

Quarterly Members Meeting on June 6



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IMPORTANT DATES

- **May:** Accepting donations for things to sell at our fundraiser garage sale. During club hours.
- **May 24-25** — 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Gemorama prep and garage sale prep
- **May 28** — Gemorama setup. Meet at the club at 10 a.m.
- **May 29-31** — Gemorama Gem Show at the Teco Expo Hall at the Strawberry Festival Grounds in Plant City. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
- **June 6** — Quarterly members meeting preceded by a tailgate (9 a.m.-11 a.m.) and fundraiser garage sale (8 a.m.-2 p.m.) Packing begins after meeting
- **June 7** — Packing Day, Part 2
- **June 13** — (Tentative) Moving furniture, Part 1
- **June 14** — Floor installation Phase 1 begins
- **June 20** — Moving furniture, Part 2
- **June 22** — Floor installation Phase 2 begins
- **June 30** — Moving back in and unpacking
- **July 4** — Unpacking
- **July 5** — Unpacking
- **July 6** — Club reopens with board meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking to the future

This past month has been a busy one, with business transition due to changes in leadership. But there's much more to come in the next couple of months.

Gemorama Gem Show

The club has been given the opportunity to promote our organization at the Gemorama Gem Show in Plant City on May 29-31, with setup on May 28. We will begin preparing for the show the weekend before. Unlike our own show, we won't need to bring as much equipment or material, so preparations should require minimal time.

We will be selling slabs, shirts and memberships, along with featuring a slideshow of club activities and a display showcasing members' creations. Volunteers are needed for setup day and during the show, so please sign up! More information can be found on Page 3.

Quarterly Members' Meeting and Sale

The weekend after the show — June 6 — is our quarterly members' meeting. As usual, we will host a tailgate sale, plus a fundraiser garage sale open to the public. If you have items you would like to donate to the club for the garage sale, we will be accepting donations throughout the month during regular club hours. Please bring larger items during the week of the sale.

We will begin pricing items the weekend before the Gemorama show.

Clubhouse renovations

Immediately after the meeting, we'll shift our focus to packing for our upcoming flooring upgrade, scheduled for mid June. We're ready to move on from the concrete floors and partially removed tiles. To help future-proof our clubhouse, we are hiring a company to install a commercial polyaspartic floor coating.

Initially, the board considered finishing only part of the building to reduce costs. However, after further discussion, we decided to complete all floors except for the lapidary shop.

The project is expected to take place in two phases so furniture can be moved between areas as work progresses.

This is a major undertaking, and with so much equipment and furniture in the building, we will need plenty of help packing and moving items. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Miscellaneous

The club recently received an estate donation of rocks and minerals from a collection in St. Petersburg. Special thanks to Mile Bhavé (pictured at left), Christy Gorrow, Jeffrey Solochech and Yoko Heavilin for helping with this "urban rockhounding" adventure as we searched for and collected specimens from the homeowner's large backyard.



Lyra Solochech
President



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The Coral Geode newsletter:

Lyra Solochek, editor/designer

Gem Show:

Lyra Solochek (chair), Brenda Gregory, Cindy Britten, Linda Collins

Membership:

Christy Gorrow, director

Social media

and advertising:

Lyra Solochek, Miles Bhavé, Brenda Gregory, Jojo Torres

Webmaster:

Miles Bhavé, Lyra Solochek

Field trip:

Carlo Lucin, chair

Program coordinator:

Lyra Solochek, Cindy Britten

Sunshine:

Brenda Gregory

Education/youth:

Cindy Britten

Landscape: Brenda Gregory, Carlo Lucin

Gem show participation

MAY 28: Show prep work day. 9 a.m. start at the clubhouse to load up, then drive to Plant City and setup club tables.

