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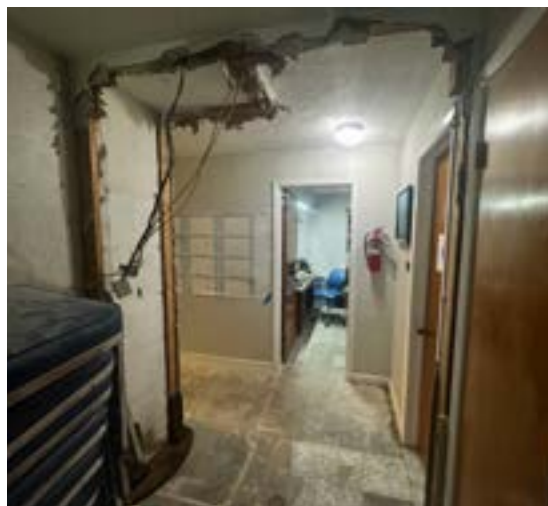


Calendar

President's message



**Peter
Favaro**



Hello all! I hope you are having a great summer. We've made several improvements around the club and we're tackling the big ones we have left:

- Replaced the vanity and toilet in the bathroom with ADA-compliant fixtures.
- Took out some walls and doors to expand the bathroom entryway.
- Concrete near the back door was cut back so we can trim the doorway.
- We will finish the concrete ramp outside in the next couple of weeks.
- Cabinets have been installed for more storage.



As we approach Fall, our focus turns to our upcoming show on Nov. 2-3. We have only a couple more four-table spots to fill. The success of the shows — our primary fundraisers for the club — depends on help from member volunteers. Please look for emails in the next few weeks on days and times the club will need help for final preparations. Luckily, we have enough sluice bags for the kids area, so we don't have to prep any this time.



We will be ordering club shirts soon. If you have a great phrase in mind to put on the shirts, please share it with us. Once we have enough, we will put them up for a club-wide vote and the top two will be the new club shirts.



Election for 2025 leadership is coming up soon. We will need a club member to join two board members for the nomination committee. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me.



Have you been rockhounding this summer? Send us your photos of any of your trips with a brief rundown of where and what you were on the hunt for. Please share with everyone your adventures and discoveries and we can add them to future newsletters.



Lastly, I would like to thank you all for everything you do around the club, it means a lot to me personally, even if it is just stopping by and saying "hi."



Want to help chart the club's future? Run for a post in the 2025 election

Yes, it's still only August, but it's time to start thinking about the next leadership election for 2025. Nominations will be accepted at the next General Members meeting.

Seats opening up are:

- President
- Vice President
- 3 seats on the board of directors

If you are interested in running for any of these seats, please send an email to tampamineral@gmail.com with "Election" in the subject line.

If you want to know more about being on the leadership team, ask any of the current officers or board members.

Mark your calendars for the Quarterly Members Meeting

Join us for the quarterly members meeting on Saturday, Sept. 7. We will have a tailgate from 9-11 a.m., followed by a presentation at 11:15 a.m. on how to identify rocks using the Mohs hardness scale and specific gravity. The members meeting will follow at 11:40 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



New members!

Michael Mathis
Nichols Davis
Ernest Beattie
Patricia Allison



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.

TABLE CRAFTS



Get crafty on Wednesdays

Table Crafts has moved to 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays. These open sessions are \$3.50 per hour or \$10 for three hours.

Contact Christy Gorrow at cgorrow@juno.com if you're interested in this, or other table craft classes, including viking knit, peyote stitch and kumihimo.



METAL CLAY



Aug. 18

Metal Clay classes resume this month

Great news! Metal clay instructor Barbara Rivolta is planning to resume classes at the club. We are getting the classroom set up and will be ready to go for 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 18.

This is a great class for those who want to try out metal clay. It will introduce you to the basic techniques of rolling, texturing, molding and cutting metal clay. How to care for and rehydrate the clay, dry and refine shapes, fire and finish your pieces will be covered. You will even torch fire a pair of earrings! You will make a "fold-over" pendant with molded dangles 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.

