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THE CORAL GEODE

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ABOUT OUR CLUB



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Calendar

President's message



Peter Favaro

We spent most of April recovering from the very successful Spring Show, which was held on April 6-7. We're in the process of organizing everything we brought back from the fairgrounds. The Show Shed has been cleaned out and it's ready to store supplies until the Fall Show, which will creep up on us sooner than you think.

We will be doing some initial preparations. Email call-outs will be sent out for volunteers when dates and times are decided so that we can have everything organized and ready to go. The more prepared we are in advance, the easier it will be down the line.



The cost of replacing wear-and-tear items and materials has gone up significantly over the past couple of years, to a point where the club no longer can absorb the increased costs. We therefore need to increase shop fees to \$6 per hour for Lapidary and Metal only. Tablecrafts and Faceting shop fees will remain the same. This will go into effect in June.

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The Show Shed is all cleared up.



We have Corals!

Did you see a huge pile of rocks sitting in the parking lot? That's Tampa Bay coral that we acquired from a Tampa homeowner who was clearing her back yard. A few of our members hauled wheelbarrows full of these specimens over a couple of days. *These are not part of the rock-pile freebies.* We'll be cutting these into slabs for students and members.

**Mark your calendars:
Quarterly Members Meeting is on June 1.**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!!**

Quarterly Members Meeting

Saturday, June 1

8:30 a.m. Tailgate setup

9-11 a.m. Members tailgate

11:15-11:45 a.m. Presentation

11:45 a.m. Meeting



New members!

Claire Cummings
Rachel Goldstein
Nichole Fleming
Tina Jaegerman
Maureen Smith
Jillian Berwick
Jacquelyn LeCompte
Jeffrey Stanescki
Yoko Lauren Heavilin

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For savvy members, we will be offering a card that's good for five days of Open Shop for \$100. This will be a punch card, so each day you attend, a box will be punched out. There will be no expiration date, no partial punches.

These will be on sale starting at the June members meeting. Only a limited number of cards will be available.



I think you'll notice some changes around the clubhouse. There are some new cabinets installed to store table crafts and other supplies. The ramp got some more concrete to level out the entrance. More concrete will be poured to finish off the handicap parking area.

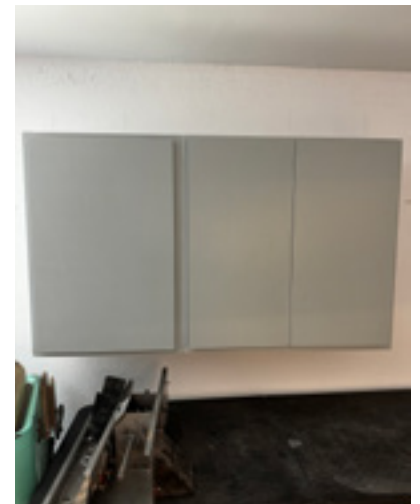
We're also in the process of getting quotes to get the clubhouse painted. We will have some sample colors up on the exterior wall for the members meeting, so come help us choose the new look.



The metal shop is undergoing some changes after the departure of Tony Carrino. Linda Collins has stepped up to fill the foreman position. She and other instructors are restructuring the silver shop and classes, so look for announcement about new classes starting in June. There's already a wait list for classes. If you'd like to get on the list, contact Linda Collins at LCollins1953@gmail.com.



We have asked for individuals who are interested in becoming monitors or instructors specifically in metal and lapidary shops, our hope is that we can offer even more class dates and/or more open shop times. Feel free to reach out with any inquiry you might have. The more we can offer will help ensure that we can sustain our art.



New cabinets are being installed in the back room, faceting and silver areas. This will allow us to store class supplies and materials, and keep them secured, while reducing clutter.

A note to our former members

Hello to all our previous members. Now that I've managed to get all the membership paperwork up to date, I'm going to start cleaning out our mailing list. If you're no longer interested in being a member, you probably aren't interested in having the Geode newsletter sent to you every month. So if your dues are not current, this will probably be the last Geode you'll receive.

On the other hand, if you would still like to be a member, we're happy to have you continue. You can go online to tampabayrockclub.org and then in the subject bar click on membership. Next click "online application" and scroll down to "Renewing membership One Year", fill out the form and then "Buy Now" or "Put in Cart". From there you'll need to decide how you're going to pay. OR if you don't like paying on the internet, you can always send a check to Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club, 10207 Fisher Ave., Tampa, FL 33619.