MAY 29-31: Show hours — 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

VENUE: Teco Expo Hall, 2301 W Oak Ave., Plant City



Gemorama
Plant City, FL Gem and Mineral Show
10 am to 6 pm Friday and Saturday 10 am to 5 pm Sunday

May 29-31, 2026

Teco Expo Hall-Strawberry Festival Grounds
2301 W Oak Ave. Plant City, FL 33563

Join Us To Find:

- Fine Jewelry -Jewelry Mountings
- Loose Gemstones -Mineral Specimens
- Beads.....And More!!!



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Gemorama Show Productions has graciously offered the club a booth at the Gemorama Gem Show on May 29-31 at the Strawberry Festival Grounds in Plant City. We will need volunteers to move materials to the show and to staff the booth during the three-day show (Friday-Sunday) with a setup day on Thursday, May 28.

Volunteer signup sheet is available on SignUp Genius. **Please make sure you sign up in advance. We have to give the show coordinators a list of volunteers before the show.**

We won't need as many helpers compared to our show. But we do need a few people to move bins and set up the tables, staff the club booth, and breakdown/pack up when it's over.

Thanks in advance for helping out!

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.



Quarterly Members' Meeting, tailgate and sale is on Saturday, June 6

8 a.m.-2 p.m.: Fundraiser Garage Sale (front of building)

9 a.m.-11 a.m.: Tailgate sale (back of building, setup begins at 8:30 a.m.)

11-11:30 a.m.: Members meeting

Noon-?: Packing up the clubhouse for renovation projects. Helpers get lunch.

We will be accepting donations throughout the month during regular club hours. If you have items you would like to donate to the club for the garage sale, please bring larger items during the week of the sale.

FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE!

Supporting the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club, a non-profit organization!

FOR SALE:
TOOLS, HOUSEWARE,
COLLECTIBLE PLATES,
CRAFT SUPPLIES, BOOKS,
CDs, DVDs, & MORE!

WHEN:
SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

TIME:
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

WHERE:
10207 FISHER AVE.,
TAMPA, FL 33619

Also Members' Tailgate (in the back)

(813) 684-2039 [TampaRockClub](#) [TampaMineral](#)
www.tampabayrockclub.org

FIELD TRIP

Hunting for some Tampa Bay coral

Club members recently had a treat hunting for Tampa Bay corals and fossils. The excursion was led by avid rockhound and club member Matthew Stellon, who showed participants what to look for and guided them to a good spot not too far from the club.

After collecting, members returned to the club where Matt shared tips on how to clean their finds.



FACETING

Practice your faceting skills in Open Shop

If you've completed the full faceting course, you are qualified to come to the club's Faceting Open Shop. These are available whenever there is a faceting class. Three machines are dedicated to class

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students, and one machine is reserved for Open Shop. Make sure you reserve your spot, and do so early. To see available days and to reserve a station, go to "Faceting Open Shop" on [SignUpGenius](#).

Open shop is \$6 per hour. Payment by cash (exact change), Paypal or card.

Faceting requires practice. Keep honing your skills by cutting different materials and designs. Ask us about materials to practice with, or some new designs to try.

FACETING SYMPOSIUM IN NORTH CAROLINA

If you're serious about faceting, consider attending the Franklin Faceting Symposium on July 23-25, 2026, at The Fun Factory, 1024 Georgia Road, Franklin, North Carolina. The annual event, hosted by the United States Faceting Guild, has outstanding presentations by accomplished faceters from all over the country. Best of all, the presentations are FREE! There are also some classes offered to USFG members for a fee (registration is required), plus a pizza party and a prettiest stone contest. This is a great place to network with other faceters, plus there are vendors with some excellent rough to cut, as well as equipment and lap suppliers.

