



THE CORAL GEODE

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President's message

By Gerri Lundergan

As Floridians, we are a scrappy bunch. Hurricanes let us know they are coming, you batten down the hatches, evacuate if necessary and as soon as the storm has passed – we are back at it again.

We clean up, rebuild, help our neighbors, and march on.

As we move into October, our show is just days away. Club elections are right after and on to holiday decorating and cooking.

You will see profiles for each of the candidates. If you do not know them – reach out. Our club is run by your Board of Directors. They are the governing body who decide how to spend club funds, create policies, and manage decisions that directly affect classes and keep the club functioning. Find out who they are and what they see as important and how they want to help the club grow and improve. The candidates will be at the show, and this is the perfect time to meet them and talk to them. Find the candidates who are vested and want to keep the club moving forward and stay progressive. Ask them the tough questions.

One of our goals for 2023/2024 is to implement an Apprentice Program to foster and grow future instructors and shop foremen. Each of our shop foremen are putting together what each department needs and what will be required of an apprentice.

We are excited for the next two years of our club's growth and with a strong Board and involved membership we will continue for another 60+ years.

One last thing. While at the show, head back to the Demo Area and meet Dan Arkwright. His father was one of our founders. Dan is still involved with the club as is his granddaughter. Our club has come a long way in 60+ years and has changed and morphed – but our core and goals have remained. He is a wealth of knowledge and we are proud to have him still with us to share it.



ABOUT OUR CLUB

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FALL SHOW Oct. 15-16

BE THERE!
The Fall Show
volunteers meeting is at
10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8,
at the clubhouse.

IT'S SHOWTIME!

We are days away from our Fall Show on Oct. 15 and 16 at the Florida State Fairground! We will meet at the clubhouse on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. to load up vehicles. We will then meet at the fairgrounds at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, to unload and set up.

Show opens each day at 10 a.m. Volunteers are asked to come in at 9 a.m. each day so we can be set up and get ready to go when the doors open.

At the end of the show on Saturday, Phil Stephenson will be giving a presentation at 5:30 p.m. about his New Whiskey Creek Jasper at the end of the show on Saturday.

If you have any questions, contact our Dealer/Show Chair Greig Lundergan at GreigL2010@yahoo.com.



Upcoming club shows in Florida

NOV. 12-13

MELBOURNE

Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Adult \$5; contact Dave Wayment; webiecmgs@gmail.com; canaveral-mgs.com/our-show.html

NOV. 19-20

WEST PALM BEACH

Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches; South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd, 2940 Bellarosa Circle; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$9, 2-Day Pass \$14, Children 12 and under free. Visit website for \$1 off coupon. Free parking, door prizes, hourly prize and other prize drawings, over 70 dealers, Gem and fossil mining, geodecracking, displays, demonstrations, speakers, activities for children, spin the wheel game. Contact Barbara Ringhiser, 561-585-2080; bar5678@aol.com; gmspb.org.

LAPIDARY CORNER



Plowing ahead even without power

Not much news since we have been without power because of the storm.

I would like to announce we have two apprentices in the shop who will be working with me to learn what it takes to run the Lapidary Shop — Carlo Lucin and Yanitza Sendros. If you have been in on Tuesdays, you have met them. They run the slab saws, can fill in as instructors and are studying all that rock knowledge that is required. They will be running the back Kids Area during the show, so go back and meet them.

We have plenty of slabs cut for the show and will have some goodies you didn't see at the auction.

Classes will resume after the show. We have room for new students to begin.

Contact Gerri Lundergan at dunpainted1@gmail.com to sign up.



Carlo Lucin on the slab saw.

Membership notice

Soon it will be time to renew your memberships, and 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. Multi-year memberships will also be increasing. If you renew before we close for the Winter Holidays you can take advantage of the current rate for 2022. If you wait until after the holidays, 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

Shop fees increase

Beginning Sept. 1, shop fees have increased to \$7 per hour. This applies to faceting, lapidary, metal and kiln crafts. Table crafts fees will be \$3.50 per hour or \$10 for three hours.