Sorry to see you go OR even happier to have you continue,

Christy Gorrow
Membership

FACETING

Faceting students continue with series



We have slots available so contact instructor James Kammel at jmkammel@gmail.com, and he can help get you set up with a class.

The classes have been revamped to help you complete a stone faster and still have a good outcome.

We are also working on cleaning out the faceting area soon so that we can have easier access to all the machines we have available.

As a final reminder, if you have taken all three classes in our series, you will have the ability to use the faceting area for open shop. Open shop fee will be \$6 per hour.

— Peter Favaro

TBMSC INSTRUCTOR LIST

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LAPIDARY

Careful cutting goes a long way

We are working on getting another class set up for during the week but no details yet. Our next Beginning Cabochon class is June 15-16. Make sure you sign up if you're interested in turning rocks into beautiful cabochons.



Please, please, please, make sure that when you are using the using the cabbng 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.



We have members who are learning how to slab rocks for us, so this should decrease the wait times for your cutting orders.

If you have rough you would like to have slabbed, contact Peter Favaro or Carlo Lucin at the club.

— Peter Favaro

TABLE CRAFTS

Open shop schedule for May

Table Crafts will continue to meet on Thursdays from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on May 16 and 23. May 30 is currently questionable.

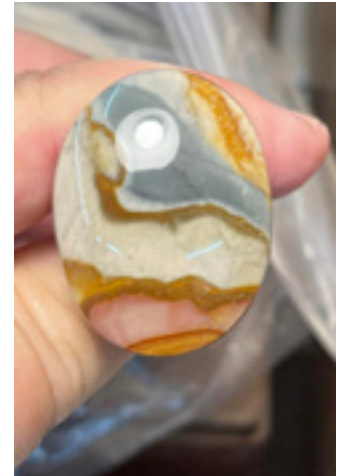
Several people have inquired about Viking Knit and Kumihimo. I will be getting back to them to set up dates for those particular crafts.

We always do various beading projects and if you have something in the works, bring your project and socialize, or if you're running into problems, I'll try to solve them for you.

Shop time is \$3.50 an hour, or \$10 for three hours. If you need materials, that cost is extra, or you can bring your own.

We'd love to see more people join this group!

— Christy Gorrow



Beginning Cabochon classes

Here are dates for upcoming lapidary classes:

- June 15-16
- July 13-14

These are two-day workshops covering the basics of turning slabs of rocks into polished pieces.

Go to the [Signup Genius link](#) to reserve your spot. The cost of the class is \$225, which includes materials, instructor fees and shop time. A deposit of \$125 is required to save a spot, and the balance of \$100 should be paid to the instructor the day of the class.

You must be a member to take this class. For membership information, go to tampabayrockclub.org/membership

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

CLASS SIGNUPS



CLASS AND OPEN SHOP SIGNUPS

Beginning Cabochon classes

Here are dates for upcoming lapidary classes:

- June 15-16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- July 13-14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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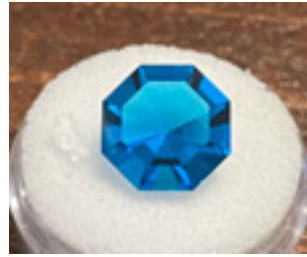
BEGINNING CABOCHON



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 \$5 per hour (\$6 starting in June). **PayPal or exact change only.**

LAPIDARY OPEN SHOP



Beginning Faceting classes

Here are dates for upcoming faceting classes:

- May 18-19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- June 29-30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

This is a two-day introductory 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
- Transferring a stone
- Facet polishing

Students will also be taught the proper operation and care of a faceting machine. Each student will complete one stone.

Cost is \$225 total, which includes materials, instructor fee, club shop time and use of machines. A deposit of \$125 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.

BEGINNING FACETING



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 \$5 per hour (\$6 starting in June). **PayPal or exact change only.**

METAL OPEN SHOP



UPCOMING WIRE WRAPPING CLASSES



May 16

Homestrung Bracelet — \$55

Your class will include:

- A 3- hour class – (taking home a completed bracelet)
- Instructor, shop, and material fees
- Wire for the bracelet
- A selection of beads for your project

DATE: 11-2 p.m. Thursday, May 16

Skills learned in this class will be:

- How to shape & manipulate wire
- What tools to use to completing your project

To sign up for these classes:

Contact Instructor Linda Collins for class availability.

Cell: 508-944-3399

Email: LCollins1953@gmail.com

Loaner jewelry tools will be available for those who do not have them.