Included materials:

- 25 grams fine silver metal clay
- molding compound
- jump rings
- ear wires
- leather cord

Instructor and Materials Fee: \$150
TBMSC Fee: \$35

Register for the class [here](#). A deposit is required to reserve a seat.



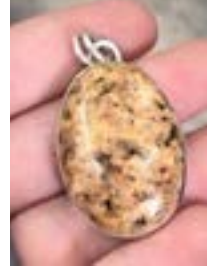
Silver Pendant by Dani Ferriera

METAL SHOP

Summer silver class winding down

NEXT CLASS – SILVER 1.3: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 and 31. The total cost for this class is \$144. The cost includes materials, instructor fee and shop fees. The total cost of the class must be paid prior to the start of the course and is payable as follows:

- \$52 for shop fee payable to the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club. Sign up at Signup Genius to reserve a seat. The payment can be made via Signup Genius, by check or via Paypal at tampabaymineral58@gmail.com.
- \$92 to Lisa Miller, payable by personal check or PayPal to meggymoo65@gmail.com.



This final class in the Fundamentals of Silversmithing course is full. If you're interested in future classes, email tampamineral@gmail.com to get your name on a wait list. For the next series, which we hope to announce soon.

Silversmithing

To play online or to print out the puzzle, go to <https://wordsearchlabs.com/view/613784>.

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- Dap
- Gauge
- Graver
- Mandrels
- Pickle
- Repousse
- Tumbler
- Ultrasonic
- Acetylene
- Torch
- Saw
- Flexshaft
- Buffer
- Cabochon
- Prongs
- Buffer
- Wire
- Renaissance
- Optivisor
- Hammer
- Bench
- Pliers
- Cutter
- File
- Divider
- Anvil
- Vise
- Findings
- Gemstone

METAL SHOP

Silversmithing course wraps up

Students in Silver 1.2 and 1.3 classes learned how to make a split-shank ring and a pendant.



FACETING

Two students complete faceting course

Two faceting students recently completed the rigorous Beginning Faceting course. Michael Mathis, above, and Ethan Repp-Apostolico, below. Congratulations!



From rough to gems

Classes have been full as of late, which is great. All four machines going at once. Next classes will be in September so sign up if you always wanted to try your hand at faceting.

We are discussing adding an advanced polishing class so be patient with us as we work out the logistics of it.

Lyra Solocheck recently attended the annual Franklin Faceters Frolic symposium hosted by the United States Faceting Guild, and has come back with some great information, including information about a “new” polishing lap that recently came to market, and of all things it is made of WOOD!

So come make some sparkly gemstones with us!!!



The next available classes are:

- **Sept. 14-15**
- **Sept. 28-29**

These are two-day classes, part of a three-part series on cutting faceted stones. The following topics will be covered:

- Choosing cutting material
- Stone dopping
- Facet cutting
- Transferring a stone
- Facet polishing
- Proper operation and care of a faceting machine.

Each student will complete a minimum of one stone. Cost: \$230. Cutting material, shop and instructor fees are included. Deposit required to save a seat. Students must bring own OptiVisor. Closed-toe shoes required. No loose clothing; long hair must be tied back. Contact Jim Kammel for more information. Go to [Signup Genius](#) to register.

— Peter Favaro



LAPIDARY

Practice your new cabbing skills at Open Shop

JULY BEGINNING CABOCHON CLASS

Things are rolling along with classes full of new faces and future artists. But we are missing you all at open shop times. Please come in! We miss you all and we miss seeing your beautiful creations.



Slabbing is going well. We are now cutting at least twice a week, so the turnaround time for slabbing orders is significantly less. We did lose a saw motor on our biggest saw, but it is in the process of being repaired. It should be up and running soon.