CLUB ELECTION

It's time to select TBMSC's leaders for the next year. The open positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer and three Board of Directors seats. An email will go out to the membership in November with the ballots. Please reply to the email with your votes.

Meet the candidates

PRESIDENT, UNOPPOSED



Gerri Lundergan

Gerri is the current club president and is seeking re-election. Her interests include Lapidary, Metal/Silver, PMC/Enameling, Table crafts, Rocks and minerals. She is also a Lapidary shop foreman and instructor. She lives in Plant City.

Profession: Jewelry Designer, Lapidary Artist and Instructor

Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club? Continue the work we have started in correcting the books, needed repairs and growth of the club and continue to lead the charge into the clubs future.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year? We need to rebuild our Youth Program and I have just found 3 members willing to take over our field trips. Once we have our Letter of Determination back in house, we can aim toward grants and more public moneys to help us reach a goal of a new building. I have signed the club up in so many non-profit options, but without the letter we are on hold. Once we have it, so many doors will open up.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Additions of new instructors
- New class offerings
- Forward-focused board

Name 3 things the club should do better.

- Member retention
- Club chore list
- School involvement

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year? Marketing, youth, online instructional videos on our YouTube channel

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses?

So far we have increased our estates, which has brought in considerable extra income. Our advanced workshops with traveling instructors, work on more swag, online instructional videos on our subscription channel, continue to seek options that do not take more out of our members pockets. Yes, we have to increase shop fees and membership — everything goes up, but the more "other" options we can add that reaches a larger market helps to quell what our members pay extra. Started in correcting the books, needed repairs and growth of the club and continue to lead the charge into the clubs future.

VICE PRESIDENT, UNOPPOSED



Peter Favaro

Peter is a former member of the club's Board of Directors. He is a faceting instructor. He lives in Brandon.

Profession: Faceting and lapidary artist

Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club? To ensure it runs smoothly.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year? Ensure that we progress for the future.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Upgrading our equipment
- Making needed repairs
- Planning for future generations

Name 3 things the club should do better.

- Prosecute thieves
- Remove people that harm the club

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year? Training of future instructors, growth

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses? Raise fees to cover expenses as needed

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TREASURER, UNOPPOSED



Greig Lundergan

Greig is a current member of the club's Board of Directors and Show Chair. He lives in Plant City.

Position: Treasurer (and continue role as Show/Dealer chair)

What is your profession? Retired hotel and restaurant manager —

Internet Sales

Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club? To help move the club forward. Keeping all financial transactions transparent and without reproach.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year? Putting the club back in the position of creating and presenting budgets to the board and membership so the membership knows how we are doing financially.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Continuing the forward movement of getting the club back to a beyond reproach Tax Exempt club
- Adding more members
- Keeping all members apprised of all goings on, as the club moves forward

Name 3 things the club should do better.

- Get more members involved in upcoming classes, and events
- Get involved with schools, to add more exposure of the club to the Tampa Bay area
- Add more instructors to create more and better varied course schedule

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year? See previous answers to previous question.

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses? We have already increased membership cost for 2023, as well as classes, and shop fees. Bring in more estates; have an auction once a year (The Sept club meeting seems best); Look into ways to create field trips from schools to the clubhouse, paid to the club, by the schools; find out ways to get grants that are available to non-profits like us.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Tony Carrino

Tony is a current member of the Board of Directors. He's also a silversmith instructor and the Metal Shop foreman. His interests include Faceting, Lapidary, and Metal/Silver. He lives in Valrico.

What is your profession? Silver-

smith, Jewelry Artist

Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club? To assist with moving the club to the next level of participation by new and existing members. To ensure that our bylaws are followed and that no harm is done to the club's legal status.

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year? Increase membership and class participation

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Management of club finances
- Improving communications
- Following bylaws

Name 3 things the club should do better.