Beginning Faceting

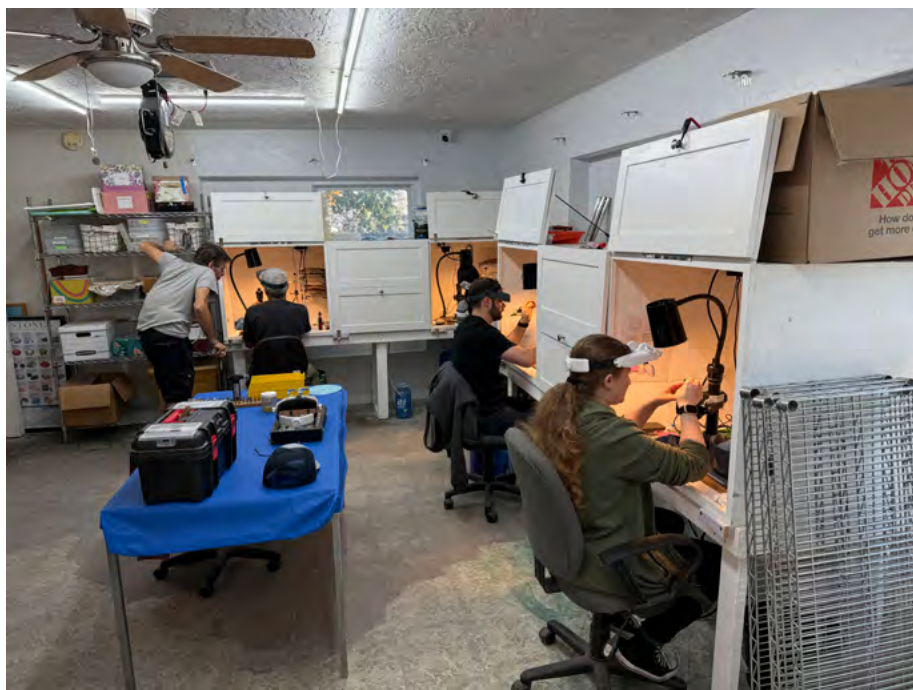
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 16-17 (Full)
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 11-12 (Full)
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 25-26
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. August 8-9 (Full)

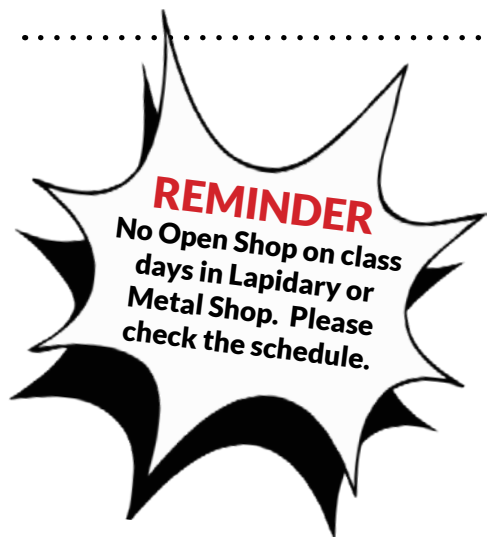
This is a two-day class on cutting faceted gemstones (transparent stones similar in appearance to diamonds). You will learn how to choose cutting material, dop the stone, cut and polish facets, transfer a stone, and proper operation and care of a faceting machine. Each student will complete one stone. Cost is \$230 total, which includes materials, instructor fee, club shop time and use of machines. A deposit of \$130 is required to reserve a seat. The balance of \$100 should be paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class.

Each student should have his/her own Optivisor to closely examine the stone during the cutting process. These are available on Amazon or Harbor Freight. You must wear closed-toed shoes. No loose clothing, and long hair must be tied back.



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Club gem shows in Florida

May 29-31—PLANT CITY: Show; Gemorama Show Productions; Teco Expo Hall - Florida Strawberry Festival Grounds, 2301 W Oak Ave; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5 Admission at the door. Join us for an unforgettable weekend of sparkle, discovery and fun. Two incredible door prizes to choose from.