If you have small cut-offs from your projects that you cannot use, please save them up and donate them to the club as we will be using them in future kids' sluice bags for the shows. This can also be smaller tumbled rocks that you that you have no use for. We can always use them, and it keeps the club from having to buy materials for later shows.



If you're interested in turning rocks into beautiful cabochons to be used in jewelry, learn how to do some cabbing. Our next Beginning Cabochon class is set for Sept. 14-15. This is a two-day workshop, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. There are still seats open. Enroll at Signup Genius.

Class dates for the rest of this year are:

- **Sept. 14-15**
- **Oct. 12-13**
- **Nov. 16-17**

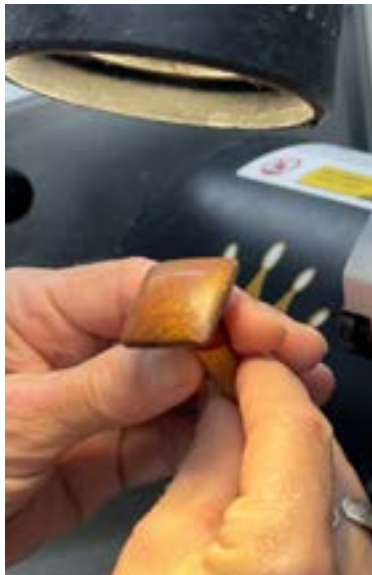


Please, please, please, make sure that when you are using the using the cabbing machines to take care of them by sweeping the stone across the entire width of the wheel and not just one area. We have multiple wheels that have been worn only in the middle and the edges are basically brand new. This uneven wear is unnecessary if everyone takes his or her time and uses good techniques.



Also, when you're done with your stone, make sure you take the wax off the dopstick. Please don't just leave the waxed dops in the bin. Get them prepped for the next person to use. We also seem to have the dops walk away. Please do not take the club's dops home with you. You're welcome to bring your own.

—Peter Favaro, Lapidary Foreman



CLASS AND OPEN SHOP SIGNUPS

Beginning Cabochon class



Here are dates for upcoming classes, from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day:

- Sept. 14-15
- Oct. 12-13
- Nov. 16-17

This is a two-day workshop covering 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.

You must wear closed-toed shoes. Bring a waterproof apron, an Optivisor, a large towel and lunch.

**Click here
to sign up**



Beginning Faceting class



Here are dates for upcoming classes, from 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day:

- Sept. 14-15
- Sept. 28-29

This is a two-day class on cutting faceted gemstones (transparent stones similar in appearance to diamonds). The following topics will be covered in the class:

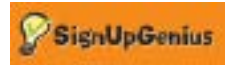
Choosing cutting material, stone dopping, facet cutting and polishing, transferring a stone.

Students will also be taught the 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.

**Click here
to sign up**



A Taste of Metal Clay



10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 18

This class will introduce you to the basic techniques of rolling, texturing, molding, and cutting metal clay. How to care for and rehydrate the clay, dry and refine shapes, fire and finish your pieces will be covered. You will even torch fire a pair of earrings! You will make a "fold-over" pendant with molded dangles 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.

Material included are 25 grams fine silver metal clay, molding compound, jump rings, ear wires, leather cord

The cost is \$185 total. The club fee of \$35 must be paid to reserve a seat on Signup Genius. The balance of \$150 should be paid directly to the instructor.

**Click here
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Silversmithing 1.3 class



In the third and final class of the Fundamentals of Silversmithing Course, the student will create a sterling silver pendant featuring a round or oval cabochon. This class consists of two four-hour classes.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 17 and 31

Cost: \$144* Materials and the use of tools are included in the cost, (*Materials cost is subject to change based on market prices.) Deposit of \$52 required to save a seat.

Prerequisite: Must have completed Silver 1.1 and 1.2. Students must bring own Optivisor.

Closed-toed shoes required. Contact Lisa Miller for more information.

