

THE CORAL GEODE



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President's Message

by Gerri Lundergan

February in Florida means two things will happen - Its going to freeze to make those Strawberries sweeter and the Florida State Fair.

Beginning Thursday, the club will have our usual tables in the Florida Center at the State Fair from Feb 10-21. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to promote our club and its many classes.

The fair has graciously loaned us a large glass display case to showcase items made by club members.

The results of our member survey have been tallied and we will continue to keep you informed monthly via the Geode, add a calendar and work to add some of your suggestions. We appreciate you taking the time to comment and give us those thoughts.

Our next Regular Membership meeting will be March 5 at 1 pm after Tailgate

Member Tailgate will be 9 -12:30

We will be putting out tables full of items from the last 2 estates we have taken in.



Congratulations
to Lisa Miller on
her Best of Show
at the Florida
State Fair and her
3rd place in
Silverwork.
And to Karen Kulas
on her 2nd place in
Wire Wrapping



Lapidary Corner Jan 2022

Beginning Cabochon classes will start again after State Fair

There are a couple spots also available on Wednesday mornings 9-12

3 spots available on Tuesday evenings 6-9

3 spots available Saturdays 9-12

For Lapidary Open Shop – you need to reserve a space for us to reserve a machine for you.

Plus, it is not fair to our Staff to drive all the way to the shop and then not have anyone show up.

Open Shop – Tuesday evenings 5-9

Wednesday 9-1

Saturday 9-1

Slabs available – We just re stocked our Slab Bins in the Lapidary room. The 2/\$1 bin is overflowing with great cabs waiting to be made. There is also a huge \$3 bin.

Upcoming Workshops – We are going to be offering workshops on advanced topics on Saturday afternoons from 1-4.

Feb 26 – Calibrated stones, fitting a stone into a premade shape. We have some Bezel cups to work a stone to fit. All materials provided. \$40

Requirements for these classes – must have completed Beginning Cabochons or be approved for Open Shop.

Contact Gerri Lundergan to sign up – 813-943-5665 or dunpaintedfarm@yahoo.com

Fused Glass Class





Enameling on Copper Basics - Beautiful colors fired onto shaped copper forms are fun and easy to make. Learn how to apply and fire enamels for jewelry. Shop safety and firing in a kiln will be emphasized.

Sunday Feb 27, 2022

1 - 4pm Class: \$35 Club Fee: \$15 Materials additional
contact Barbara Rivolta
barbara.rivolta@gmail.com

METAL CLAY BASICS I & II

METAL CLAY IS POWDERED METAL MIXED WITH ORGANIC BINDERS. THIS EXCITING MEDIUM ALLOWS FOR BOLD TEXTURES AND CAN BE COMBINED WITH TRADITIONAL METAL SMITHING TECHNIQUES. IT CAN BE FIRED TOGETHER WITH GLASS, CERAMIC, AND OTHER MATERIALS. EASILY MAKE PENDANTS, EARRINGS, BROOCHES, ETC. YOU WILL LEARN THE BASICS OF FORMING, FIRING & FINISHING METAL CLAY IN YOUR CHOICE OF BRONZE OR COPPER. IN THE SECOND CLASS, YOU WILL MAKE A PAIR OF SILVER EARRINGS OR A PENDANT AND TORCH FIRE IT.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 1 - 4PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 1 - 4PM

CLASS: \$70 CLUB FEE: \$30 MATERIALS ADDITIONAL

CONTACT BARBARA RIVOLTA
BARBARA.RIVOLTA@GMAIL.COM



Students will begin coiling on a stone cabochon shape of your choice. (Cabs will be provided for the first basket) You will learn the slant/single stitch and how to add a new thread and change colors. Coil the bottom, then learn to shape the sides and add beads! Depending on your skill level, you may not finish in class but you will learn to finish on your own. Students may work on the basket between classes. A second basket may be started and kits and supplies will be available.

Class kits include: Cabochon glued onto leather to start weaving on, 3 colors of waxed linen threads, pine needles, and beads! Extra supplies will be available.

Classes scheduled:

March 19 & 20 from 10:00-3:00 each day

Material Fee due to teacher: 75.00

Teaching Fee (10 hours) and Club fee: 70.00

To sign up or get additional details: Email
charweave@gmail.com or call Char at 216-570-2950



Thank You Ron for pressure washing and starting on the exterior paint on the clubhouse!