June 19-21—FT. WALTON BEACH: Annual show; PGMS Panhandle Gem and Mineral Shows; Fort Walton Beach NW Florida Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Boulevard; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$5 entry good all weekend, under 12 free; Grand Door Prize, free identification. www.panhandlegemandmineralshows.com.

Prepaid Shop Card still available

Buy one — or more — of the Prepaid Shop Cards (PSC) and use them as you visit the club for Open Shop. Write "PSC" under payment when you sign into Metal, Lapidary or Faceting Open Shops, then present your card to the monitor who will punch out the number of hours used.

The cards come in three price points:

- 5 hours for \$30
- 10 hours for \$60
- 20+1 bonus for \$120.

These are approximately business card-size, easy to keep in your wallet. And there is no expiration date.

If you're interested, you can purchase them from club officers.

These prepaid cards are for only Metal, Faceting and Lapidary.

You can still pay for Open Shop by cash, PayPal or credit card if you prefer.

CLASS REFUND POLICY

- **Registration & Deposits:** Class signups are handled through SignUp Genius. A deposit is required to reserve a spot. Balance due day of class.
- **Refund Eligibility:** To receive a full refund of the deposit, participants must notify the Tampa Mineral and Science Club at least 14 days before the first day of class.
- **Rescheduling:** Students may choose to either receive a full refund or reschedule once to a different class date.
- **Emergency Cancellations:** In case of an emergency, a refund or re-scheduling may be possible. Contact the club for details.
- **Processing Fee:** A 10% cancellation fee will be deducted from all refunds for processing.
- **Transfers:** Class registration can be transferred once to another class of equal value. To request a refund or transfer, email tampamineral@gmail.com with your name, and for transfers, include the title and date of the class you'd like to attend instead.
- **No-Shows:** No refunds or credits will be issued for no-call, no-show participants.
- **Club Cancellations:** If the club cancels a class, all registered participants will receive a full refund.

LAPIDARY

Special thanks to our shop monitors!!

We are so grateful for members who have stepped up to be monitors in the Lapidary Shop. Shop foreman Leah Welch has trained two members, Paul Farr and Alex Miller, on how to ensure the lapidary machines are used properly and safely. They've also been trained on cutting slabs, so we are cranking out more slabs.

Brenda Gregory and Kathy Reid also have been monitoring. There is no Open Shop without monitors, so please say "thanks" when you see them.

We do have a need for weekend monitors to work Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

To qualify to be a monitor, you must have:

- successfully completed the Beginning Cabochon class for Lapidary, or clearance from the shop foreman.
- knowledge of how to operate machinery in the shop and the ability to troubleshoot problems.
- at least 6 months to 1 year experience actively cabbing.

Monitors may work on their projects when they're on duty, but they cannot use any noise cancellation headphones, as listening to how the machines are being used is very important. You must always be aware of what's going on in the shop.

If you're interested in taking a shift or two per month, please contact foreperson Leah Welch at rockabundance74@gmail.com.



Beginning Cabochon class

- 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. May 9-10
- 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. July 7, 8, 14, 15
- 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. August 4, 5, 11, 12

This workshop covers the basics of turning slabs of rocks into polished pieces. The cost of the class is \$230, which includes materials, instructor fees and shop time. A deposit of \$130 is required to save a spot, and the balance of \$100 should be paid to the instructor the day of the class.

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You must wear closed-toed shoes. No loose clothing, and long hair must be tied back. Bring a waterproof apron, an Optivisor/magnifier, a large towel and lunch.

NOTE: Class must meet two-student minimum.

Sign up required in advance for Lapidary Open Shop

IMPORTANT: You must sign up in advance to reserve a seat for Open Shop so we can arrange a monitor to be present. If no one is signed up, the session will be canceled. Cabbers must arrive within the shop hours. We will not take anyone during the last hour.