May 18

Wire Wrapping II

\$65

Your class includes:

- A 3-hour class – (taking home at least 2 completed projects)
- Instructor, shop and material fees
- Three packages of different shaped wire
- Make a wire necklace for each stone
- A selection of polished cabochons for your projects

DATE:

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 18

Skills learned in this class will be:

- How to manipulate & shape wire
- How to make a designed bale
- How to wrap and compliment the finish design of the stone

- You must be a member to take this class.

For membership information, go to tampabayrockclub.org/membership.

CALENDAR

GENERAL CLUB HOURS

Tuesday:
3-8 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)

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, May 16, 2024

10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Table Crafts
Open Shop
11 a.m.-2 p.m. HOMESTRUNG
BRACELET

Saturday, May 18, 2024

9 a.m.-3 p.m. BEGINNING FACET-
ING, Day 1
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop
11 a.m.-2 p.m. WIRE WRAPPING II

Sun May 19, 2024

9 a.m.-3 p.m. BEGINNING FACET-
ING, Day 2

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Thursday, May 23, 2024

10:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Table Crafts
Open Shop

Saturday, May 25, 2024

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Saturday, Jun 1, 2024

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Monday, Jun 3, 2024

6:30 p.m. TBMSC Board Meeting

Tuesday, Jun 4, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Saturday, Jun 8, 2024

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Tuesday, Jun 11, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Saturday, Jun 15, 2024

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. BEGINNING CAB-
OCHON, Day 1
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Sun Jun 16, 2024

9 a.m. BEGINNING CABOCHON,
Day 2

Tuesday, Jun 18, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Saturday, Jun 22, 2024

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Tuesday, Jun 25, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Saturday, Jun 29, 2024

9 a.m.-3 p.m. BEGINNING FACET-
ING, Day 1
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Sun Jun 30, 2024

9 a.m.-3 p.m. BEGINNING FACET-
ING, Day 2

Mon Jul 1, 2024

6:30 p.m. TBMSC Board Meeting

Tue Jul 2, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Sat Jul 6, 2024

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Tue Jul 9, 2024

2-6 p.m. Metal Open Shop
4-8 p.m. Lapidary Open Shop

Sat Jul 13, 2024

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. BEGINNING
CABOCHON, Day 1
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Metal Open Shop

Sun Jul 14, 2024

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

TBMSC Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2024

Board Members present: Peter Favaro, Christy Gorrow, Lyra Solochech, Linda Collins, Melinda Riddle, Ellen Sisco, Katie Day

Call in: Kathy Reid

Call to order: 6:33p

Motion to approve April minutes made by Melinda Riddle. Seconded by Ellen Sisco. Approved by all.

Treasurer report was given by Linda Collins.

Money transferred from PayPal, lapidary wheels purchased, show deposits discussion.

Spring show break down of expenses incurred. Final show \$20,072.81 although we are waiting on the final bill from the Fairgrounds.

April report, discussion. Ellen Sisco moves for approval, Linda Collins seconds. Approved by all.

Discussion about first show payment for fall.

Open Issues

Concrete/ADA discussion, possibility to extend the pad to end of lot and fix the drop off, need weed killer.

Banner needed on SignUp Genius that people need to be members to take classes. (Already there.)

Discussion about day passes for nonmembers.

New Issues

Discussion about new insurance policies for club to cover leadership and instructors.

Metal shop has a list of supplies to be purchased. Metal budget needs flexibility until we see how new class structure flows.

Looking for a painting contractor we have one quote and two on the way.

Discussion regarding show committee structure. Tabled to figure out who should be doing what for SOP.

Tailgate time change discussion, member's meeting first, coffee and presentation to set up for tailgate.

Container transport rack purchase discussion. Lyra Solochech moves for purchase, Christy Gorrow seconds, all approve.

Need to price hazardous waste pick up for spent oil

Possible trailer available for purchase. Will help with show travel and storage.

Shipping container to place on concrete pad discussion.

Discussion about possible change to bylaws to add Assistant Treasurer and who will that be.

Final sale offers of certain items at Tailgate

Need to rent a dumpster to get rid of construction trash and other things. Ellen Sisco moves, seconded by Christy Gorrow, all approved.

Cleaning crew for after construction discussion. Will vote when needed.

Need to track possible need for summer shut down if there isn't enough interest in classes and/or open shop.