Then- Ron, John & Greig got the mailbox put in

Beginning Metalsmithing with Tony Carrino

Tuesday 6-9
contact Tony to sign up
Tcarrino@verizon.net



Metal Shop Open Shop

Saturdays 10-1
message

Lisa Miller meggymoo65@gmail.com
Lynn Sheffield shec20@aol.com
to reserve a spot

Metal Clay, Fused Glass,
Enameling Open Shop
Feb 27 from 10-1
\$5/hr

March 5, 2022
Member Tailgate 9-12:30
Membership Meeting 1 pm



We will be putting out another large batch of items
Beads, silver and gold wire, bezel cups, rocks, slabs, etc...

Update on Tom Dershem -after 2 back surgeries in 7 months, Tom is back in Florida and resting up. He will be resuming Faceting classes shortly.

Feb 7, 2022, Board Meeting

Call to order 6:34 pm

Gerri Lundergan, Greig Lundergan, Tony Carrino, Deb Pearson, Melinda Riddle, Christy Gorrow
Frank Kenney, Joseph Kenney - Youth delegate, Joanne Cornell, Lyra Solochek
Ken Moser - member attending

Treasurer Report: Deb reported:

Beginning Balance:	Checking Account:	\$14,549.42
	Savings Account:	\$53,503.81

Total Deposits:	\$6,630
PayPal:	\$4,404.75
Square:	\$504.96
Total	\$11,539.71

Monthly Expenditures: Frontier	\$158.09
Water	\$23.21
TECO	\$107.85
Retainer	\$750.00
(1st) Insurance	\$98.08
Intuit	\$25.00
Home Depot	\$483.31
(2nd) Insurance	\$3,252.64
GoDaddy	\$19.17
Amazon	\$154.30
Total	\$5,071.65

(Lawn service \$140 and Accountant \$125 paid as invoiced)

Ending Balance:	Checking Account:	\$20,444.72
	Savings Account:	\$53,505.15 (\$1.36 interest)

Greig motion to approve and Melinda 2nd, treasurer report - all approved

Minutes: Joanne motion to approve last month minutes, Deb 2nd, minutes approved

Ken-discussed concerns regarding the approved Bylaws as to Confidentiality; Term Limits, Budget and approval process. The board is in early stages of re-drafting the SOPs and budget (working with accountant & attorney) and processes are currently in place as: any transaction over \$200 needs board approval and two (2) signatures are required for each check written. Accountant does all Quickbooks each month

Old Business

1. Open Board Position-Lira Solochek was voted to fill a board position recently vacated. Deb motion to approve, Tony 2nd, all approved.
2. Short Executive Session
3. By-Laws approved by membership. Now on to the SOPs- Greig and Joanne are currently drafting and will present to the board for final review and approval.
4. State Fair Booth. Set-up will begin 2.10.2022, TBMSC will be through the 21st of February 2022. Still looking for volunteers, contact Gerri for tickets and parking passes.
5. Spring Show-We have filled the space, are on the Fairgrounds website and currently have a waiting list for vendors.
6. Feb workshops moved to Aug – Due to travel restrictions.
7. Painting and mailbox- Painting on the outside of the building is almost completed, new to mailbox is up
8. How to deal with Instructors who refuse to follow not being in the clubhouse alone-SOPs will address this issue and a Compliance form will be required for all volunteers, instructors, foreman's, etc to execute, the Board will address each violation accordingly, which may result in termination of position and possible membership.

New Business

1. Consistency in classes and prices for Beginning classes – then getting it on the website-Board currently creating syllabus and outlines for each class and to be completed in 8 weeks.
2. Seeking out new Instructors – areas we are lacking in - Seeking various new instructors for all areas.
3. Marketing/Promoting the club. Need to update the website to assist promoting the Club and what we have to offer the community.
4. Goals for 2022 – see 2021 accomplishments list: update website, schedule more classes, search for instructors, volunteers and memberships.
5. Yearly Inventory - Currently being conducted
6. Results of Membership polls-requests to add a calendar and the new look of Geode have received positive feedback.
7. March Tailgate and Membership meeting-we have new items for the tailgate as we acquired an Estate, members meeting to follow the tailgate.
Tony motion to adjourn and Deb 2nd.
Adjourned at 8:45 pm

We are currently looking for additional Instructors

We have days and times that are Open

Plus having 2-3 folks offering the same classes gives members more options for days and times.

Our current survey says folks are looking for Evening and Weekend classes.

Contact Gerri Lundergan for more info