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Members who completed the Beginning Cabochon class may use equipment in the Lapidary Shop

during Open Shop. You must present your shop pass to the monitor when you sign in. If you do not have a card, ask the staff on how to get one. If you have previous cabbing experience, but did not take the Beginning Cabochon class, talk to the shop foreman, Leah Welch, for a skills check to get your shop pass. She may be reached at rockabundance74@gmail.com.

You must be a current member to use club facilities. Cost is \$6 per hour. PayPal, credit card, Pre-paid Shop Card or exact change only. Please pay the shop monitor or club staff before you leave.

METAL CLAY

MAY 23, 2026

Intro to Metal Clay

9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 23

This is a great class for those who want to try out metal clay.

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This class will introduce you to the proper basic techniques of rolling,

texturing, shaping and cutting metal clay. You will learn how to care for and rehydrate the clay, dry and refine shapes, fire, polish and patina your pieces. You will even learn how to torch fire! You will make a pendant with a foldover bail and embellishments, and a pair of earrings. This is an intensive one-day workshop. Clay and all findings needed for the projects are included in the price of the class. Tools are available to borrow from the club. Please bring a lunch.

- Materials: 15 grams fine silver metal clay, jump rings, ear wires, leather cord
- Cost: \$200 total (Instructor and Materials Fee, \$160; TBMSC Club Fee: \$40)

For questions or more information, contact instructor Lyra Solochech at lyrasolochech@gmail.com.



CASTING

Intro to wax carving and silver centrifuge casting



May 30-31 (FULL)

July 25-26

August 29-30

This two-day class begins on the morning of Day 1 with an introduction to wax carving, where

you'll create a freeform ring. In the afternoon, you'll learn how to set up a plaster of Paris mold. This mold

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will be placed in the kiln at the end of the day for burnout overnight.

On Day 2, you'll cast your ring in sterling silver and explore various methods to finish and polish your piece. Previous experience in silver classes is strongly recommended.

The fee for the class is \$250, which includes all materials, instructor fee, and shop time. A deposit of \$150 is required to reserve your spot, with the remaining \$100 payable to the instructor on the day of the class.

For more information, contact instructor Mark Lauer at mdl3153@aol.com.



METAL SHOP

Silver 1.3 class



Metal Open Shop Reservations

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Members who completed the Beginning Silver course may use the Metal Shop during Open Shop hours. Open Shop hours are:

- Noon-6 p.m. Tuesdays
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays
- By appointment with shop foreman Linda Collins. Reach her by text at 508-944-3399.

You must present your shop pass to the monitor when you sign in. If you do not have a pass, ask the monitor or shop foreman about getting one. If you have previous smithing experience, but did not take the Beginning class, talk to the shop foreman for a Skills Check to get your shop pass. You must be a current member. Cost is \$6 per hour. PayPal, credit card or exact change only. Or purchase a pre-paid shop card.

Brad's Bench Tips

By Bradford Smith

Cheaper and better pickle

Most jewelers use a granular pickle mixed with water. The active ingredient is sodium bisulfate. This can be purchased online (amazon.com/dp/B084GPS6KR) or from local stores as a common pool chemical like pH Down used for adjusting the acidity of the water. 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 usually 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.

"24 Easy Metal Textures" - With No Rolling Mill Required

It details 24 different techniques for adding texture to your jewelry and metal work without the need for heavy equipment like a mill. The techniques make use of more tools and materials around the shop — like hammers, stamps, punches and tool bits for the Dremel or Foredom.

Each technique is explained in detail with:

- Description and pictures of the technique
- Procedures for creating the texture
- List of tools and supplies needed
- Options for modifying and personalizing

These methods are both useful and practical. I use them in my own work, and I teach them to others in classes and workshops. What's more is they're practical. None should put a dent in your budget.

Copies are available now at <https://amazon.com/dp/B0BPGPTBNH/>



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CALENDAR

GENERAL CLUB HOURS

Tuesday: 4-8 p.m.