- Youth education
- Promote membership participation
- Educate members on the benefits of attending advance classes

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year? In order for the club to remain viable, focus on all areas must be maintained

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses? Hold additional fundraisers such as monthly auctions and tailgates

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Melinda Riddle

Melinda is seeking re-election as a member of the Board of Directors. She lives in Highland City. Her primary

areas of interest include Faceting, Lapidary, Metal/Silver, Table Crafts, and Rocks and Minerals.

What is your profession? Retired educator

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

I think with my varied interests I can see the overall picture. I have worked with many club members in the past 6 years.

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

Continue to grow and offer a variety of opportunities for our members

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Maintaining transparency
- More organized
- Communication to members

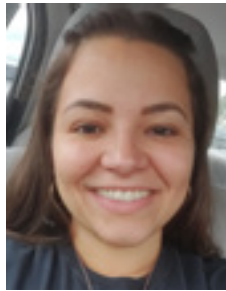
Name 3 things the club should do better.

- Get the casting class up and going
- Continue to improve our web page
- Continue to improve our Facebook page

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year? Continue to improve our communication to members. Start a casting class.

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses? More fundraisers

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Yanitza Sendros

Yanitza recently joined the club and has been active since. She is an apprentice for the Lapidary shop working under Gerri. She's also involved in the Youth Program. Yanitza enjoys all areas offered by the club. She lives in Tampa.

What is your profession? Office manager/permit technician soon to be an entrepreneur

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

I've always been sought out to lead any type of learning or working environment. I care a lot about anything I do and I always try my best to be the best and if I can't be the best, I'm always open to hearing feedback on how to improve. Rocks are really becoming a part of me, I want to be more involved within the rock/club community so that I may gain more knowledge to help improve this community.

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

I would like to work on making the club more accessible/available to children. Create a program that works with schools to teach children about rocks and minerals.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Club has worked really hard on becoming more available for the working class
- Getting the clubs finances in order
- Providing more updates on a weekly basis

Name 3 things the club should do better.

It's hard to say what the club can do better because the club functions on the participation/volunteering of its members, however, I believe opening up the club to non-members could be beneficial. Non-members should just have limited access to certain areas and events.

What do you want the club to focus on in the coming year? I would love more classes, but again, that's dependant on the members. Introduce more children events/classes.

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses? Any time inflation occurs, costs are passed on to the customer. We could do auctions more often to raise money. Create raffles and or competitions where people buy in and win a prize and a portion of the entries goes back to the club.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Linda Collins

Linda is a winter Brandon resident. She is an instructor for cold connections at the club. She is interested in all of the club's offerings. If elected, she plans to serve as co-treasurer and help Greig while she is in Florida.

What is your profession?

Retired senior executive assistant

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

To be involved with the success of the club.

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

To assist with the increased membership.

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Introduced a variety of classes
- Keeping expenses in line
- Expanded the Spring Show

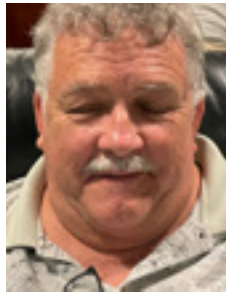
Name 3 things the club should do better.

- I need to be more involved to make these judgements.
- Organization — this is the only can think of right now and may already be in the process, is to assign Board members more responsibility.
- The club should have some of the basic tools available to sell to students for classes.

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

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses? In addition to the free demonstrations, offer some beginner classes at the Fall and Spring Gem and Mineral Show. Limit it to two of our classes. Students to buy materials, instructors donate their time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



James Denslow

James is currently the club's vice president. His areas of interest include all of what the club

offers. He takes care of many of the club's maintenance needs. He lives in Brandon.

What is your profession? Aircraft mechanic and test copilot Piper, retired

Why do you want to have a leadership position with the club? To see it thrive to the next level

What are your primary objectives for the club in the coming year? Bring back field trips

Name 3 things the club is doing well.

- Teaching
- Informing
- Camaraderie

Name 3 things the club should do better. Volunteering

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

How should the club handle increased cost in expenses? Raise shop fees, hold bake sales and car washes

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**Clubhouse
tenting is
complete**

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.

