



THE CORAL GEODE

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President's message

By Gerri Lundergan

Ah, June.

Graduations are over, school is out, snowbirds have flown North, while the rest of us are gearing up for the rainy season.

Need something to do with those hours during the heat of the day?

Take a class. Come play rock ID. Peruse the books in our library area. There is always something fun to do in the clubhouse. Even sitting at the tables talking rocks.

I mean, where else do folks not run away when they see you coming, knowing you are going to pull out your phone and show off your latest rock pics and talk about rocks?

Check the class schedules below — we have moved some things around and are working on setting up the online scheduler. Yes, you soon will be able to go to the club website and sign up for classes and open shops online!

We are also adding a Members Area on the website. This will be an area with members-only content. You will create a log in to gain access. Stay tuned.

Folks, we have an amazing team who help with our growth, constant improvements, website upgrades, marketing, show management, Geode newsletter, instructors, maintenance, membership and general club management.

We cannot do any of this without them. We are truly blessed!

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers, too!

Highlights from our June 4 Club Meeting

Members voted to approve raising club dues to \$40 per year starting 2023.

Pay next year's dues before 2023 and get 2022 pricing. See Christy Gorrow, our membership chairperson.

Members also approved the raising of shop fees: Lapidary, faceting, metal shop, casting and kiln crafts are going from \$5/hour to \$7/hour, or 3 hours for \$20. This will go into effect September 1.

Table crafts are going from \$3/hour to \$3.50/hour or 3 hours for \$10. This starts June 16.

Lapidary Corner



Schedule changes

Tuesday 4-9 p.m. — Open shop and limited students

Thursday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open shop and limited students

Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. — Beginning lapidary and limited open shop

Open shop reservations

Open shop sessions need to be reserved and paid for in advance. We are having a huge issue with folks saying they are coming in and then not, which causes us to tell someone else they cannot come in because the machines are all reserved.

We are working on an online scheduler to do this.

Equipment update

I am working on ordering new wheels — but reports are they are still in a container somewhere afloat in the ocean, and there is no date as to when they will be available in the warehouse. Until then, we are down a machine.

UPCOMING CLASSES

2 two-day sessions

Intro to Intarsia

Weekday dates: June 22 (Wednesday) and 23 (Thursday) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. each day

Weekend dates: June 25 (Saturday) and 26 (Sunday) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. each day

Cost: \$50 for both days

Bring in your own material or you can purchase slabs.

- **Day 1** is picking out and cutting out the material, working the edges then gluing it all together.
- **Day 2** is capping the material

Saturdays, starting June 18

Advance techniques classes

You asked for more advanced techniques, so we put them together in a flexible format. Choose from:

- Calibrated Cabochons
- Doublets
- Hearts
- Crosses
- Stars
- Even Girdles
- Boulder Opal
- Mexican Fire Opal
- Jade



Let Instructor know which area you want to work on.

When: Saturdays 1-4 p.m.

Cost: \$30 includes materials

Saturday, July 2

Beginning Lapidary

Beginning Lapidary class starts Saturday July 2 from 9 a.m.-noon. If you need to miss a class, we will roll it to the next week.

Cost: \$200 for the six-week course. Includes all materials.

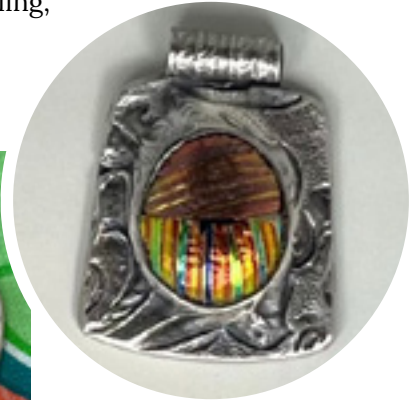
Limited to 4 students

Schedule Open Shop or Classes with Gerri Lundergan 813-943-5665 or dunpaintedfarm@yahoo.com

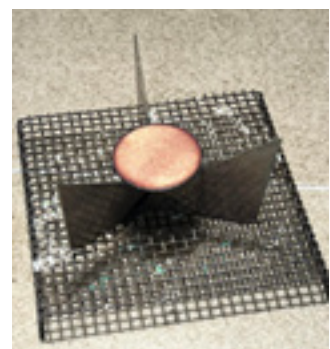
Metal Clay

Camp PMC 101 Certification Course

Students are learning the fundamental skills required to successfully work with precious metal clay in this three-day workshop in June. Techniques taught include rolling, texturing, cutting, carving, sculpting, molding, refining, firing and polishing. Upon completion of the projects and a short multiple choice quiz, students will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Sawtooth School of Art and will be entitled to discounts on PMC products purchased from participating suppliers.