Thursday: By appointment

Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



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CLASSES, OPEN SHOP AND EVENTS

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON, Day 1
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. SILVER 1.3, Day 2

Sunday, May 10, 2026

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON, Day 2

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

12 p.m. - 3 p.m. TABLE CRAFTS
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. TABLE CRAFTS

Saturday, May 16, 2026

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

12 p.m. - 3 p.m. TABLE CRAFTS
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. TABLE CRAFTS

Saturday, May 23, 2026

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. INTRO TO METAL CLAY
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Sunday, May 24, 2026

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Gemorama Show Prep

Monday, May 25, 2026

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Packing for renovations

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

12 p.m. - 3 p.m. TABLE CRAFTS

6 p.m. - 9 p.m. TABLE CRAFTS

Thursday, May 28, 2026

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Gemorama setup

Friday, May 29, 2026

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. GEMORAMA

Saturday, May 30, 2026

CLUB CLOSED FOR SHOW
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. CASTING, Day 1
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. GEMORAMA

Sunday, May 31, 2026

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. CASTING, Day 2
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. GEMORAMA

Monday, June 1, 2026

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. TBMSC Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

12 p.m. - 3 p.m. TABLE CRAFTS
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. TABLE CRAFTS

Saturday, June 6, 2026

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fundraiser garage sale
9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Members' tailgate
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Members' meeting
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Packing Day

Sunday, June 7, 2026 - Sunday, July 6, 2026

CLUB WILL BE CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS.

Sunday, June 7, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Packing Day

Saturday, June 13, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Packing and Moving for

Phase 1 flooring

Sunday, June 14, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Packing and Moving for Phase 1 flooring

Monday, June 15, 2026

Flooring project, Phase 1 begins

Saturday, June 20, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Moving Furniture for Phase 2

Sunday, June 21, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Packing and Moving Day

Monday, June 22, 2026

Flooring project, Phase 2 begins

Saturday, June 27, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Moving back furniture, unpacking

Sunday, June 28, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Moving back furniture, unpacking

Saturday, July 4, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Unpacking

Sunday, July 5, 2026

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Unpacking

Monday, July 6, 2026

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. TBMSC Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON (4-part), Day 1
12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON (4-part), Day 2

TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026

Present: Lyra Solochek, Cindy Britten, Brenda Gregory, Miles Bhavé, Carlo Lucin

Via Phone: Christy Gorrow, Kathy Reid, Linda Collins

Via Google Meet: Jojo Torres

Call to Order: 6:39 pm by Lyra Solochek

Motion to approve minutes from April 2026 meeting made by Linda Collins. Seconded by Brenda Gregory. Approved by all

Treasurer's Report: Linda Collins

- Nothing unusual transpired last month
- Sufficient funds for upcoming projects
- Checking on total expenditure so far for USA Kitchen & Bath
- Discussed bank draft for utilities
- Brenda Gregory motioned to approve treasurer's report; JoJo Torres seconded the motion; Approved by all.

Old Business:

Construction Update: Lyra

- Lighting system, including timer switch, many problems with USA Kitchen & Bath. Researching other electricians; Brenda Gregory contacted an electrician to give us an estimate; he also recommended contacting Morningstar Electric.
- Ceiling fan replaced with new one that has remote switch that operates light and fan. This works for solving the lighting issue while exiting the building through back door.
- Floor estimates - Discussed/compared: Trademark Garage Floors (board's first choice); Titan Garage Flooring Solutions (board's 2nd choice). Carlo Lucin motioned to approve Trademark Garage Floors quote; Linda Collins seconded the motion; Approved by all.
- Packing and moving out for floor renovation. Dates - Begin June 6 after members' meeting (hopefully get help from members from meeting). Discussed possibility of needing a dumpster/bag during clean out.
- Estate pickup update: Lyra Solochek in St. Pete - mostly rose quartz/tourmaline from GA, AR.

