alarm Code and Credit Cards: Jerri Heer and Gerri Lundergan updated the alarm codes. Ac-cording to the standard operating procedure (SOP) the following have access to the alarm codes: presi-dent, secretary, treasurer and instructors. All inactive instructors' alarm codes have been removed from alarms. Once all codes are updated the new codes will be communicated to all necessary instructors. Credit cards will be collected from the former presi-dent, and Norma Jackson (the party that purchased any household items for the club) because she is moving and cannot fill this position until further notice.

4. Items Left in Clubhouse That No One Has Taken: The first weekend in May, during the tailgate, all items left will be brought outside that will be free for the taking. Motion to dispose of video equip-ment into tailgate rummage by Lisa Miller. Second to dispose of video equipment into tailgate rummage by Tony Carrino. All video equipment will also be added to this rummage during the tailgate in May. All approve disposing of the video equipment: TV, VCR, overhead projector.

5. Lightbox: A light box/photo booth has been do-nated to the club by Gerri Lundergan and will be for members to photograph their finished work.

Continued on next page

### ITEMS FROM FLOOR:

1. A/C filters: These need to be changed every month. Gerri is drafting a calendar system to get these filters changed. James Denslow volunteered to be Facilities Manager and will work with Gerri Lundergan to draft calendar system to make sure A/C filters get changed periodically.

**ACTION ITEM:** Lisa Miller will get an A/C company name and contact to Gerri for the purpose of A/C system maintenance.

2. Clubhouse Maintenance: Flower beds were cleaned by Gerri Lundergan and Lisa Miller and all debris was collected by trash collection. Pressure washing will be completed by club members. Timeline of pressure washing: This will be completed after the spring 2021 show. Painting of the clubhouse will be completed next.

**ACTION ITEM:** If club members own a pressure washer and are willing to help with pressure washing the building please contact Gerri Lundergan.

**ACTION ITEM:** Gerri Lundergan is currently getting quotes from two different painting companies.

3. The fall 2021 show: The fall show might be larger than the current spring show and there might be opportunities for Gene McDevitt to offer presentations, etc. His website address: [www.koroit.com](http://www.koroit.com). If the spring 2021 show is successful at the Sadye Martin Gibbs Community Center in Plant City, the club might move the fall show to this new venue from the Strawberry Festival venue. Currently the club is reserved at the Strawberry Festival, but no contract has been issued yet. Thus, it would be easy to move the fall 2021 reservation to the Sadye Martin Gibbs Community Center in Plant City.

Motion to adjourn by Tony Carrino.

Second to adjourn by Christy Gorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

### Addendum to Meeting Minutes

Announcement After Adjournment: The two people authorized to distribute keys are Gerri Lundergan and Jerri Heer. If club member or instructor needs a key, he/she must contact either of these board members with his/her request.

## BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

### BEZEL PROBLEMS

When bezel setting a cab that has rather sharp corners, have you ever had problems pushing the metal down at the corners? It's a common problem often causing a wrinkle in your bezel and a grimace on your face.



In order for a bezel to capture the stone, the top edge of the bezel must be compressed and become shorter to lay down onto the stone. With a round or oval stone this naturally happens as you push and burnish the bezel. But when setting a stone with corners, the tendency is to push the long sides of the bezel down first. No compression occurs along the sides, and all excess metal is left at the corners. Compressing everything there is difficult. Often the only way to remove the extra metal at the corner is to make a saw cut and fold the two sides in to touch.

If you want a smooth bezel all around the corners, the simple solution is to set the corners of the bezel first. Then push in and burnish the sides. In this way the necessary compression is distributed along the length of all sides and not forced to occur at the corners. With the corners set first, the top edge of the bezel can easily be compressed along the sides.

### CHEAPER & BETTER PICKLE

Most jewelers use a granular pickle mixed with water. The active ingredient is sodium bisulfate. This can be purchased online (<http://amzn.to/2HkNTro>) or from local stores as a common pool chemical used for adjusting the acidity of the water. It's sold under various names, so be sure to check the list of active ingredients for a brand that is 95% or more sodium bisulfate.

An added benefit is that the pool chemical is more pure in form than what is sold for jewelry use and does not cause the brown grime often found floating on the top of the pot.

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