**Click here
to sign up**



Lapidary Open Shop Reservations

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 monitor or shop foreman for one. If you have previous cabbing experience, but did not take the Beginning Cabochon class, talk to the shop foreman for a Skills Check to get your shop pass. You must be a current member to use club facilities. Cost is \$6 per hour.

PayPal or exact change only.

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Metal Open Shop Reservations

Members who completed the Beginning Silver course may use the Metal Shop during Open Shop hours. You must present your shop pass to the monitor when you sign in. If you do not have a card, ask the monitor or shop foreman for 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 or exact change only.**

**Click here
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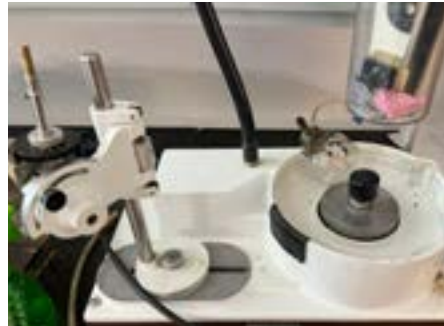
EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

This space is for the club and members to post equipment they have for sale. Members may post with a \$10 donation to the club per listing. Email information about your item to tampamineral@gmail.com with a subject line of EQUIPMENT FOR SALE. Include photos, a short description, price and your contact information. Make a payment by cash, check or PayPal. Your listing will appear in the next Geode newsletter after payment is received.



Used 4-inch trim saw \$150 obo

This was a donation to the club. The single-speed saw shows no brand name, but is an older unit. It comes with a blade, splash guard, on/off switch. The blade guard needs adjusting. Great for trimming slabs and faceting rough. For more information, contact the club at tampamineral@gmail.com.



Used Graves Mark IV \$600

This is a used Graves faceting machine. It comes with a transfer block, index wheels, 45-degree adapter, one dop, and alcohol lamp. But no other dops or plates. For more information, contact the club at tampamineral@gmail.com.



Kingsley North arbor \$100 or best offer

Stainless steel arbor for a six-inch six-wheel cabbing setup with a built-in water system. No motor or wheels. Needs new bearings. For more information, contact the club at tampamineral@gmail.com.

DISCLAIMER: Transactions are between the seller and the buyer. The Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club is in no way responsible for any loss or damage incurred in the sale process, nor will the club mediate any transactions. Members are responsible for doing their own research on items sold.

Brad's Bench Tips

By Bradford Smith

Prepping your new crucible

A new melting dish or crucible must be given a protective coating of borax before its first use. Borax extends the life of the ceramic material. Once done, it generally does not have to be repeated.

The procedure is straightforward. Heat the new melting dish to red with a large torch. You'll need plenty of heat. I use an acetylene/air Prest-O-Lite torch with a large #5 nozzle.

When the dish is hot, sprinkle in a half teaspoon of borax, let it melt, and spread it with a carbon rod over all of the interior surface of the dish. Add more borax if needed.

Sometimes you will have to hold the dish at an angle to coat the sides up to the rim. And don't forget to coat the pouring spout itself.



"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 common tools and materials around the shop — like hammers, stamps, punches, and tool bits for the Dremel or Foreman.

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/>



Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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CALENDAR

GENERAL CLUB HOURS

Tuesday: 4-8 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Thursday: By appointment
 Saturday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



[vecteezy.com](https://www.vecteezy.com)

CLASSES, OPEN SHOP AND EVENTS (Classes and events are in ALL CAPS)

Saturday Aug. 10, 2024

9 a.m. Lapidary Open Shop
 10 a.m. Metal Open Shop

Tuesday Aug. 13, 2024

4 p.m. Metal Open Shop
 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Wednesday Aug. 14, 2024

10 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

Saturday Aug. 17, 2024

9 a.m. Lapidary Open Shop
 10 a.m. Metal Open Shop

Sunday Aug. 18, 2024

10:30 a.m. A TASTE OF METAL
 CLAY

Tuesday Aug. 20, 2024

4 p.m. Metal Open Shop
 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Wednesday Aug. 21, 2024