Department Updates

Lapidary: Lyra

- Jojo Torres has class this week
- New saw blades are on order
- New polishing wheels are in as need replacement
- New valves installed on Cab Kings to help adjust water pressure

Silver: Linda Collins

- Lisa doing makeup classes and finishing 1.3 class
- New classes may not begin again until August

Table Crafts: Linda Collins and Christy Gorrow

- Beginners wire wrapping class at end of month. Advanced will begin after construction.
- Wednesday classes continuing, Kumihimo was rescheduled due to illness
- New bracelet class in the works

Casting: Lyra Solochek

- Looking to get A/C unit for casting shed

Faceting: Lyra Solochek

- Class and open shop have been full

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Metal Clay: Lyra Solochek

- Interest has picked up, next class on May 23

Building maintenance: Brenda Gregory/Carlo Lucin

- Filters – need to be changed
- Grounds/Landscape– still on schedule
- Reinstallation of fire extinguishers, fire inspection needed
- Inspection needs to be done before the end of June.

New Business:

- Update: Rob Campbell – has been notified of revocation of membership
- Gemorama May 29-31, need staff/volunteers. Discussed what we need to gather to take to show
- Phone service: TMobile new phone. Requesting tax exemption for club
- Garage sale organizer wanted. Donations are coming in. Need to set aside space to store donations
- June members meeting: no presentation/garage sale instead
- Faceting event with United States Faceting Guild. Discussed hosting the 'meet-up' mid October or November. Carlo Lucin made a motion to approve hosting USFG this fall. Brenda Gregory seconded motion. Approved by all.
- Next board meeting: June 1, 2026
- 7:40 PM: Motion to adjourn made by Cindy Britten seconded by Christy G. Approved by all.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers

Lyra Solochek, President**
 Christy Gorrow, Vice President**
 Linda Collins, Treasurer*
 Cindy Britten, Secretary*

Board Members

Brenda Gregory* Patti Kepple**
 Carlo Lucin** Milind Bhavé**
 Kathy Reid* Jojo Torres*

*Term expires in 2027

**Term expires in 2026

Help us make our mineral displays shine!

Brenda Gregory and Cindy Britten are currently inventorying our rock/mineral collection and giving our display cabinets a makeover. This is all part of preparations to clear the clubhouse to install a new floor later this year.

Thank you to all of you that have brought in boxes for the storage of the rocks/minerals. We are still looking for:

Sturdy Boxes: Ideally 14x14x10 or smaller. Due to the mass of some of the specimens, large boxes can't be used.

Display Stands: Think creative: napkin rings, candle bases, or plant holders that we can upcycle! Actual display stands are welcome too!

Want to join the fun?

If you have any items to donate or want to spend a Tuesday evening (6–9 p.m.) helping us out, we'd love to see you there! Any help or donations are so appreciated!

Thanks for being such a supportive community. We can't wait to see the finished display, and we'd love for you to be a part of it!