Enamel



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UPCOMING CLASSES AND OPEN SHOP

Sunday, June 26

Fused Dichroic Glass Cabochons with Stringers and Ripple Glass

Make fused glass cabochons using stringers and ripple glass to get a striped effect. Learn how to layer the glass and cut it with a saw to make multiple cabs.

When: Sunday, June 26, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Cost: \$35 Instruction; \$15 TBSMC fee; \$35 for materials.

Contact: Email barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com for further information and to register.



Sunday, June 26

Open Workshop

- Metal Clay
- Glass
- Enamel

When: Sunday, June 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Contact: Email barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com to register.

Cost: \$5 per hour to TBSMC



Sunday, July 10

Enameling on Copper Mesh

Come make this fun three-dimensional project using fabric-like copper mesh, liquid and powdered enamels.

When: Sunday, July 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost: \$35 Instruction; \$15 TBSMC fee; \$25 for materials

Contact: Email barbara.Rivolta@gmail.com for further information and to register.



Come join Thursdays' Table Craft Day

What are Table Crafts Days you ask? Kumihimo, Wire Wrapping, Seed Beading, Peyote Stitch, Viking Knit, Chain. Christy is here on Thursdays from 12-9 p.m. Let her know when you would like to come in and which project you would like to work on. Gerri is here from 5-9 for wire wrapping — unless you schedule ahead for her to come in earlier

Cost: \$3.50 per hour, or 3 hours for \$10. Class fee is dependent on class and supplies

Contact: Christy Gorrow at cgorrow@juno.com or Gerri Lundergan at dunpaintedfarm@yahoo.com

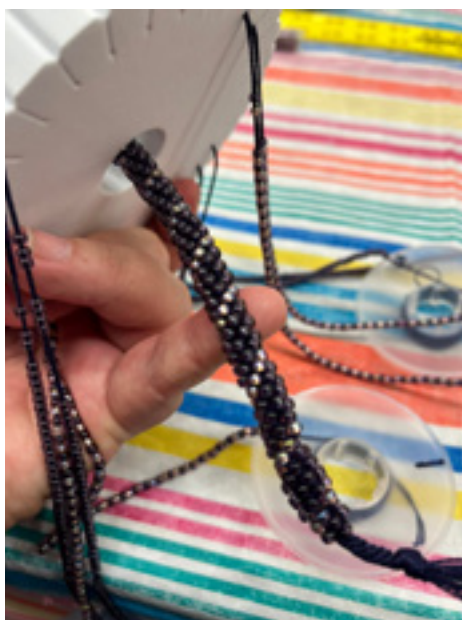


Wire wrapping

Members learned how to wire-wrap stones and cabochons in Beginning and Intermediate classes in May.



Kumihimo



Beginning Silver



Upcoming shows in Florida

September 17-18

Sanford

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society annual show. Sanford Civic Center, 401 S. Seminole Blvd. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4. Adults \$5, Kids \$2. Vendors will offer rocks, minerals, gemstones, fossils, jewelry, artifacts, metaphysical stones. Silent auction and door prizes, demonstrations, family activities and scavenger hunt. www.cfmgs.org.

October 15-16

Tampa

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club 63rd annual Rock, Gem, Mineral and Bead show. Florida State Fairgrounds Special Events Center, 4800 U.S. 301. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$8 includes Parking, kids under 12 free. Look for online coupons. tampabayrockclub.org.

November 19-20

West Palm Beach

Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches Show and sale; South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd. 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, geode cracking, displays, demonstrations, speakers, activities for children, spin the wheel game. gmspb.org.

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

Tony Carrino



Tony Carrino teaching a Beginning Silver class.

Tony has been a member of the TBMSC since 1999. He has been working as a Lapidary Artist and Silver-smith for 23 years. He has had training in multiple classes at William Holland, TBMSC and The Florida Goldsmith Association. He is also a member of the Florida Goldsmith Association.

Tony has been selling his jewelry at juried shows for many years part time, but in 2016 decided to take it full time and does three shows a month in Florida and Georgia. His booth is consistently a favorite of the judges and has won many awards.