11 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

Saturday Aug. 24, 2024

9 a.m. Lapidary Open Shop
 10 a.m. Metal Open Shop

Tuesday Aug. 27, 2024

4 p.m. Metal Open Shop
 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Wednesday Aug. 28, 2024

10 a.m. Table Crafts Open Shop

Saturday Aug. 31, 2024

9 a.m. Lapidary Open Shop
 10 a.m. Metal Open Shop

Monday Sept. 2, 2024

Labor Day holiday

Tuesday Sept. 3, 2024

2 p.m. Metal Open Shop
 4 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Saturday Sept. 7, 2024

9 a.m. TAILGATE
 11:15 a.m. PRESENTATION
 11:40 a.m. MEMBERS QUARTERLY
 MEETING

Monday Sept. 9, 2024

6:30p.m. TBMSC BOARD
 MEETING

Tuesday Sept. 10, 2024

4pm - 8pm Club hours
 4pm - 8pm Lapidary Open Shop
 4pm - 8pm Metal Open Shop

Wednesday Sept. 11, 2024

11am - 2pm Table Crafts Open

Thursday Sept. 12, 2024

Club hours by appointment

Saturday Sept. 14, 2024

9am - 5:30pm BEGINNING CABO-
 CHON, Day 1
 9am - 1pm Club hours
 9am - 3pm FACETING, Day 1
 9am - 1pm Metal Open Shop

Sunday Sept. 15, 2024

9am - 5:30pm BEGINNING CABO-
 CHON, Day 2
 9am - 3pm FACETING, Day 2

Tuesday Sept. 17, 2024

4pm - 8pm Club hours
 4pm - 8pm Lapidary Open Shop
 4pm - 8pm Metal Open Shop

Wednesday Sept. 18, 2024

11am - 2pm Table Crafts Open

Thursday Sept. 19, 2024

Club hours by appointment

Saturday Sept. 21, 2024

9am - 1pm Club hours

9am - 1pm Lapidary Open Shop
 9am - 1pm Metal Open Shop

Tuesday Sept. 24, 2024

4pm - 8pm Club hours
 4pm - 8pm Lapidary Open Shop
 4pm - 8pm Metal Open Shop

Wednesday Sept. 25, 2024

11am - 2pm Table Crafts Open
 Shop

Thursday Sept. 26, 2024

Club hours by appointment

Saturday Sept. 28, 2024

9am - 1pm Club hours
 9am - 3pm FACETING, Day 1
 9am - 1pm Lapidary Open Shop
 9am - 1pm Metal Open Shop

Sunday Sept. 29, 2024

9am - 3pm FACETING, Day 2

Tuesday Oct. 1, 2024

4pm - 8pm Club hours
 4pm - 8pm Lapidary Open Shop
 4pm - 8pm Metal Open Shop

Wednesday Oct. 2, 2024

11am - 2pm Table Crafts Open
 Shop

Thursday Oct. 3, 2024

Club hours by appointment

Saturday Oct. 5, 2024

9am - 1pm Club hours
 9am - 1pm Lapidary Open Shop
 9am - 1pm Metal Open Shop

Mon Oct. 7, 2024

6:30pm - 8:30pm TBMSC Board
 Meeting

TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 5 , 2024

Date: Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Ellen Sisco, Melinda Riddle, Carlo Lucin, Christy Gorrow, Lyra Solochech, Kathy Reid.

Peter Favaro and Linda Collins via phone.

Time started: 6:30 p.m.

I. Melinda Riddle moves to approve July minutes, Christy seconds. All approve

II. Treasurer's report given by Linda Collins

- Move to approve by Melinda Riddle, seconded by Ellen Sisco. All approve.