Brad's Bench Tips

By Bradford Smith

Winding jump rings

If you need a few jump rings the same size, it's easy to grab a round rod and wind as many as you need. But when you need a lot of them, some form of winder saves a lot of time. A variable speed screw gun makes quick work of winding the coils. Screw guns are quite inexpensive at discount stores and are remarkably handy for odd jobs in the shop and around the house.

To wind a coil, just bend a right angle on the end of the wire about a half inch long and insert this into the screw gun chuck. Then wind slowly, keeping a tight coil. I like to rest the end of the mandrel on the edge of the table or bench pin. Finally, one note of caution. If you are winding an entire length of wire, be careful as you get near the end of the wire. If the end passes under your thumb, it can cause a nasty scratch or cut.



Touching up a bezel



Pumice wheels are good for touching up a bezel after you've set the stone. The hardness is about 6 on the Mohs scale, less hard than quartz, so it shouldn't scratch any of your agates or Jaspers. However, I'd avoid or be real careful of using pumice near the softer stones like Turquoise, Amber, Howlite, etc.

If you're unsure about the hardness of your wheels, test them on a piece of glass. Glass is about 5½ on the Mohs scale, softer than quartz. So if the wheel doesn't harm glass, it's safe for use on the Quartzes and harder stones.

My preference is the one inch diameter ones such as those shown [here](#).



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TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

Oct. 3, 2022

Call to order- 6:44 p.m.

Board members present: Gerri Lundergan, Greig Lundergan, Melinda Riddle, Deb Pearson, Lyra Solochek, Frank Kenney via phone, Jim Denslow, Ardys Favaro

Non Board - Yanitza Sendros , Peter Favaro

1. Approval of minutes motion presented by Greig. Seconded by all
2. Deb: Treasury overall. Not much intake this month because of the storm and the Terminix tenting.
 - The money for the auction is about \$6,000
 - Withdrawal for auction: \$500
 - Lawn service: \$200
 - New faceting machines, Facebook advertisements for the fall show and Terminix concludes the expenses report
 - Frank asked about the new dues announcement and when it will take effect.
 - Motion to approve the treasury report presented by Melinda approved by All
3. Update on the accountant. All paperwork was dropped off. Accountant will work on all the accounts and books. Due to the storm, an update on progress has been delayed.
4. Update on the show:
 - Debbie wrote the check for the last payment
 - Fairgrounds did not tell the club of the raise of rates, but was in our contract. Increase in parking \$2 per car.
 - For the Spring Show, we will need to look at increases in admission fees.
 - Will let the vendors know that they will be seeing the price increase.
 - Vendor Luncheon set for Oct. 14.
 - We will be bringing water for our member volunteers.
 - Last time we might be doing the vendors luncheon, getting too expensive.
 - Frank asked if he could come by and pick up supplies to start making the sluice bags.
 - Frank updated the flyer. Need to give flyers to Greig by Monday at the latest.
 - Frank will be getting the scavenger hunt list and will be finalizing the last layout
 - Debbie mentioned that too many flyers were left over last year, and confirmation of cut back on the amount was given
 - Volunteers meeting moved to Saturday Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. instead of 1 p.m. Greig will finalize volunteer schedule. Due to the storm, winter residents have yet to come down, so we do not have an accurate amount of people.
 - Peter and Frank talked about repairs to the sluice
 - Yanitza requested small paper plates for the children's painting. A suggestion was made to use the small condiment cups.
5. Update on power outage. Our transformer is extremely damaged, but they have been working on it. All shop classes have been canceled for this week.
6. Update on Tom Dersham. Peter says he did not talk to him, Gerri stated that the knee operation has been done

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but now he went in for hip surgery. Peter stated that he doesn't know when he will be down for his own surgery.

7. Peter updated the board on the faceting class and postponed brand-new students until the new faceting machines arrive.

8. Barbara Rivolta called Gerri and let her know that she had a stroke which set off her autoimmune issues. So, all classes will be postponed for the foreseeable future. As soon as she knows a more definite answer.