He was Silver Shop Foreman and Silver Instructor from 2010 to 2012, as well as a member of the Board of Directors and Club President.

He is back with us at TBMSC, again as Silver Shop Foreman and Instructor, as well as a member of the board.

His goals for the MetalShop are to ensure the proper education of members, improving our equipment, teaching new techniques and adding new tools to keep the learning fresh and updated. He is in the process of creating a syllabus for the Metal Shop so each student will receive consistent instruction.

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PMC, Fused Glass

Want to teach?

We are currently looking for additional instructors. We have days and times that are open. Plus having two to three folks offering the same classes gives members more options for days and times. Our current survey says people are looking for evening and weekend classes. Contact Gerri Lundergan for more info.

Reprinted with permission from the Stones and Bones newsletter from
[Bone Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society](#) in Lakeland.

Places to access the Peace River- Off of Hwy 17

**Melinda Riddle and Debbie Meyer mapped out the Peace River from Brownville to Bartow.
 Here's their report on conditions.**

Brownville About 3 miles north of Arcadia. Turn right on NW Brownville St. Its one mile 'to Brownville Park. Its on the left. If you go over the bridge you went too far. Fee is \$2 cash only and you must have exact change. It is patrolled. Boat ramp, camping, restrooms. In low water you can walk quite a ways up and down the river.

Gardner Boat Ramp and Canoe Outpost Gardner Town of Gardner Turn Right of River Road SW. The boat ramp is about a mile down the road. The Canoe Outpost is nearby..

Pioneer Park at Zolfo Springs Entrance to the park is just before Hwy 64 intersects with Hwy 17. This is before you get to the town of Zolfo Springs.

Peace River RV and Camping Resort This is a part of Thousand Trails. Must be camping to access the river. There is a nice trail running along the river. A few campsites are on the river.

Peace River Park City of Wauchula Turn left on Main Street also Hwy 636 As soon as you leave the city you will see the sign on the right,. If you get to the bridge you went too far. The road in is unpaved. Primitive camping walk in. No facilities..Three places to access the river. Shortest one is 3/10 mile. At low water it is waist high. Second access on down the trail is thigh high. The last place is the shallowest and has an area for coolers.

Wauchula Riverside Park Boat ramp and canoe launch..No Facilities Turn left on Main Street (Hwy 636). Immediately past Peace River City Park turn left on Riverside Drive. Then make a right on Park you will be able to see the parking lot for the park.

Paynes Creek State Park Bowling Green Turn left on Main St. Go about 5 blocks and Turn right on Lake Branch Rd. (664A) The address is 888 Lake Branch Rd. You can launch a canoe but you **can not** collect fossils. Admission is \$3 per vehicle. Cash only exact change needed. Visitor center with restrooms.

Bridge over Peace river on 664A This is just past Paynes Creek State Park. Just before the bridge you will see a vehicle path to the right that heads to the river under the bridge. Looks like it is used for fishing. Can access here but it is rough.

Bowling Green W County Line Rd (664) Bridge over the river Access by vehicle path to the right. Did not visit

Peace River Hammock Fort Meade Leaving Fort Meade turn left on Bergquist Rd. Turn right on Mt. Pisgah Rd. The park is after you go over the Peace River on the right . Looks like a long hike to the river.

Peace River Trail Fort Meade Leaving Fort Meade t1,.1rn left on Bergquist Rd. Turn right on Mt. Pisgah Rd. On the left after crossing the Peace River. 2.6 mile off road trail with access to the Peace River.

Fort Meade Outdoor Recreation Area Turn Right on E Broadway St. (US 98) It is on the right after you cross the river. Canoe launch access.

Heritage Peace River Landing 3227-3783 Homeland Garfield Rd. (Hwy 640) Turn right off of Hwy 17/98 on Hwy 640 Homeland-Garfield Rd. It is on the right after you go across the river. Has a canoe launch.

Bartow Boat launch on Hwy 60 On the right just after you cross the river headed east.

Brad's Bench Tips

By Bradford Smith



Deburring a hole

When you drill a hole, there's always a burr produced on the underside of the metal. We all have our ways of removing them — typically by filing or sanding the area smooth. But doing it this way will put scratches on your piece that will have to be polished off.