III. Old business:

- Update on insurance for instructors/monitors/board members. Need additional information to fill out forms. Peter will get with agent to fill out and get a quote.
- Update on possibly acquiring Lyra Solochech's trailer. Better alternative is likely to get a newer trailer. Leadership will research all the costs involved and will bring to the members for a vote at the December meeting.

IV. Show updates

- November show updates: two 4-table booths still available. Rest are reserved.
- Dealer chair access to PayPal? Treasurer will send him reports twice a week for show payments.
- Because trailer purchase is on hold until later in the year, Peter Favaro will make a reservation with a moving company for the November show.
- Show volunteer day likely not necessary since things are already packed up. Will announce to members if needed.

V. Construction updates

- Bathroom renovation: The old vanity has been removed and a ADA-compliant sink has been installed. Toilet-replaced. Need to get a grab bar installed.
- Concrete for parking: Estimate received for \$3,675 for materials and labor. This will finish the ramp, increase parking space width, pavement all the way to end of building. Melinda Riddle moves to approve cost, Ellen Sisco seconds. All approve.
- Doorway changes: Options discussed. Bathroom door will be widened, faceting closet space will be reduced or eliminated. Board members think we should wall off area to faceting area instead of another door. Proposal to move office door was tabled. Proposal to remove bathtub to create additional storage tabled.
- More cabinets needed. Proposal presented to build multiple cabinets needed for faceting, metal clay and office. One cabinet to finish metal clay area determined to be priority. Melinda Riddle moves to approve the cost of one cabinet, Ellen Sisco seconds. All approve.
- Projected cost of custom storage carts for large bins to carry heavy materials for shows: \$710 for three heavy duty carts, each holding three bins. Melinda Riddle moves to approve, Ellen Sisco seconds. All approve.

VI. Department updates:

- LAPIDARY: August class canceled because of schedule conflicts. Next class is Sept. 14-15.
- METAL: Lisa Miller has one more class left — Silver 1.3 on Aug. 17 and 31. Open shop will be 4-8p Tuesdays-days and 9 am -1 pm Saturdays. Members should use Signup Genius to reserve their space for Open Shop so we can staff accordingly.

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- **FACETING:** No classes in August. Next classes are Sept. 14-15 and 28-29.
- **TABLE CRAFTS:** Schedule adjusted to Wednesdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **METAL CLAY:** Barbara Rivolta is back. First class is Aug. 18 from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. with A Taste of Metal Clay. Space for 10 students, three already reserved.

VII. New business

- **Lawn service:** Proposal to search for a different company that maintains the lawn more frequently/less cost/more work cleaning the property. Linda Collins moves, Christy Gorrow seconds. All approve.
- **Tree trimming estimate** for canopy on back and property line so we have space for overflow parking. Estimate \$1,500. Melinda Riddle moves to approve cost. Christy Gorrow seconds. All approve.
- **Metal building for expansion.** Discussion of plan for long-term club needs. Peter Favaro will continue to research costs and options.
- **Monthly member work days:** Proposal will be presented at general members meeting to start a monthly work day for volunteers to come to the clubhouse to do some work. Executive board will have a task list to do for members to help complete.
- **Renting a dumpster:** This will be necessary in the near future for clubhouse cleanout.

VIII. Next meetings:

- General members meeting, Sept. 7
- Board meeting, Sept. 9 (because of Labor Day holiday)

ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

Peter Favaro, President*
 Lyra Solochech, Vice President*
 Linda Collins, Treasurer
 Katie Day, Secretary

Board Members

Seat 1: Christy Gorrow
 Seat 2: Aurora Aguilar*
 Seat 3: Ellen Sisco
 Seat 4: Carlo Lucin*
 Seat 5: Kathy Reid
 Seat 6: Melinda Riddle*

*Seats up for election this fall

Upcoming club shows in Florida

Sept. 7-8: Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society; Florida National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Fern Creek Ave., Orlando. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$6, Kids \$3, Scouts in uniform free. Vendors offering rocks, minerals, gemstones, fossils, beads, jewelry, artifacts, etc. Silent auction, door prizes and demonstrations. www.cfmgs.org