Small sand blaster to purchase for cleaning and restoration of equipment. Melinda Riddle moves to purchase, seconded by Linda Collins, approved by all.

Possible partnership with popup metal smith class, to be held on site discussion and agree to sit in on classes be-

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fore decision is made.

James Kammel offered opportunity for advertisement at Blur Bar June 20 5 p.m.-8 p.m. during a craft competition for \$25. We will need to make pamphlets. Melinda Riddle moves, Lyra Solochech seconds, approved by all.

Metal and lapidary open shop fee increase to \$6 discussion. Motion for approval Linda Collins, second Melinda Riddle, all in favor.

Idea for Open Shop passes, \$100 per card for 5 visits. Motion for approval Christy Gorrow, seconded by Ellen Sisco approved by all.

Motion to adjourn proposed by Ellen Sisco. Seconded by Linda Collins. Approved by all.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE TBMSC

Officers

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

Board Members

Christy Gorrow	Melinda Riddle
Carlo Lucin	Ellen Sisco
Kathy Reid	



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](#)

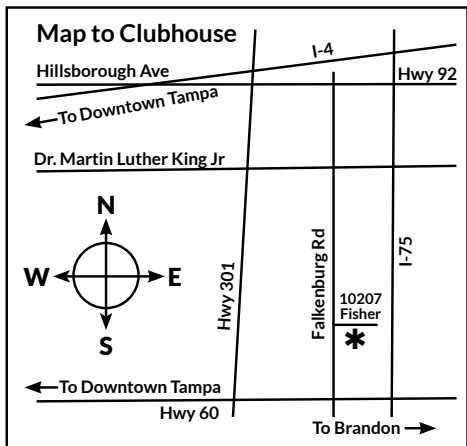
Additionally, the [Tampa Bay Fossil Club](#) hosts fossil-hunting field trips. Go to their website for more information.

2024 April Treasurer's Report					
		CHECKING			SAVINGS
Beginning Balance:	\$	35,881.85			\$ 32,109.55
Ending Balance:	\$	43,217.28			\$ 32,110.34
Income/Expenses:	\$	7,335.43	Interest		\$ 0.79
Income: Paypal, Sign-up Genius, Weekly Club Income, Mmbrshp Renewal					
Deposit-Spring Show-Sales	\$	3,859.00			
Deposit-Spring Show-Sales	\$	6,342.00			
Sign-up Genius	\$	208.50			
Re-Deposit - Redeposit from Spring Show	\$	2,000.00			
Deposit - Sign-up Genius	\$	208.00			
Deposit - Show/Classes/Mmbrshp	\$	270.00			
Deposit - Show/Classes/Mmbrshp	\$	126.00			
Deposit - Show/Classes/Mmbrshp	\$	111.00			
	\$	13,124.50			
Monthly Expenses					
T-Mobile Co. Phone	\$	124.35			
K. Reid - Meals/C Bruce Inlay Class	\$	153.47			
Company Utilities	\$	23.22			
Sign-up Genius	\$	11.99			
HP Insta Ink	\$	15.04			
L. Collins - Meals/C Bruce Inlay Class	\$	54.78			
Amazon Prime	\$	15.10			
Teco (March)	\$	104.19			
P. Favaro - Breakfast Fri Show Set-up	\$	54.77			
Microsoft	\$	69.99			
Alejandro Reyes-lawn care-Mar/Apr	\$	400.00			
Teco (April)	\$	115.47			
	\$	1,142.37			
Misc. Expenses					
Withdrawal- BOA for Spring Show	\$	2,000.00			
Best Buy - 2 Tablets for Office/Show	\$	365.48			
FaceBook - Show Advertising	\$	75.00			
fri College Hunks - Movers for Show Equip.	\$	373.00			
sun College Hunks - Movers for Show Equip.	\$	373.00			
FEDEX-copies for Spring Show pamphlets	\$	220.25			
WalMart-Club table supplies/water	\$	157.65			
FEDEX-copies for Spring Show pamphlets	\$	43.86			
Best Buy -1 Tablet for Office/Show	\$	219.16			
FEDEX-copies for Spring Show pamphlets	\$	83.38			
FaceBook - Show Advertising	\$	14.84			
Home Depot - Lapidary Supplies	\$	33.93			
Kingsley North-Lapidary Sys.	\$	641.05			
Home Depot - Show Supplies	\$	46.10			
	\$	4,646.70			

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
Preferred form of contact*		Are you willing to receive your monthly newsletter by Email?
<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Phone		<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	
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