A quick way to remove the burr is to grab a drill that's two or three times larger than your hole. Simply twist it in the hole to cut off the burr. I usually do this twisting by hand, but if you have many holes to do, it's easier on your fingers to put the drill into a holder like a pin vice.

Cleaning steel shot

Steel shot in a vibratory or rotary tumbler works great to burnish and shine your finished silver pieces. But a common problem is how keep the shot clean. Carbon steel shot can get rusty if exposed to the air, and even stainless steel shot can sometimes develop a blackish coating that's hard to remove.

My solution of choice to clean the shot is Classic Coke. Just pour an ounce or two over the shot and let the tumbler run for an hour or so. A bad case might require a second cleaning. Some folks like to let the bubbles in the Coke dissipate before using it so that gas pressure doesn't build up in the tumbler barrel. I've heard that it's the phosphoric acid in Coke that does the trick.

While you're waiting for the shot to clean up, just settle back and enjoy the rest of the Coke.

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

Click to see all of Brad's books on amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith



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.



TBMSC General Membership Minutes

June 4 , 2022

- Meeting called to order by President Gerri Lundergan
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes as viewed in May Geode approved as posted. Norma Jackson made the motion, second by Lynn Sheffield. All approved
- Our treasurer was home not feeling well, so the Treasurer Report will be reported in the board minutes.

Old Business

- **Spring Show:** We received a nice letter from vendor Kelly Johnson complimenting the club on such a well run show and kudos for the free parking. He has already reserved his spot again at our Fall show.

New Business

- We are working to finish up repairs around the clubhouse and will be hiring a company to come in and trim up the trees.
- We discussed volunteers working to do things around the clubhouse compared to having to hire companies to come in. Members understood that if we can not get volunteers for needed repair work to just hire it and get the work done.
- The AC unit will need its annual tune-up and the hot water heater doesn't work, so needs to be removed and capped off.
- Next, we discussed possibly raising dues and shop fees. All members felt there is a need to raise dues and we are still a bargain for what the club offers. Raising dues to \$40/year and shop fees to \$7/hour was agreed upon.
- Upcoming elections and starting to get members interested in offices and board positions were discussed. Gerri and the other board members present explained what each office required and what is expected of the positions. Those members interested are encouraged to come to the board meetings to get an understanding of what it takes to manage our growing organization and know if they can make the commitment to the board.
- Various class ideas were brought up to get new interest and keep current members continued learning in various classes.
- Date Night has been discussed and what projects can we offer in 3 hours for a couple of folks to create.
- The realization that we have morphed into a community event organization and not the little social club of the past.
- Our marketing staff is working hard to meet the new needs of current and future members, we are listening to what members are asking for and then working to make it happen.
- We love the feed back from the surveys.
- LindaSu asked if we could create a list of things members can do when in the clubhouse to help with clean up and repairs. We can do that. Will put a white board up with things like dusting, book organizing, etc. that members can help with when they are at the clubhouse. Great Idea!
- We talked about offering classes at the Fall show — had some attendees ask and we will fact find and report back on this.
- Don Roberts asked about having the club collect class fees in advance so eliminate no-shows. Instructors must purchase class supplies in advance and with the rising costs, purchasing extra is not ideal.
- Which leads us to the scheduler and online sign up.
- Frank and Gerri have been working on setting it up through our website. Will be set up shortly and members will receive an email as soon as it is up. We are also working for a members-only area within the website.
- With no other business, LindaSu motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Frank
- Meeting adjourned
- Next Club Meeting: September 3

TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022

- Call to order 6:35 pm
- Gerri Lundergan, Greig Lundergan, Jim Denslow, Deb Pearson, Lyra Solochech, Christy Gorrow, Frank Kenney, Joanne Cornell, Joseph Kenney
- Treasurer's Report: Deb reported:
 - Starting Balance: Checking Account: \$30,580.52
 - Savings Account: \$53,509.08

Ending Balance (5/31/22): Checking Account: \$36,350.07
 Savings Account: \$53,510.11

Deposits:

5.2.22	\$2,239.10 PayPal
5.2.22	\$303.69 Square
5.2.22	\$43.71 PayPal
5.4.22	\$1,092.00 Deposit
5.17.22	\$28.83 Square
5.18.22	\$1,543.00 Deposit
5.25.22	\$156.00 Deposit
5.27.22	\$9.55 Amazon Smile
5.31.22	\$1,269.47 PayPal
5.31.22	<u>189.48</u> PayPal
Total	\$6,874.83

Club Expenses:

\$161.84	Frontier: Phone and Internet
\$19.64	Water
\$131.71	Teco Electric
\$25.00	INTUIT Accounting Software
\$40.00	E-Filing Taxes
\$25.00	Night Deposit Bank Bags
\$15.00	Spring Show payment to Solochech
<u>\$580.00</u>	Carrino Instructor fees: Silver class
\$1,005.19	Total

Greig motion to approve and Christy 2nd.