2026 April Treasurer's Report			
		CHECKING	SAVINGS
Beginning Balance:	\$	45,756.96	\$ 47,137.39
Ending Balance:	\$	44,631.60	\$ 47,138.94
Income/Expenses:	\$	1,125.36	\$ 1.55
Income: Paypal, Sign-up Genius, Weekly Club Income, Mmbrshp Renewal			
	Credit Adjustments	-	
	Sign-up Genius	\$ 1,774.60	
	Stripe	\$ 243.10	
	re-deposit(show cash boxes)	\$ 2,000.00	
	Deposit	\$ 4,338.00	
		\$ 8,355.70	
Clubhouse Expenses - April 2026			
		\$ 9,481.06	
	Buildings/Grounds Expenses:		\$ 2,154.17
	T-Mobile Co. Phone		\$ 176.43
	Teco-Mar/Apr		\$ 176.48
	Company Utilities		\$ 30.24
	Insta Ink		\$ 8.59
	ADT Security		
	United Rentals		\$ 179.26
	Home Depot - Racks		\$ 103.17
	USA Kitchen & Bath(Wtr Sy Repair)		\$ 1,480.00
	Operational Expenses:		\$ 2,660.38
	Auto Owners Insurance		-
	Manatee Insurance		-
	Philadelphia Indemnity-Accident		-
	Cash Boxes for Spring Show		\$ 2,000.00
	Lyra Solocheck - Geode		\$ 150.00
	Cnty Hillsboro - Sunbiz		\$ 61.25
	Simple 990 Taxes		\$ 50.00
	OBHAUS - Plant City - Miles		\$ 120.00
	Dollar General		\$ 44.61
	Amazon MKtpl		\$ 64.55
	Microsoft		\$ 99.99
	Facebk		\$ 69.98
2026 April Treasurer's Report (cont'd from page 1)			
	Trade Show Expenses:		\$ 2,446.42
	FL State Frgrnds		
	Cristal Gale - Grand Doorprize		\$ 190.00
	College Hunks		\$ 1,114.21
	Blip Billboards		\$ 577.69

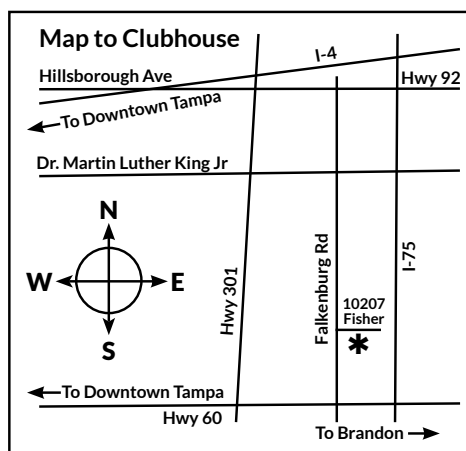
		Facebook				\$	157.00
		Winn-Dixie				\$	62.75
		Krispy Kreme				\$	97.25
		Staples				\$	247.52
		<i>Silver Shop Expenses:</i>				\$	-
		Amazon Mktple - Bracelet Dies					
		Chuck Bruce					
		<i>Metal Clay Expenses:</i>				\$	52.65
		Amazon MKTPL - Met. Clay Supplies					52.65
		<i>Casting Expenses:</i>				\$	-
		Mark Lauer					
		<i>Lapidary Expenses:</i>				\$	2,167.44
		Tampa Bay Welding				\$	60.00
		SP HP Lapidary, Whitinsville				\$	866.00
		Home Depot				\$	165.30
		Amazon Mktplc				\$	42.62
		WalMart: Lapidary Cabinet				\$	164.44
		Kingsley North				\$	829.33
		Harbor Freight				\$	39.75

Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, Inc.

Membership Application

*Mandatory fields

Adult 1 Name*		Email*		Birth month	
Adult 2 Name*		Email*		Birth month	
Child (under 18)				Birth month	
Child (under 18)				Birth month	
Child (under 18)				Birth month	
Address					
City		State	ZIP		Phone*
Preferred form of contact*				Are you willing to receive your monthly newsletter by Email?	
☐ Email ☐ Text ☐ Phone				☐ Yes ☐ 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): \$50 individual, \$25 for each additional adult in the household, and \$5 for each child under 18.
Multi-year membership: \$180 individual for 4 years, \$90 per additional adult in household for 4 years
Lifetime membership: \$600 individual, \$300 per additional adult in household.

Make checks payable to "TBMSC" and mail with this application to 10207 Fisher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619, or drop it off at the club house when you visit.

Clubhouse: 10207 Fisher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619

Phone: (813) 684-2039

Website: www.tampabayrockclub.org

Regular membership meetings: 1st Saturday of Mar., June, Sept. and Dec.

Board meetings: 1st Monday of each month, 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.

For Club Use

Cash or Check #	Amount	Receipt Done	Cards Done	Added to Mbr List	
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