Oct. 19-20: Florida Fossil Hunters; Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd., Sanford; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5/adult; \$1/child; Fossils, rocks, minerals, artifacts, children's area, exhibits, supplies, silent auctions. floridafossilhunters.com

Nov. 2-3: The Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club 65th Annual Rock, Gem, Jewelry and MORE! show. Over 50 vendors offering an assortment of unique slabs, cabochons, beads, gems, jewelry, specimens and more. Kids' section with a sluice, a touch table with rock identification, scavenger hunt and a bean bag toss. Learn how to make jewelry at the in-person make-and-take classes. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and military (with ID), free for kids under 10. Parking is free, when you enter through the MLK entrance.

Nov. 9-10: Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne, FL; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$5. Under 13 is free. \$1 off coupon available on website; Finished jewelry, gemstones, minerals, fossils, crystals, jewelry-making supplies, and more. Fun for all ages. Bring the kids to "Bea's Kidz Digs" to experience rock hounding and take home a souvenir. www.canaveral-mgs.com.

2024 July Treasurer's Report

	CHECKING	SAVINGS
Beginning Balance:	\$ 48,399.01	\$ 32,111.95
Ending Balance:	\$ 39,803.19	\$ 15,000.00 Trans. Back to Svgs
	\$ 47,113.15	
Income/Expenses:	<u><u>\$ (8,595.82)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,001.20</u></u> Interest Income / Transfer from Chkg

Income: Paypal, Sign-up Genius, Weekly Club Income, Mmbrshp Renewal

Credit- Cool Tools	\$ 105.26
Sign-up Genius	\$ 813.90
Payal Transfer	\$ 3,011.30
Deposits - Show	\$ 4,605.00
Deposits - Classes & Misc	\$ 226.00
	<u><u>\$ 8,761.46</u></u>

May Expenses

T-Mobile Co. Phone	\$ 124.35
Amazon Purchase - Lapidary Shop	\$ 5.60
Amazon Purchase Office Ink	\$ 48.26
Amazon - Lapidary Supplies	\$ 173.28
Sam's Club-Paper Towels	\$ 21.48
Company Utilities	\$ 23.18
Refund-SignupGenius-Peggy Coffe	\$ 11.99
Amazon Prime	\$ 15.10
HP Insta Ink	\$ 15.04
Mitchell Jewellry Studio(Tool/Faceting)	\$ 12.81
Teco (May)	\$ 192.43
Cool Tools - Kiln replacement	\$ 1,508.76
	<u><u>\$ 2,152.28</u></u>

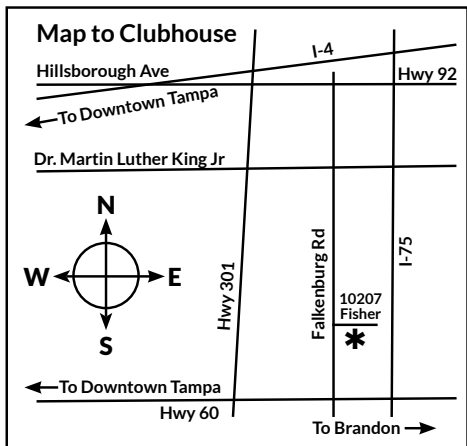
Other - Checks / Withdrawals

Transfer from Chkgback to Svgs	\$ 15,000.00
CK 1203 Lyra Solocek - July Geode	\$ 150.00
CK1204 Hillsborough Cnty- Fire Inspection	\$ 55.00
	<u><u>\$ 15,205.00</u></u>

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* <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Phone				Are you willing to receive your monthly newsletter by Email? <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): \$40 individual, \$20 for each additional adult in the household, and \$4 for each child under 18.
Multi-year membership: \$140 individual for 4 years, \$70 per additional adult in household for 4 years
Lifetime membership: \$500 individual, \$250 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	