Old Business:

1. **Repairs Trimming Trees:** Club found out that only the trees that are hanging over the roof of clubhouse are to be trimmed back. If anyone has recommendations of a company, please contact Club President Gerri Lundergan or a board member ASAP, we have an extension to complete this to maintain our insurance.
2. **Fall Show:** We now have 25 vendors with signed contracts, 15-plus potential vendors looking to secure their spots. There will be additional tables for new vendors who want to be in the fall show. Contact Greig Lundergan or a board member to secure your spot before we are at capacity.
3. **Accounting Dept. Budgets:** We are looking for a new accountant who will assist in creating a budget beginning in 2023, create new white sheets for classes and other accounting needs as we grow. Please contact Gerri Lundergan, Deb Pearson or any board member if you have a referral for us to a CPA who handles **Non-Profits**. Our accountant has retired due to a serious long-term illness.

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4. **June Tailgate Report:** What a great turnout, thank you to everyone who came, supported, and brought delicious food. Club meeting was held after the tailgate, the board updated members of current events, ideas, classes, answered questions of concern and progress. If you want to be part of the club's growth and its future, we encourage you to come to the next tailgate on Saturday, September 3, 2022. If you cannot make it, send an email request or contact a board member to have your questions and/or ideas presented.

New Business:

1. **Tailgate:** Next Tailgate will be held Saturday, September 3, 2022. Club meeting will be held after.
2. **Election Committee:** Members of the board not up for re-election this year are appointed to the election committee. Frank and Lyra are head of the committee this year. The committee also will include a club member. If interested in joining the election committee, please let Frank or Lyra know. Please contact them or current board members that you are interested in running for an officer or board position for the 2023 calendar year. Voting will commence in October 2022.
3. **Quarterly Dues:** Looking into alternatives to increase memberships. All ideas and proposals are welcome by sending an email message through the website or contacting a board member.
4. **Lifetime Memberships:** We will start to offer lifetime memberships. They will be added to the website shortly. To find out the details, you can contact Christy Gorrow or a board member to find out more.
5. **Increase Dues and Shop Fees:** There is a lot of value in our memberships, so dues will increase by \$10, from \$30 to \$40 a year. Additional family members up to four will increase to \$20; 4-year memberships increase to \$140 and additional family member to \$70, kids under 18 \$10 (must be accompanied by an adult, no exceptions). **We encourage all new and current members to sign up, pay or renew your membership now before the increase will take effect in January 2023.** Shop fees will increase by \$2 beginning September 1, 2022, for all machine shop classes. All crafting shop will increase to \$7 for 2 hours and \$10 for 3 hours. Greig motion to approve and Christy second.
6. **Class Updates:** Peter will be taking over faceting classes currently until Tom returns in September; Tom and Dave are working hard in the casting shed getting it ready to begin casting classes. Stay on the lookout for more information as this class develops.
7. July and September board meetings will be held on July 11 and September 12.

Other Business:

1. **Website:** The website is currently under construction as we are in the process of developing a platform to provide easy navigation and access to a schedule of all classes that are offered. Members will be able to register and pay for classes online, register as a member, pay dues, purchase merchandise and so much more.
2. **Repairs:** A list is being prepared of current equipment that will need service and/or repair at the Club, this will be discussed at our next board meeting and will be reported in the July minutes.
3. **Instructors:** We are always looking for instructors, if you know of anyone or would like to inquire, please contact any board member at the club.
4. **Donations:** We are now accepting donations for the Club to maintain its beautification and landscaping. Collections will be taken at the Club.

Joanne motion to adjourn and Frank second.
Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Club Officers

Gerri Lundergan: President
James Denslow: Vice-President
Deb Pearson: Treasurer
Joanne Cornell: Secretary

Board Members

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

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
E-mail Address		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) \$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!

Clubhouse: 10207 Fisher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619
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 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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