Update on the election nominations:

- President-Gerri
- Vice-President-Peter
- Treasurer-Greig
- 3 Board positions are open: Nominees are Tony Carrino, Yanitza Sendros, Jim Denslow, Linda Collins, Melinda Riddle

9. Talked about having mentorships and apprenticeships for instructors. Since most of our instructors are over 70, we need to have younger instructors to continue the classes. Find someone that can run each shop. There are classes in two lapidary schools. The club can send members to these schools for advanced classes and other learning experiences. Must start planning this program for 2023, it needs to be structured.

10. Planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A committee will be needed to plan both. Peter suggested that it was a combined party and the date was settled for Dec. 3. Tailgate for Holiday party as well as officer induction. 9-11 tailgate, 11-12 general meeting, and 12-2 for food.

11. Peter proposed a membership to the U.S. Faceters Guild for the club so that students can have access to their design database. Lyra stated that she was a member and that she was willing to share her access with the club

12. Called to evaluate the estate of a former president. The rocks were not worth the money that the family is asking, so we passed

13. During the storm someone left several boxes outside of the door as a donation.

14. Club insurance has been updated and complete. Accident insurance was updated, as well as our Special Events for educational purposes.

15. Look at Terminix contract vs. tenting every 10 years

16. Still looking for a yard guy. Peter proposed that come spring the club requests that members bring in perennials to plant in the flower beds.

17. Motion to adjourn was presented by Melinda and seconded and approved by all

2022 ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

Gerri Lundergan, President
James Denslow, Vice-President
Ardys Favaro, Secretary
Deb Pearson, Treasurer

Board Members

Tony Carrino
Christy Gorrow
Greig Lundergan
Frank Kenney
Melinda Riddle
Lyra Solochech

Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club of Tampa, FL September 1-30, 2022 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balances 9/1/22:

Checking \$43,979.13
Savings \$53,514.15

Ending Balances 9/30:

\$41,006.68
\$53,515.47

Deposits:

9/1/22	\$1,441.00		Refund	\$43.37	
9/6/22	\$2,766.00		PayPal	\$6,042.38	9/16/22
9/8/22	\$978.00			<u>\$6,085.75</u>	
9/15/22	<u>\$1,477.00</u>				
	\$6,662.00				
			TOTAL =	\$12,747.75	

Withdrawal Checking:

\$500.00 bank for auction 9/1/22-redeposited 9/6

Utilities/Recurring:

Frontier	\$167.84	Phone and internet
Water	\$16.07	
TECO	\$226.04	Electric
INTUIT	\$85.00	Accounting Software
Instant Ink	<u>\$12.89</u>	Subscription
	\$507.84	Total Monthly

Checks:

Tyler's Lawn	\$200.00	
Pearson	<u>\$80.00</u>	Lapidary instructor fee (1081)
	\$280.00	

Home Depot	\$695.62	hot water heater replacement
Ultra-Tec	\$9,418.69	2 new faceting machines
Terminix	\$3,648.61	treatment and tenting
FaceBook Ads	\$343.13	Fall show
Amazon	\$15.12	
Dunkin Donuts	\$35.40	auction refreshments
Staples	<u>\$25.79</u>	supplies
TOTAL	\$14,182.36	

Note: no deposits after 9/15/22 due to termite treatment then loss of power from Hurricane Ian.
Still closed as of 10/3/22- no power

Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc. Membership Application

Adult #1	Occupation	Birth Month	
Adult #2	Occupation	Birth Month	
Child (under 18)		Birth Month	
Child (under 18)		Birth Month	
Child (under 18)		Birth Month	
Street			
City	State	Zip	Phone ()
E-mail Address		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) \$30 Individual, \$15 for each additional adult in household, and \$5 for each child under 18. Multi-year membership: \$100.00 individual for 4 years, \$50.00 per additional adult in household for 4 years.

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

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Phone: (813) 684-2039
Website: www.TampaBayRockClub.org
Email: info@tampabayrockclub.org
Membership Meetings: 1st Saturday of each quarter at 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.

For Club Use:

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